



Sermon Notes: Holy God

Intro:

1. The Meaning of God's Holiness.

God is infinitely pure in all his perfections and works, wholly set apart from everything sinful.

2. Some Implications of God's Holiness.

- a. Because God is holy, sin doesn't survive in his presence.
- b. Because God is holy, he cannot tolerate anything that's wrecking the health of his creation.
- c. Because God is holy, he must make us holy to bring us back to himself.

3. Our Response to God's Holiness.

- a. Live in awe of God.
- b. Live set apart from and to.
- c. Live in the power of the Holy Spirit.



Gospel Applications: Holy God

1. What other words and ideas do you associate with holiness?
2. Why do you think holiness is perceived so negatively by our culture? What are some of the false assumptions underlying their perceptions?
3. In your own words, what are the two irreducible components of holiness? Which of those do we tend to focus on, as if it's all there is? What are some negative effects of failing to remember the other?
4. Let's assume for a moment that God's love meant he let everyone into heaven, regardless of who/what they believed and regardless of how evil or righteous their deeds were on earth. What are some problematic things that would have to be true about that kind of God?
5. Why does God have to be separate from and opposed to all sin?
6. How did people react in the Bible whenever they caught a glimpse of the holiness of God? What do you take away from these observations?
7. What are some reasons our culture (the Church included) has lost its sense of awe and wonder at the Person and work of God? What are some practical ways we can recover this?
8. What do moral, religious people often assume is the path to personal holiness? How do they go about being "holy"? What is the impact on this kind of holiness on the lost world around us?
9. How is this Gospel's plan for your holiness different than #8? Let's say you recognized a specific impurity in your life, an area that reflects the sin of the world rather than the holiness of God. How does the Gospel train you to become like Christ in that area?
10. In just the past week, what role did the Holy Spirit play in making you more like Christ? Going forward, what would it look/sound like for you to invite him to inhabit specific areas of your life where you want holiness?