

## The Holy God and His Holy People Sermon Series

Holiness of God: Separated from sin and devoted to his own honor. (Grudem, p. 201)

- 1. Oct 4 - The Holy Creator God, Genesis 1-2 (The wonder and beauty of God's holiness)**  
**Tropical Paradise:** The great disappointment of trash and pollution.  
Picture of holiness is not an austere, sterilized perfection (sterilized medical room)  
Picture of holiness is vivid, rich, wild, brilliant perfection. (tropical beach untouched by pollution)  
The perfection and glory of God in eternity past  
The perfection and glory of God displayed in creation  
Fall of man and separation, **Genesis 3**  
Plan of redemption  
Point ahead to perfection and glory of God in new heavens, new earth, **Revelation 21-22**
- 2. Oct 11 - The Holy People of God, Exodus 19 (God's design for our holiness)**  
"Be holy, for I am holy." **Leviticus 19:2**  
Man's native unholiness – **Exodus 3**, Moses and the burning bush  
God's desire for a holy people, **Exodus 19**  
God's provision for a holy people, **Exodus 20-**  
The Sabbath day was set apart. **Genesis 2:3, Exodus 20:11** (Grudem, p. 202)  
The temple was set apart; levels of separation. **Exodus 26.33**  
The priests and Levites were set apart. **Exodus 29:44, 30:25-33**  
The church is the new holy people of God, **1 Peter 1:15-16**  
This is WHY God saved us. Not just for our good but also his glory.
- 3. Oct 18 - Being Made Holy, Isaiah 6 (God's provision for our holiness)**  
**Divine incineration:** Death in the Holy of Holies, **Leviticus 10**  
Explains Isaiah's fear when he suddenly finds himself in God's holy temple  
Paradigm shift: Normally touching impurity makes one impure. The impurity transfers.  
Here, touching a pure thing makes Isaiah pure. The purity/holiness transfers.  
Jesus comes and touches impure people and makes them pure  
Positional holiness
- 4. Oct 25 - Pursuing Holiness, Hebrews 12 (God's command to strive for holiness)**  
**v. 14 Make every effort...to be holy; without holiness no one will see the Lord.**  
**Matthew 5:8 Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.**  
**Psalm 24:3 Who may ascend the hill of the Lord? Who may stand in his holy place?**  
Progressive holiness  
Pursuing holiness is essential  
Achieving holiness is possible  
Pursuing holiness involves pain  
Pursuing holiness is a group responsibility
- 5. Nov 1 - Love and Law, John 14 (Our motivation for holiness)**  
The many biblical motivations for holiness – it's not just one thing  
**Puritans:** Their opponets coined this term of derision because they were so interested in purity.
- 6. Nov 8 - Killing Sin and Learning Christ, Colossians 3 (Our strategy for holiness)**  
Starts with identity in Christ  
Putting sin and the old self to death  
Putting on the new self made in the image of Christ
- 7. Nov 15 - The Difference Maker, Galatians 5 (Our power for holiness)**  
The power of the indwelling Spirit is the difference
- 8. Nov 22 - Seven Scriptures for Seven Deadly Sins, Various (Getting specific about holiness)**  
Pride,  
Lust, Ephesians 5:3  
Gluttony  
Greed  
Envy  
Laziness  
Anger
- 9. Nov 29 - Permanent Perfection, Revelation 21-22 (God's promise for our holiness)**  
The tree of life (see Gen 2)  
The river from God's throne (see Ezekiel 47)  
The temple is God (see Exodus, et al)  
Permanent purity