

"Holy, Holy, Holy"

Opening Announcements

Opening Prayer

Q: What IS "holiness"? Let's get a working definition.

Q: Do you ever consider yourself as "holy"? Why or why not?

Q: Is "holiness" something we can achieve or should strive for? Why or why not?

Table Time...

READ: Exodus 29:37 "Seven days you shall make atonement for the altar and consecrate it, and the altar shall be most holy. Whatever touches the altar shall become holy.

Q: In this passage, "what" was made "holy"?

Q: HOW was it made "holy"?

READ: Exodus 3:5 "Then he said, "Do not come near; take your sandals off your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground."

Q: In this instance "what" was "holy" and WHY? (Hint: WHO was present?)

READ: Exodus 40:9-15 "Then you shall take the anointing oil and anoint the tabernacle and all that is in it, and consecrate it and all its furniture, so that it may become holy. ¹⁰ You shall also anoint the altar of burnt offering and all its utensils, and consecrate the altar, so that the altar may become most holy. ¹¹ You shall also anoint the basin and its stand, and consecrate it. ¹² Then you shall bring Aaron and his sons to the entrance of the tent of meeting and shall wash them with water ¹³ and put on Aaron the holy garments. And you shall anoint him and consecrate him, that he may serve me as priest. ¹⁴ You shall bring his sons also and put coats on them, ¹⁵ and anoint them, as you anointed their father, that they may serve me as priests. And their anointing shall admit them to a perpetual priesthood throughout their generations."

Q: Here, What was made "holy" and WHY?

Q: What was the "means" by which all this was made holy?

Q: What's significant about the "oil"?

READ: Psalm 99:9 "Exalt the Lord our God, and worship at his holy mountain; for the Lord our God is holy!

Q: In this passage what does this say about God?

Q: What's our response to Him?

READ: Isaiah 6:3 “Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory!”

Q: What does this say about God? How do we “see” His glory?

READ: Revelation 4:8 “And the four living creatures, each of them with six wings, are full of eyes all around and within, and day and night they never cease to say, “Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God Almighty, who was and is and is to come”

Q: What is the response of the heavenly beings to God? How might we join them in their response?

Big Group Debrief....

READ: Leviticus 11:45 “For I am the Lord who brought you up out of the land of Egypt to be your God. You shall therefore be holy, for I am holy.”

Q: According to this verse what’s God’s desire and “goal” for US?

READ: John 20:22 “And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld.”

Q: What did Jesus do to the disciples? Why is THIS significant?

READ: Acts 2:1-4 “When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. ² And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³ And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. ⁴ And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.”

Q: In this passage, what did God do for “the nations”? Why is THIS significant?

READ: 1 Peter 1:13-19 “Therefore, preparing your minds for action, and being sober-minded, set your hope fully on the grace that will be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ. ¹⁴ As obedient children, do not be conformed to the passions of your former ignorance, ¹⁵ but as he who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, ¹⁶ since it is written, “You shall be holy, for I am holy.” ¹⁷ And if you call on him as Father who judges impartially according to each one’s deeds, conduct yourselves with fear throughout the time of your exile, ¹⁸ knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, ¹⁹ but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot”

Q: In this passage, “HOW” are we to be “holy”, like what’s the process?

Q: Why is the “mind” specifically mentioned?

Q: Why is the “precious blood of Christ” crucial to our holiness?