

## The 10<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost ~ Sunday, August 13, 2017

### “He Is...The Hebrew Names of God: Jehovah-M’Kaddesh”

#### Isaiah 6:1-8

“You are to speak to the people of Israel and say, ‘Above all you shall keep my Sabbaths, for this is a sign between me and you throughout your generations, that you may know that I, the Lord, sanctify you.’” (Exodus 31:13)

Jehovah M’kaddesh =

“Consecrate yourselves, therefore, and be holy, for I am the Lord your God. Keep my statutes and do them; I am the Lord who sanctifies you.” (Lev 20:7-8)

Sanctify = *kaddesh* = *hagiazo* =

#### SANCTIFICATION IN THE OLD TESTAMENT

- Everyday \_\_\_\_\_ were set apart for God’s service in the Temple.
- Sanctification also applied to the Jewish \_\_\_\_\_.
- Setting apart also applied to specific \_\_\_\_\_ locations that were considered to be holy.
- \_\_\_\_\_ were also set apart and consecrated for God’s service.

“We can’t grasp the true meaning of divine holiness. It stands apart, unique, unapproachable, incomprehensible, and unattainable. The nature of man is blind to it. He may fear God’s power and admire His wisdom, but His holiness, he can never imagine.” (A.W. Tozer)

#### ISAIAH’S VISION

“In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of his robe filled the temple. Above him stood the seraphim. Each had six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. And one called to another and said: ‘Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory!’ And the foundations of the thresholds trembled at the voice of him who called out, while the temple was filled with smoke.” (Isaiah 6:1-4)

Holiness is the \_\_\_\_\_ of God’s attributes. In fact, God’s holiness \_\_\_\_\_ the door to understanding and making sense of everything else about Him.

#### TWO ELEMENTS OF GOD’S HOLINESS

- **God is \_\_\_\_\_.**

He is completely \_\_\_\_\_ from the unholy or common; He has no

\_\_\_\_\_ and is in a \_\_\_\_\_ all by Himself.

“Who is like you, O Lord, among the gods? Who is like you, majestic in holiness, awesome in glorious deeds, doing wonders?” (Exodus 15:11)

God is separated from His creation not merely because of its \_\_\_\_\_, but because He is, in His very \_\_\_\_\_, different from creation also.

God is \_\_\_\_\_ of His creation, outside of it; \_\_\_\_\_ beyond the limits. He is free of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ in a totally unique dimension, outside of His created universe.

- **God is \_\_\_\_\_.**

He has complete \_\_\_\_\_ and separation from what is sinful not only in essence, but in character. He is \_\_\_\_\_ in thought, word, and deed. He always does what is \_\_\_\_\_. He is unstained by, and uncompromising with, \_\_\_\_\_.

“Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!” (Isaiah 6:5)

Coming face-to-face with the holiness of God, Isaiah wasn’t impressed or wowed—he was \_\_\_\_\_, which =

He came face-to-face with the \_\_\_\_\_ of the God of the universe. And at the same time, face-to-face with the \_\_\_\_\_ of his own sin. God is the \_\_\_\_\_, and when seen next to the purity of God’s holiness, the impurity of human sin is overwhelmingly \_\_\_\_\_. **Every time we meditate on the holiness of God, every time He enters the room where we’re worshipping, so to speak, are we struck with His greatness, and at the same time, with our own unworthiness?**

Genuine repentance isn’t the product of our mood, fear, or even guilt, but of \_\_\_\_\_ for having offended the Holy One. Isaiah’s cry of unworthiness isn’t just a statement of his spiritual condition, it’s a heart-felt prayer of \_\_\_\_\_.

“Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a burning coal that he had taken with tongs from the altar. And he touched my mouth and said: ‘Behold, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for.’” (Isaiah 6:6-7)

God doesn't \_\_\_\_\_ Isaiah for being a man of unclean lips, nor does He punish him—instead He \_\_\_\_\_ him, cleanses him, and \_\_\_\_\_ him into service.

“And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, ‘Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?’ Then I said, ‘Here I am! Send me.’” (Isaiah 6:8-9)

No matter how hard we try in our own \_\_\_\_\_, God is the only one who can make us holy because no one is more holy than Him.

“There is none holy like the Lord: for there is none besides you; there is no rock like our God.” (1 Samuel 2:2)

Holiness begins with God and filters down to His \_\_\_\_\_ and as believers, we're called to \_\_\_\_\_ God's holiness.

“As obedient children, do not be conformed to the passions of your former ignorance, but as he who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, since it is written, “‘You shall be holy, for I am holy.’” (1 Peter 1:14-16)

### HOLINESS: WHAT IT IS AND IS NOT

• **Holiness isn't \_\_\_\_\_.**

Right up until the day we die, our \_\_\_\_\_ nature is something we'll wrestle with.

“For we know that the law is spiritual, but I am of the flesh, sold under sin. For I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate.” (Romans 7:14-15)

• **Holiness isn't \_\_\_\_\_.**

\_\_\_\_\_ is the process of inner change whereby we're transformed into the \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ by the Holy Spirit. Our lack of holiness, doesn't put our salvation at risk—in Christ our salvation is \_\_\_\_\_. However, it does effect our \_\_\_\_\_ with God and limits our ability to enter into His \_\_\_\_\_.

“Strive for peace with everyone, and for the holiness without which no one will see the Lord.” (Hebrews 12:14)

Holiness consists of two components: \_\_\_\_\_ from sin and worldliness and \_\_\_\_\_ to God and His will. To \_\_\_\_\_ right and to be \_\_\_\_\_ right. It means \_\_\_\_\_ Christ and being Christ-like. The person seeking holiness won't seek to \_\_\_\_\_ the desires of their

sinful nature, but will seek, with God's help, to put on the personality of Christ, and let Christ be \_\_\_\_\_ in them.

Holiness means having the \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ in all things and not the mind of the \_\_\_\_\_.

“Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus...” (Philippians 2:5)

### WHY WE SHOULD SEEK HOLINESS

• **To \_\_\_\_\_ God.**

We belong to God in a double sense: by \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

Therefore, we have no right to live contrary to God's \_\_\_\_\_.

“Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.” (1 Corinthians 6:19-20)

Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ for us by His death on the cross—we're not our own to do with as we see fit, we \_\_\_\_\_ to Christ. Our responsibility is to \_\_\_\_\_, submit, and surrender \_\_\_\_\_ to Him.

• **To \_\_\_\_\_ Christ with others.**

People will be \_\_\_\_\_ to Jesus only to the extent that they see Him in us. They'll believe our proclamation that Jesus saves from sin, only if they see \_\_\_\_\_ of the saving power of the gospel operating in our lives.

“We ask this so that you will live the kind of lives that prove you belong to the Lord. Then you will want to please him in every way as you grow in producing every kind of good work by this knowledge about God.” (Colossians 1:10)

• **To \_\_\_\_\_ ourselves both now and in eternity.**

“I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.” (Romans 12:1)

What makes us holy isn't \_\_\_\_\_ we do, but \_\_\_\_\_ we are in God.

We've \_\_\_\_\_ made holy and we are \_\_\_\_\_ made holy. As we read in

We need to let our \_\_\_\_\_ be consistent with our position.

**How seriously are you taking personal holiness?**

**Maybe it's time for you to do a personal inventory and to make some changes in your life?**

**What might you need to set apart today in your life?**

**Holiness is a choice. What will you choose?**