



Clearwater Community Church

THE THREAD

Weaving Sunday's message through your week

9.24.17 Sermon: **Introducing Holiness**

Passage: Hebrews 12:14–17

Series: “HOLY”

Title: “Introducing Holiness”

Summary: This Sunday, we are introducing our theme for the next sermon series—Holiness. The theme of holiness will guide the next few sermon series, so it is appropriate to lay the foundation for why we are focusing on this topic. Given the world in which we live and the culture in which we are enveloped, we must heed God’s word to his followers and church to “Pursue ... holiness, without which no one will see the Lord” (Hebrews 12:14). Such a warning requires us to take seriously the concept of holiness if we want to see God work in our lives, if we want to see God work in our families, if we want to see God work in our church, and if we want to see God at all.

Because God calls us to endure (12:1–13),

We must pursue peace with others (14a)

We must pursue God’s holiness (14a)

How? ... by watching out that you and others in this body

Don’t fall short of God’s grace (15a)

Don’t corrupt the body through sinful attitudes (15b)

Don’t live immorally or in contradiction to God’s revealed will (16a)

Why? Those without holiness will not see God (14b; 16b–17).

Point of this Passage: We must pursue God on his terms if we truly want to see him.

Discussion Questions:

Read the preceding context to our passage in 12:1–13. How does the theme of endurance, both in the life of Jesus and in God’s discipline of us, relate to the commands here to pursue peace and holiness?

What does it mean to pursue holiness? How do you define holiness? Look at 3:1; 2:10–11; 10:10, 14, 29–31 to see how the writer of Hebrews talks about holiness and who is holy.

According to vv. 15 and 16, what are the things that we are to watch out for in our own lives and in the lives of others here at CCC? How do we do this without becoming some sort of legalistic watchdog?

What can we learn about the warning given here in vv. 14b and 16b–17 from the story of Esau?

How does the warning of this passage, that without holiness no one will see the Lord, comport with the doctrine of eternal security of the believer?

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