

The Trauma of Holiness

Ascent Series

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

The extent of the Fall of Man and the Path to a Fallen Heart (Rom 12:2)

Thinking vs. believing vs. conviction

The interconnectedness of the Attributes of God and how fallen man responds

The Holiness of God

In the year that King Uzziah died...

Emphasis and repetition in the original languages

Isa 6:1-3

Rev 4:6-11

The trauma of holiness in Isa 6

What:

When:

Isaiah's response
"Woe is _____"

Isaiah's uncleanness

The Big Idea:
When we see _____
We see _____

What about us?

Isaiah's healing

Isaiah's response

Isaiah's experience

Our experience and advantage

The command for holiness (1Pe 1:15-16)

A few reasons for holiness:

1)

2)

3)

*Holiness is tied to God's character and His **Presence**.*

- 1) In the Garden (Gen 2:8-9)
- 2) In the wilderness / in the temple (Lev 11:44-45; 26:11-12)
- 3) In the coming of Christ (Jn 1:14)
- 4) In us (1Co 6:19; 2Co 6:16-18)
- 5) In the future Kingdom (Rev 7:15-17; Rev 21:3-8; 22:1-5)

Two Types of Holiness in Scripture

- A *Purity, moral blamelessness, perfectly righteous behavior* (1Sa 2:2; Rev 15:4; Jn 17:11)
- B *Separation, consecration, apartness* (Lk 1:74-75; 2Co 7:1; Heb 12:14; 2Pe 3:11).

Holiness in the Old Testament

Ritual

Moral (Lev 10:3; 19:1-2ff)

Holiness in the New Testament
Ritual is gone

Moral remains

The new “separation” (1Pe 2:9-10)

Q: How is this even possible? A: By the **Holy** Spirit (1Th 1:5-6)

A New Testament definition of holiness (Col 3:12-17)

The path to holiness in the life of the Christian

- 1) What we **have** (the Bible)
- 2) 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** (Mat 6:9)

Holiness is *command*, necessitated by God's *presence*

God gives the *means* to accomplish the *end* (2Pe 1:13-16)

Summary: the correct result of exposure to God's holiness