

# Ascent

## The Trauma of Holiness

### Purpose

- To build on previous Ascent teachings on God's holiness, with a particular view to our reaction and response

## Background

Fallen Man and the Path to a Fallen Heart (Rom 12:2)

Thinking, Believing, and Conviction

- The practical applications
- Living our lives *Coram Deo*

## The Attributes

- Wrong to elevate one above another
- Mutually interdependent
- The Attributes in the hands of fallen man
- The uniqueness of Sovereignty and Holiness

## Isaiah Sees the the Lord

### The Passage

- In the year that King Uzziah died...
- Emphases in the original languages & examples
- Uniqueness of the tri-fold declaration
- Seen again at the end of all things (Rev 4:6-11)

### The What

- A Theophany

### The When

- Compare to Hag 1:1, Zec 1:1, Eze 1:1
- Why Chapter 6? Who is Isaiah?

### The Response

- Woe is *me*...
- Isaiah Sees the the Lord

### The Uncleaness of Isaiah

- That which marked him out became the source of his guilt
- An *immediate* response
- Isaiah's association with the people to whom he was sent
- The trauma of holiness

## The Big Idea

*When we see God as He truly is, then we see ourselves as we truly are*

- Isaiah Sees the the Lord

### What About Us?

- Isaiah's strengths and ours
- Are we any different?

### The Healing of Isaiah (6:6-8)

- “Your iniquity is taken away...”

### **The Response of Isaiah**

- Discouraged? Or reenergized?
- Context, urgency, understanding

### **Our Situation**

- We have the revealed Word of God, but that does not leave us with an excuse

### **The Command for Holiness**

The Challenge of 1Pe 1:15-16

The Reasons We Must be Holy

- God says so
- Redemptive history prescribes it
- His *Presence* demands it

Redemptive History is a History of the Presence of God

# The Presence of God

In the Beginning...(Gen 2:8-9)

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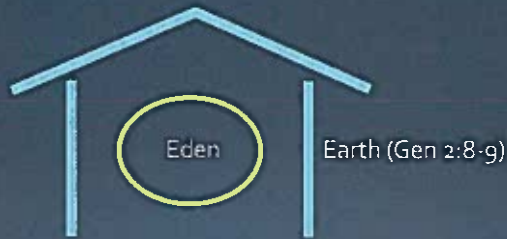
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In the Wilderness & Israel...

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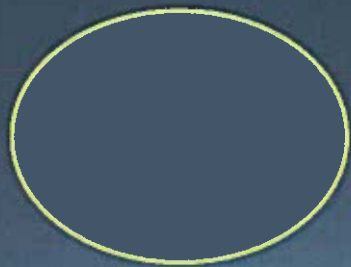
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Israel

Tabernacle / Temple

Lev 11 & 26

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In the New Testament...

Roman Empire

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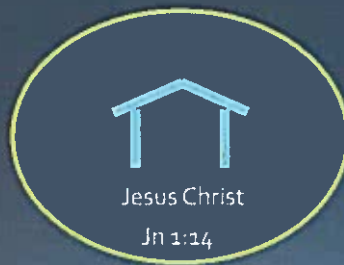
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In Us...

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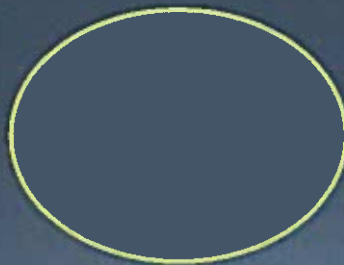
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In Us...

The World

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You

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In Us...

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In the Future Kingdom...

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Kingdom of God (Rev 7:15-17)

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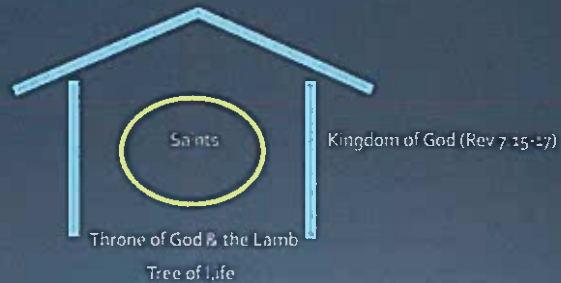
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In the Future Kingdom...

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# The Presence of God

Throughout Redemptive History...

Beginning

Wilderness  
/ Israel

Judea

Us

Future  
Kingdom



Paradise

Father

Son

Holy Spirit

Kingdom

## **Types of Holiness**

Purity, Moral Blamelessness, Perfect Righteousness

- The Holiness of God; His very Being
- 1Sa 2:2; Rev 15:4; Jn 17:11

Purity, Moral Blamelessness, Perfect Righteousness

- What marks out His people (while still striving for moral purity)
- Lk 1:74-75; 2Co 7:1; Heb 12:14; 2Pe 3:11)
- OT & NT Holiness

## **Old Testament**

- Deeply religious and important term
- RITUAL holiness – the holy must never mix with the common; highly ceremonial
- MORAL holiness – aligning life with the perfections of the Most High

## **New Testament**

- RITUAL holiness is no longer
- MORAL holiness – the holy exists alongside, but separate from, the common

## **The Difference**

- The *Holy* Spirit
- Not just His *name*, but also His *work*
- Holiness Defined

*<sup>12</sup> Therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, put on tender mercies, kindness, humility, meekness, longsuffering; <sup>13</sup> bearing with one another, and forgiving one another, if anyone has a complaint against another; even as Christ forgave you, so you also must do. <sup>14</sup> But above all these things put on love, which is the bond of perfection. <sup>15</sup> And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to which also you were called in one body; and be thankful. <sup>16</sup> Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord. <sup>17</sup> And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.*

- Col 3:12-17

## **Holiness Attained**

Where Do We Start?

### 1) The Bible

- Always our starting point!

### 2) What We Know

- We should always be starting with what we know
- Job 19:25; Jn 4:42; Rom 8:28; 2Co 5:1; 2Ti 1:12; 1Jn 3:2, 14

### 3) What We Pray

- God will honor prayers consistent with His desires for us
- Mat 6:9 – may Your Name be regarded as holy on earth, in Your people, in our church, in me
- Holiness Summary

**Holiness:**

- Is an essential Attribute of God
- Is a command for us
- In the Bible contains the means as well as the ends (2Pe 1:13-16)
- Involves all three Persons of the Trinity
- A belief we hold, or a conviction that holds us?

**When We See God as He Is, We See Ourselves as We Are**

- Delivered from worldly fear to a better fear
- *He that fears God, need fear nothing but God*
- No terror, no trauma, but confidence, motivation, & peace

**The Trauma of Holiness****Questions & Discussion**