

††† SERMON NOTES †††
GODOLOGY – WORDS ABOUT GOD – JUST AND RIGHTEOUS

REVIEW: (H. Orton Wiley)

I. HOLINESS IS GOD’S CHARACTER - Ex. 15:11 – Who is like You – glorious in holiness. Ps. 111:9 – Holy and reverend is His name. Ps. 99:9 – the Lord our God is holy. Isa. 6:3; Rev. 4:8 – “Holy, holy, holy is the Lord Almighty.”

II. HOLINESS IS GOD’S CONSISTENCY - the guiding force of all He is and does. Gen. 18:25 - Shall not the judge of all the earth do right? Ps. 145:17 – the Lord is righteous in all His ways. Rev. 15:3 – just and true are your ways. Hab. 1:13 – “Your eyes are too pure to look on evil; You cannot tolerate wrong.” (Jesus on the cross) And in our daily lives – Isa. 59:1,2 - Surely the arm of the LORD is not too short to save, nor His ear too dull to hear. But your iniquities have separated you from your God; your sins have hidden His face from you, so that He will not hear.

III. HOLINESS IS GOD’S REQUIREMENT - Lev. 11:44,45 – “consecrate yourselves and be holy, because I am holy... ..therefore be holy, because I am holy...” Matt. 1:74,75 – “to enable us to serve Him without fear in holiness and righteousness before Him all our days.” I Peter 1:15,16 – “But just as He who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do; for it is written, “be holy, because I am holy.” I Thess. 4:7 – (KJV) - For God hath not called us unto uncleanness, but unto holiness.

There are 2 aspects of holiness – both in God and in us: 1) Separation – God is separate from us. We are to be separated FROM sin and TO God – set apart for a specific purpose. 2) Purity – in the NT, the concept of moral purity is included in the word “holy”. God’s people are to live holy lives.

How can we live such a life? Rom. 12:1-2. 1) It begins with our yielding ourselves to Him. 2) It continues with Him transforming us from the inside out.

Is this important? Heb. 12:14 - Make every effort to live in peace with everyone and to be holy; without holiness no one will see the Lord.

TODAY: JUST AND RIGHTEOUS

Righteousness is the foundation of the divine law; justice is the administration of that law. Justice has 2 sides: reward the obedient; punish the guilty.

I. RIGHTEOUSNESS IS THE _____ OF GOD’S LAW

A. God reveals His righteousness in the way He rules.

Ps. 45:6 – “Your throne, O God, will last forever and ever; A scepter of righteousness is the scepter of Your kingdom.” Ps. 89:14 – “Righteousness and justice are the foundation of Thy throne.”

B. God reveals His righteousness when He shows mercy and compassion.

Ps. 116:5,6 - The Lord is gracious and righteous; our God is full of compassion. The Lord protects the simplehearted; when I was in great need, He saved me.”

II. JUSTICE IS THE ADMINISTRATION OF GOD’S LAW

A. God rewards _____ - Matt. 5:12; Matt. 10:42; Matt. 6:6; Matt. 10:41; Col. 3:24; Rev. 22:12

B. God punishes _____ - Rom. 2:5-8

Sometimes we question why evil seems to prosper. Sometimes it appears that God is overlooking sin and evil. Trust His justice - it’s not over yet!

The “wrath of God” - Rom. 11:22; Rom. 1:18; Rev. 20:11-15

God’s plan: Romans 3:25,26; Heb. 9:26 Isa. 53:6; II Cor. 5:21; Romans 5:6-11

