

Holiness, Hypocrisy and Judgment

(Isaiah 33:14-17) *The sinners in Zion are afraid; fearfulness hath surprised the hypocrites. Who among us shall dwell with the devouring fire? Who among us shall dwell with everlasting burnings?/ He that walketh righteously, and speaketh uprightly; he that despiseth the gain of oppressions, that shaketh his hands from holding of bribes, that stoppeth his ears from hearing of blood, and shutteth his eyes from seeing evil;/ He shall dwell on high: his place of defense shall be the muntions of rocks: bread shall be given him; his waters shall be sure./ Thine eyes shall see the King in his beauty: they shall behold the land that is very far off."*

I. **MOTIVE FOR THIS LESSON-** Warnings come from the heart of God – because He cares about His people.

1. "Have I any pleasure at all that the wicked should die? Saith the Lord God: and not that he should return from his ways and live?" (Ezekiel 18:23)
2. "For wages of sin is death: but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." (Rom.6:23)
3. (Ezekiel 3:17) "Son of man, I have made thee a watchman unto the house of Israel: therefore hear the word at my mouth, and give them warning from me."
4. (II Corinthians 13:5) "Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves. Know ye not your own selves, how that Jesus Christ is in you, except ye be reprobates."
5. (Song of Solomon 2:15) "Take us the foxes, the little foxes that spoil the vines..."
6. (Heb. 12:6) "For whom the Lord LOVETH he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth."

A. Now that we are saved, there is a **SEPARATED LIFESTYLE** that we have to walk in. (Colossians 2:6-7). Many scriptures speak to the saints about

1. **HOLINESS** – (Webster) "purity, integrity of moral character, freedom from sin"
2. **HYPOCRISY**- "acting a part, pretending to be what one is not, pretending to be pious or virtuous without being so. Deception as to true character and feelings."
3. **JUDGMENT**- "God's final sentence as judge of all things. The end of the world, when God will announce His judgment on all people."

II. **BACKGROUND FOR THE LESSON** - HISTORICALLY, THE APOSTOLIC CHURCH HAS PLACED GREAT FOCUS ON SANCTIFICATION, CONSECRATION AND GODLY CHARACTER!

1. (Jeremiah 6:16) Thus saith the Lord, Stand ye in the ways, and see, and ask for the old paths, where is the good way, and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls.”
2. (Judges 2:10) “And also all that generation were gathered unto their fathers: and there arose another generation after them, which knew not the Lord, nor yet the works which he had done for Israel.”

A. **APOSTOLIC PENTOCOSTALISM** CAME OUT OF THE WESLYAN HOLINESS HERITAGE. HISTORICALLY WE HAVE BEEN KNOWN AS THE “**SANCTIFIED CHURCH**” AS OPPOSED TO TYPICAL, FLAWED BAPTIST THEOLOGY WHICH SAYS, “I SIN, YOU SIN, EVERYBODY SINS, ETC.” THIS IS A RELIANCE ON “CHEAP GRACE,” OR “ETERNAL SECURITY” CONCEPTS.

1. “This know, that in the last days, perilous times shall come” (READ ALL!)

III. **THE THREE TOPICS** –

A. **HOLINESS IS REQUIRED**

1. Holy in “**all** manner of conversation...” (adornment, deportment, amusement)
 - a. (I Peter 1:15-16) “As he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation...”
 - b. (II Corinth 7:1) “Let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and of the spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.”
 - c. (I Thessalonians 4:3) “For this is the will of God, even your sanctification that ye should abstain from fornication, that every one of you should know how to possess his vessel in sanctification and honor.”
2. **A great deal of sin today deals with SEXUAL IMMORALITY and impurity**
 - a. (Matthew 5:28) “But I say unto you, That whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart.”
 - b. (Exodus 20: 14) “Thou shalt not commit adultery.”
 - d. Leviticus 18:16 “Thou shalt not uncover the nakedness of thy brother’s wife...”
 - e. (Deuteronomy 23:2) “A bastard shall not enter into the congregation of the Lord: Even to his tenth generation shall he not enter into the congregation of the Lord.”

3. How Do You Work With God to **Produce** Holiness?

- a. (Romans 8: 13) “but if ye THROUGH THE SPIRIT do mortify the deeds of the flesh, ye shall live.”
- b. (James 1:12) “Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him.”
- c. (I Peter 5:10) But the God of all grace, who hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that ye have suffered a while, make you perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle you.”

**B. HYPOCRISY IS A GAME! IT IS IRRATIONAL, AND DOESN'T PAY OFF!
BE THE SAME PERSON IN PRIVATE THAT YOU APPEAR TO BE IN PUBLIC!**

1. Examples of hypocrisy are

- a. **Achan** (Joshua 7:19-22)
 - b. **Ananias & Sapphira** (Acts 5: 1-10)
 - c. **David** (Psalm 32:3-6) When I kept silence, my bones waxed old through my roaring all the day long. For day and night thy hand was heavy upon me: my moisture is turned into the drought of summer. Selah I acknowledged my sin unto thee, and mine iniquity have I not hid. I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord; and thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin. Selah. For this shall every one that is godly pray unto thee in a time when thou mayest be found;...
 - d. **Peter** (Galatians 2:11-12)
2. (Ezekiel 33:30-33) “and they hear thy words, but they will not do them: for with their mouth they show much love, but their heart goeth after their covetousness.”
 3. (Psalm 90:8) “Thou hast set our iniquities before thee, our secret sins in the light of thy countenance.”
 4. (Isaiah 33:14-17) READ ENTIRE PASSAGE! “the sinners in Zion are afraid...”
 5. (Matthew 23:25-26) “Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For ye make clean the outside of the cup and of the platter, but within they are full of extortion and excess...”
 6. (II Timothy 3:13) “But evil men shall wax worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived...”

7. (Romans 1:32) “Who, knowing the judgment of God that they which do such things are worthy of death, not only do the same, but have pleasure in them that do them.”
8. Job 13:16 “a hypocrite shall not come before him...”
9. Job 20:5 “The triumphing of the wicked is short, and the joy of the hypocrite but for a moment.”
10. Job 27:8 “For what is the hope of the hypocrite, though he hath gained, when God taketh away his soul?”
11. Job 8:13-14 “The hypocrite’s hope shall perish...”

C. THE LAST JUDGMENT WILL BE UNIVERSAL, AND WILL REVEAL EVERYTHING WE THOUGHT WE COULD HIDE!

1. “For God shall bring every work into judgement, with every secret thing, whether it be good or whether it be evil.”(Ecclesiastes 12:14)
2. “For we must all stand before the judgment seat of Christ...” (II Corinthians 5:10-11)
3. “Some men’s sins are open beforehand, going before to judgment; and some men they follow after (I Timothy 5:24)
4. “Be not deceived, God is not mocked, for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.” (Gal. 6:7)
5. “Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven (Matthew 5:21)

IV. WHAT GOD WANTS YOU TO DO, AS A RESULT OF THIS LESSON

A. Confess any known sin

Psalm 51: Have mercy upon me, O God, according to thy lovingkindness: according to the multitude of thy tender mercies blot out my transgressions.

Wash me thoroughly from mine iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.

For I acknowledge my transgressions: and my sin is ever before me.

Against thee, thee only have I sinned, and done this evil in thy sight: that thou mightest be justified when thou speakest, and be clear when thou are judged.

...Purge me with hyssop, wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

...Create in me a clean heart, O god; and renew a right spirit in me.

Cast me not away from thy presence; and take not thy Holy Spirit from me.

- B. Fast and Pray. Read your bible and come to worship. These are things that will build you up, and which you can do to bring your behavior under submission to the Holy Ghost

C. CONTINUE TO BELIEVE GOD, and fervently ask him to help you.