

The Holiness of God

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The sermon emphasizes the importance of recognizing God's holiness, sovereignty, and goodness, and responding with godly fear, obedience, and worship.

Scripture: Psalm 99:9, Psalm 115:3, Proverbs 16:9, Isaiah 64:6, Romans 3:23, Ephesians 1:6, Hebrews 12:14, James 1:17, 1 Peter 1:16, Revelation 4:8

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Description

A.W. Pink emphasizes the absolute holiness of God, asserting that no fallen creature can achieve acceptance with Him through their own actions, as even the best human efforts are tainted by sin. He highlights that God's holiness demands perfection, which is unattainable by humanity, yet through Christ, sinners can find acceptance and refuge. Pink further explains that true worship stems from recognizing God's greatness and sovereignty, which is characterized by His infinite wisdom and goodness. This understanding should lead believers to approach God with reverence, obedience, and heartfelt worship, acknowledging His sovereign will as ultimately good. The sermon concludes with the call to submit to God's sovereignty with a spirit of adoration and trust.

Transcript

Because God is holy, acceptance with Him on the ground of creature-doings is utterly impossible. A fallen creature could sooner create a world than produce that which would meet the approval of infinite Purity. Can darkness dwell with Light? Can the Immaculate One take pleasure with "filthy rags" (Isa. 64:6)? The best that sinful man brings forth is defiled. A corrupt tree cannot bear good fruit. God would deny Himself, vilify His perfections, were He to account as righteous and holy that which is not so in itself; and nothing is so which has the least stain upon it contrary to the nature of God. But blessed be His name, that which His holiness demanded His grace has provided in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Every poor sinner who has fled to Him for refuge stands "accepted in the Beloved" (Eph. 1:6). Hallelujah!

It has been well said that "true worship is based upon recognized greatness, and greatness is superlatively seen in Sovereignty, and at no other footstool will men really worship." In the presence of the Divine King upon His throne even the seraphim 'veil their faces.' Divine sovereignty is not the sovereignty of a tyrannical Despot, but the exercised pleasure of One who is infinitely wise and good! Because God is infinitely wise He cannot err, and because He is infinitely righteous He will not do wrong. Here then is the preciousness of this truth.

The mere fact itself that God's will is irresistible and irreversible fills me with fear, but once I realize that God wills only that which is good, my heart is made to rejoice. Here then is the final answer to the question (concerning our attitude toward God's sovereignty) - What ought to be our attitude toward the sovereignty of God? The becoming attitude for us to take is that of godly fear, implicit obedience, and unreserved resignation and submission. But not only so: the recognition of the sovereignty of God, and the realization that the Sovereign Himself is my Father, ought to overwhelm the heart and cause me to bow before Him in adoring worship. At all times I must say, "Even so, Father, for so it seemeth good in Thy sight."

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