The Lord Who Makes You Holy

Series: “God Sightings”, Part 8 of 8

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Big Idea: God’s holiness calls me to a life of positive distinctiveness.

Text: Leviticus 20:7-8, 1 Peter 1:14-16, Isaiah 6:1-8

“No religion has ever been any greater than its idea of God. Worship is pure or worship is base as the worshiper entertains either high or low thoughts of God. For this reason the gravest question before the church is always God himself. And the most portentous fact about any man is not what he at any given moment might say or might do but what he in his deep heart conceives God to be like.” A.W. Tozer

Leviticus 20:7-8, “Consecrate yourselves and be holy, because I am the LORD your God. 8 Keep my decrees and follow them. I am the LORD, who makes you holy.”

I. GOD’S NATURE IS HOLINESS.

Isaiah 6:1-4, In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord seated on a throne, high and exalted, and the train of his robe filled the temple. 2 Above him were seraphs, each with six wings: With two wings they covered their faces, with two they covered their feet, and with two they were flying. 3 And they were calling to one another: “Holy, holy, holy is the LORD Almighty; the whole earth is full of his glory.” 4 At the sound of their voices the doorposts and thresholds shook and the temple was filled with smoke.

A. Holiness defined.

“Purity or integrity of moral character; freedom from sin.” Noah Webster’s 1828 Dictionary

“Being set apart and consecrated for God’s purposes.” Bauer, Arndt, and Gingrich

B. Holiness demonstrated.

Isaiah 64:6, “All of us have become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous acts are like filthy rags; we all shrivel up like a leaf, and like the wind our sins sweep us away.”

II. BECAUSE GOD IS HOLY, HE WANTS US TO BE HOLY.

1 Peter 1:14-16, As obedient children, do not be conformed to the former lusts which were yours in your ignorance, 15 but like the Holy One who called you, be holy

yourselves also in all your behavior; 16 because it is written, “YOU SHALL BE HOLY, FOR I AM HOLY.” {NASV}

1 Peter 2:9a, “But you are A CHOSEN RACE, A royal PRIESTHOOD, A HOLY NATION.” {NASV}

A. Holiness is both a *gift* and a *growth* process.

B. Growth in holiness works best when you have a good role model.

1 Peter 1:15, “But like the Holy One who called you, be holy yourselves also in all your behavior.” {NASV}

C. Growth in holiness creates an awareness of sin.

Isaiah 6:5, “Woe to me!” I cried. “I am ruined! For I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have seen the King, the LORD Almighty.”

D. Holiness allows us to be used for service.

Isaiah 6:6-8, Then one of the seraphs flew to me with a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with tongs from the altar. 7 With it he touched my mouth and said, “See, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away and your sin atoned for.” 8 Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?” And I said, “Here am I. Send me!”