

GOD'S WILL AND OUR HOLINESS – ISAIAH 6:5

Series: THE JOURNEY OF PURSUING GOD'S WILL

⁵ Then I said, "Woe is me, for I am ruined! Because I am a man of unclean lips, And I live among a people of unclean lips; For my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts." *Isaiah 6:5 (NASB)*

THE TRUTH ABOUT HOLINESS

➤ **HOLINESS:** Both the Hebrew and Greek terms translated "holy," in the Bible convey the idea of "separateness" or "separation," a "setting apart." In Scripture, when something is said to be holy, that something is set apart for God, like our two words, "dedicated" and "consecrated." Holiness carries the concept to its maximum expression, indicating a total separation from all that is sinful, impure, and imperfect. Moral wholeness is encompassed within the word holiness, meaning God is absolutely separate from any and all contamination. It is God's will for us to be holy:

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."
1 Peter 1:14-16 (ESV)

1. Why Is It Important for Us Who Seek His Will to Know That Our God is Holy?

- A. His Holiness assures us that He is absolutely trustworthy.**
- B. His Holiness guarantees that He has no deceitful agenda**
- C. His Holiness represents a model of perfection**

2. What if Holiness were Limited to God and Kept from Us?

- A. If we were not given holiness from God, we could not have fellowship with Him.**

⁵ This is the message we have heard from Him and announce to you, that God is Light, and in Him there is no darkness at all. ⁶ If we say that we have fellowship with Him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth; ⁷ but if we walk in the Light as He Himself is in the Light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin.

1 John 1:5-7 (NASB)

- B. If we were not given holiness from God, we would live our entire lives driven by evil motives, unable ever to be free of the darkness of sin.**

⁵ Then I said, "My doom is sealed, for I am a foul-mouthed sinner, a member of a sinful, foul-mouthed race; and I have looked upon the King, the Lord of heaven's armies." *Isaiah 6:5 (TLB)*

- C. If we were not given holiness from God, we would not have the hope and assurance of seeing the Lord in Heaven.**

¹⁴ Make every effort to live in peace with all men and to be holy; without holiness no one will see the Lord. *Hebrews 12:14 (NIV)*

3. Avoid "Holy Extremes"

- A. We must be holy**

⁴⁴ I am the LORD your God; consecrate yourselves and be holy, because I am holy. Do not make yourselves unclean by any creature that moves about on the ground. ⁴⁵ I am the LORD who brought you up out of Egypt to be your God; therefore be holy, because I am holy. *Leviticus 11:44-45 (NIV)*

- B. Holiness is not passive**

¹ I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. ² Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect. *Romans 12:1-2 (ESV)*