



The Holiness of God—part 5  
Holy Reaction  
From Sermon 9.18.22

Read *Isaiah 6:1-7*

Overview from Sunday's sermon: After a message on discerning so-called heaven experiences, we move to considering people's encounters with the holy on earth. We can accurately judge our understanding and doctrine on holiness by comparing our reaction to it with those accounts in Scripture. Often, these will not line up either. The incorrect view of holy on earth will affect everything we do inside and outside of the Church. It will also give us a false view of self—giving us (quite possibly) a false security.

1. How would you say we (the Church) have lost a proper reaction to the holiness of God? In the process of making non-essentials casual (dress, music style, language, tradition), we also made essentials casual (common, optional, earthly). It all starts with the handling of Scripture. When the evangelical church stopped preaching the entire Word of God (sin, judgment, wrath), it lost the fear, awe, and reverence for Holy God in the process.

2. Follow the progression & Fill in the conclusion in each statement. Discuss each.

- Every right view of Scripture = right view of God
- Every right view of God = right view of Holy
- Every right view of Holy = right view of Self. See also *Luke 5:8 & Romans 7:12 & 22-25*
- Every right view of self = the need for a Savior—[a righteousness outside ourselves].
- Every right view of that Need = Jesus is the only way. See also *2 Corinthians 5:21*

3. Have you had an experience/encounter where—like Peter & Paul—you were fully aware of your hopeless sin condition? See *Luke 5:8*. What can it mean, if you have not? I may not be saved.

4. Read *Proverbs 1:7*. What does it mean to have a healthy, biblical fear of the Lord? We treat all things holy with respect, immense gratitude, and knowledge of God's power and glory.

4a. What does it not mean? See *1 John 4:17-18*. It does not mean we fear final judgment or the loss of our salvation.

5. Discuss the deep and profound truth that the holy and the sinful cannot coexist. Various personal views. But the truth of Scripture and history = they cannot coexist. Consider the Genesis 3 account. One has to go by separation or death. Sinful man does not want to see, hear, or obey the holy. He always kills it or redefines it. Likewise, to be holy, the sinful must die = Jesus' death on the cross, we die to self, God will destroy all corrupted things in the end. We must ask ourselves (daily and by every situation) which one we will do. See also *Galatians 2:20 & Acts 7:51-53*