

Gateway to Life Sermon Notes

"And now I commend you to God and to the word of His grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified." (Acts 20:32)

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SHARED WORSHIP – Part 2

The Holiness of God

[Revelation 15:2-4](#)

*"God's holiness means that he is separated from sin and devoted to seeking his own honor . . . the idea of holiness as including both separation from evil and devotion to God's own glory . . ."*¹

[Hebrews 7:26](#); [Exodus 26:33](#)

To Be Holy is to be Separate/Unique

[Isaiah 40:25](#)

"I hear, and my body trembles; my lips quiver at the sound; rottenness enters into my bones; my legs tremble beneath me. Yet I will quietly wait for the day of trouble to come upon people who invade us." (Habakkuk 3:16, ESV).

To Be Holy is to be Pure

[Deuteronomy 32:4](#)

*"As there is no darkness in His understanding, so there is no spot in His will; as His mind is possessed with all truth, so there is no deviation in His will from it. He loves all truth and goodness; He hates all falsity and evil."*²

How Can Sinners Approach Such a God?

"Strive for peace with everyone, and for the holiness without which no one will see the Lord."
(Hebrews 12:14, ESV). [Psalm 24:3-4](#); [1 Peter 1:14-16](#)

¹ Grudem, W. A. (2004). *Systematic theology: an introduction to biblical doctrine* (p. 201). Leicester, England; Grand Rapids, MI: Inter-Varsity Press; Zondervan Pub. House. [Emphasis mine]

² Charnock, Stephen, Discourses upon the Existence and Attributes of God, Volume 2, Baker Book House, Grand Rapids, Michigan, 1979, Page 115

[Hebrews 9:24](#)

“Our Lord Jesus Christ could ascend into the hill of the Lord because his hands were clean and his heart was pure, and if we by faith in him are conformed to his image we shall enter too.”¹

We must enter on two levels.

Level #1. [Romans 3:21–24](#)

Level #2. [1 Thessalonians 4:7–8](#)

“Can you imagine a hospital that said they believed in hygiene but didn’t practice it? Oh, yes, we believe in sanitation. Do we wash our hands? Naahh. Do we reuse needles? What’s wrong with that? Here, stick this in your mouth so I can take your temperature. It’s only been used a few times; you’ll be ok. I don’t want to go to any hospital that merely talks about being clean; I want them to be passionate about hygiene.

How much more should we have a passion for holiness?

We are to be holy and righteous in every area of our lives. Holy in our thoughts. In our speech. Cursing and dirty jokes and gossip and slander should be far from our lips. We should be holy with our eyes and turn away from all impurity. We must seek to be holy in our actions.”²

Application

[James 4:8–9](#); [Psalm 51:17](#)

God is holy. We are not. We worship clothed in the righteousness of Christ, with sins washed in the blood of the Lamb. In closing turn your attention to

“For thus says the One who is high and lifted up, who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy: “I dwell in the high and holy place, and also with him who is of a contrite and lowly spirit, to revive the spirit of the lowly, and to revive the heart of the contrite.” - Isaiah 57:15 (ESV)

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¹ <https://www.biblestudytools.com/commentaries/treasury-of-david/psalms-24-7.html>
² <https://www.biblestudytools.com/blogs/mark-altrogge/holiness-is-not-an-option.html>