

The Beauty of Holiness

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The sermon emphasizes the importance of experiencing and having the beauty of God's holiness in our lives, and how it can transform us and bring us closer to God.

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Description

This sermon emphasizes the beauty of holiness, recounting a powerful testimony of a communist man encountering the overwhelming beauty of God's presence, leading to his conversion. The speaker delves into the importance of pursuing holiness, drawing parallels from the experiences of the children of Israel and the significance of God's holiness in their lives. The message stresses the need for believers to hunger for God's holiness, to distinguish between what is holy and unholy, and to seek transformation through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Transcript

Please turn in your Bibles to Psalms 29. Psalms 29, verse 1, a psalm of David. Give thanks to the Lord, O you mighty ones.

Give unto the Lord glory and strength. Give unto the Lord the glory due to his name. Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.

I want to talk to you about the beauty of holiness. I know a man, he happens to be from China, and he was a communist. He was a communist, a high-ranking communist in the government, a government official.

He didn't believe in God. And one day in his office, all of a sudden, this beautiful, glorious presence came into his office. The only way he can describe it is that it was so beautiful, he couldn't, he couldn't, he can't describe it.

He just said, the beauty overwhelmed him, and he started sobbing. This magnificent, majestic beauty came into this communist man's office. He didn't know what it was.

He didn't know who it was. He just knew that he was undone by the beauty of whatever this was. And it was holy, and he knew he was not holy.

So he wept and sobbed, and it went on and on and on, I don't know how long. Shortly after that, someone gave him a Bible. He began to read it, and realized he'd met Yeshua, that he'd met Jesus.

So he became a follower of Yeshua, because he wanted the beauty of holiness. He started doing meetings. Hundreds of people were coming to them, and one time, the people couldn't get in.

The place was so packed, the people couldn't get in, they were out in the streets. And a man who was deaf, dumb, and blind got totally healed in the streets, and came leaping into the meetings. Hospitals and clinics began bringing the sick people out in the streets.

They were getting healed out in the streets. The police began to give him a hard time, of course, but he talks about the revival. It was all about the beauty of holiness.

The holiness of God is dazzling splendor. It's a brightness, it's the perfection of God. And he wants us to have spiritual holiness in us.

Turn to Exodus, chapter 15. When God brought the children of Israel out of Egypt, the only thing they could do was worship him. Hallelujah.

They began to worship him after the great miracle of coming out of Egypt. And in this great song that they sang, let's begin reading in Exodus 15, 11. These are the people of God, Miriam with her tambourine, Moses and all of them worshipping the Lord as they've come to the Red Sea.

The Lord removed the greatest army in the world to set his people free. And as they sang, they began singing, Mi Kamocha Adonai, who is like you, O Lord? Among the gods. Who is like you, glorious in holiness? They had a revelation and a manifestation of the glorious holiness of God.

All they could sing about was his holiness. They kept singing and it said in verse, well, let's just stop there for a moment. Verse 24.

No, just a moment. Let's just stop there. Verse 11, the second part of it, fearful in praises, doing wonders.

Hallelujah. When God brought the people of Israel out of slavery, they had a revelation and a manifestation and experienced the reality of God's holiness. They said he was fearful in holiness.

God is totally holy. He's pure. It's the central part of his character.

And it's my opinion that much of the believing body around the world have lost the revelation and the experience of his holiness. We in our small minds tend to think sometimes he's like us. He is not like us.

He created us. He blew life into us. We need to regain the revelation of the holiness of God.

Every move of the Holy Spirit in the Bible, the holiness of God was manifested. Think about it. A million people or more just worshipping the Lord.

God's saying, you are holy, you are holy, doing wonders. You would think that experience would carry them the rest of their life. Like my Chinese friend, he's just running after the holiness, the beauty of God's holiness his whole life.

But what did the children of Israel do? Three days later, after the crossing of the Red Sea, three days later they started complaining to Moses. Not only that, they said, maybe we ought to go back to Egypt. Now

don't point your finger at the children of Israel.

We've had a taste of the touch of the Lord in here and some people could walk out of here and start complaining. If I do that in my car, I'll ask my wife to tell me to shut up. They had already lost the manifestation of the holiness of God in three days.

The Lord wants to speak to us about the beauty of His holiness that we can have part of His holiness. They lost their awe of His holiness. They lost their awe of the holiness of God.

We have such a small view of God. Our God's too small. Their God was too small.

Look what He just did at the Red Sea and they started complaining about Him. We were singing this song, God can do anything. But when we sing it, we need to believe it and we need to walk in it.

Our God is way too little. Listen, we don't have any idea how many galaxies He's created. And they keep growing and growing and growing.

They're accelerating. I sit on my mirror, my porch some nights and I just look at the stars and He named every one of the stars. He knows the name of every star in all the universes.

The whole world was dark. Can you imagine living in darkness? There was no light. God said, let there be light.

All of a sudden there was light. See the light around here? Hallelujah. He spoke it into existence.

This is the God that we serve. This is who was manifested to them at the Red Sea. Oh Lord, give us a bigger, give us a bigger revelation of who you are.

Hallelujah. He's bigger than the missiles aimed at us. He's bigger than what's happening.

He's bigger than what's going on. He is a big, big God. He's the gigantic God.

Hallelujah. He is glorious in holiness. There they were.

What happened when the fire fell on this mountain? All the people fell on their face. Why? The glory of His holiness had returned and it burned up everything on the altar. Hallelujah.

Listen, God wants us to get a revelation and a manifestation of His holiness into our spirits. Hallelujah. The whole book of Leviticus what is it about? Holiness.

It's a whole book of holiness. How to walk a holy life. Everything in it, that's what it's about.

The high priest, they put a turban on his head. What did it say? Holiness to the Lord. Holiness to the Lord.

We know the Lord. If you're born again of the Spirit, you know the Holy One of Israel. He wants your mind to be holy.

He wants to put a turban on our minds that says holiness to the Lord. We won't have those kind of thoughts. He will sanctify our eyes and our minds.

Last time this person said about our rehab center House of Victory He said, you're brainwashing these guys. I said, you got it right. We're washing them with the water of the Word.

Hallelujah. So they can put a turban on that says holiness to the Lord. Everything in the tabernacle was holy.

The table was holy. The bread was holy. Everything was holy, holy, holy, holy.

The ark was holy. They put it in the holy of holies. Why was God doing this? He was trying to teach his people that he's holy.

And you can't approach him unless you're walking in holiness. Who can ascend to the hill of the Lord? He who has clean hands and a pure heart. Blessed are the pure in heart, they shall see God.

God says, I want to impart to you some of my holiness that you can walk a clean, powerful, victorious life. Turn to Leviticus chapter 10 Leviticus chapter 10 Holy, holy, holy. What are they singing in heaven? They can't stop singing kadosh.

Holy, holy, holy. Leviticus chapter 10 Holiness Holiness is a people set apart from everything that would defile them. If I go into my office and turn on the computer and I want to see some news and there's some picture there that's sensual and there's pictures that are sensual The Lord doesn't want me to look at that stuff.

The Lord wants me to move on. That stuff defiles you. The Lord wants us to walk a pure life.

He doesn't want us to be dealing with things that defile us and make us unclean. But he gives us the grace and the power that we can walk the way he wants us to walk. In the tabernacle, the altar of incense you read Leviticus, it was holy.

The anointing oil is holy. The anointing of the Holy Spirit his name is holy. That's his first name.

He's God, hallelujah. He's not some spirit that you can find in the grave. He's real.

You need to know the Holy Spirit. Remember what his first name is, it's holy. Karen's spiritual mother, this little African American woman she used to say I know the Holy Ghost.

I know his voice. And when he tells me to shut up I have a holy hush and I shut up. Some of these old on fire believers, they all knew the Holy Spirit.

But they knew he was holy. She would sit in a meeting and say that's right, that's in there. That's right, that's in there.

And sometimes she'd turn to Karen and say that ain't in there. We need a revelation of what's holy and what's not holy. God wants us to walk a holy life.

Set apart, morally clean. Set apart for his holy purposes for my life and for your life. Your purposes, your destiny, your call, it's holy.

It came from the Holy One. And the only way you walk in it is to walk a holy life. The only way is to walk a holy life.

And read chapter 10. And they took the sons of Aaron, Nadav and Avihu, the sons of Aaron, each took a censer and put fire in it, but put incense on it and offered profane fire before the Lord which he had not commanded them. And Moses said to Aaron, train to be holy sons and look what they did.

They didn't offer holy fire, they offered profane fire. Verse 2. So fire went out from the Lord and devoured them and they died before the Lord. And Moses said to Aaron, this is what the Lord spoke, saying, by those who come near to me I must be regarded as holy and before all the people I must be glorified.

Verse 10. That you may be distinguished between holy and unholy, between unclean and clean. And to be distinguished between holy and unclean, between unclean and clean.

The Lord wants us to be able to distinguish this is holy and this is filthy. You know, whatever's in you is going to come out. Whatever you put in there, whatever you're watching, whatever you're listening to, if you're putting garbage in there, garbage is going to come out.

You are a temple of the Holy Spirit. We should be holy. You can't even approach Him unless we're holy.

You can't work it up because it's Yeshua's holiness we need to walk in. I wear a robe of His righteousness, not mine. He's done it all for us.

We point at the children of Israel, they're the example of course. But they didn't know about the fullness of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit has been poured out.

Not just some spirit, it's the Holy Spirit. Hallelujah. We have the Holy Spirit.

How dare we put garbage in our temple where the Holy Spirit is? Aaron's kids, the next generation, that's what they did. God won't have it. Hallelujah.

We need to know the difference between the holy and the pristine. This Bible is holy. If it's in here, if it's here, and He tells us to do it, it's holy.

He says, pursue peace with all men. Do we do it? Or do we just pursue peace with people we like? He wants us to pursue peace with people we don't like. What's the rest of that verse? To pursue peace with all men and the holiness without which no one will see God.

It's the new covenant. I was sitting on my porch this morning and the Lord told me, tell them to hunger for holiness. So I'm telling you, I'm telling me, we need to hunger for His holiness.

It's the beauty of the Lord when we're all clean inside and out of us come beautiful things that touch other people. Hunger for His holiness. Well, how do we do this? Well, look at 2 Chronicles.

Chapter 20. We sing this chorus around here all the time. 2 Chronicles 20.

Every worship leader I ever met, this is their favorite chapter. 2 Chronicles 20. Verse... Well, let me just say it to you.

21, I think. 21, but hold it. We sang, I think we sang it 3 different ways today.

We're singing, give thanks to the Lord for He is good and His mercy endures forever. We sing it, we jump and we march, we sing it quietly. And when the armies of the enemy were coming against Israel, Jehoshaphat sent out the singers we all know this and they were singing Hodu Ladanai Ki Tov.

Give thanks to the Lord for He is good and He set ambushes against the enemy. Now that's wonderful and every Israeli believer knows it. Everybody knows Hodu Ladanai Ki Tov and we need to know it.

But let's take a look at it in its context. 2 Chronicles 20 Verse 21 And when He had consulted with the people He appointed those who should sing to the Lord and who should praise the beauty of His holiness. 2 Chronicles 20 It was those that would praise the beauty of His holiness.

That wasn't just a choir going out there. I mean, I've been to places where choirs were not everybody's walking with the Lord. This was people that were dedicated to the beauty of His holiness.

These were people dedicated to the glory of His holiness. When you praise the Lord like that you're in another realm. The enemy was sharpening their swords but these people were praising the beauty of God's holiness.

They were hungry for His holiness. So He manifested Himself. He saved the nation.

Because God found some people that were hungry for His holiness. Let's go to Psalm 45. The 45th Psalm.

You know He's coming for His bride, don't you? You know His bride will be without spot or wrinkle. He's coming for a holy bride. His bride will be made up of Jews and Arabs and Chinese and people from all over the world.

Hallelujah. But they are the people that are hungry for His holiness. They're the five wise virgins that didn't run out of oil.

Hallelujah. They were hungry for His holiness. Psalm 45.

Let's read a couple of verses from there. Psalm 45. Verse 3. Let's read a couple of other verses.

Verse 4. Verse 6. Who is this mighty king? Who is this victorious warrior? It's the Messiah. It's a picture of the Messiah. And here the psalmist is saying your beauty, your glory, your power, your awesomeness.

And as he sings this psalm, all the psalms were sung. I hope you know that. He goes on and says verse 7. You love righteousness and hate wickedness.

Therefore God your God has anointed you with the oil of gladness more than your companion. The Messiah walks in the oil of gladness, in the oil of joy. He's anointed.

He's holy. He's pure. He hates wickedness.

He hates sin. He only wants what's clean and pure. This is who he is.

He's the holy one of Israel. Let me go on and read a couple of other verses. Your garments are scented with myrrh and aloes and cassia out of the ivory palaces by which they have made you glad.

The Messiah is walking in this awesome anointing. You can smell the beauty of his holiness. This is such a picture of our beautiful, beautiful Yeshua.

This is who he is. But this is just the beginning when you get a revelation of him, of his beauty. Now, he may not come down in your office, but you can get in touch with him every day, and you can meditate on the beauty of his holiness.

Those fiery angels are flying back and forth singing, kadosh, kadosh. All they can sing is kadosh to cover their face. His holiness is so awesome and the magnificent thing about our God he says, I want to give you

something.

He says, be you holy as I am holy. He enables us with his grace and the Holy Spirit. This is a picture of the Messiah who's coming for his bride.

Let's look at the next verse. Verse 10. Let's start with verse 11.

The king will greatly desire your beauty. You know when you walk with the Lord, he greatly desires your beauty. These are the followers.

These are the king's daughters. They're following the king. He said, I greatly desire your beauty.

We need a revelation that he loves the beauty of holiness in us. His Hebrew, his heart is panting for people that will walk with him. Look at verse 11 again.

The king will greatly desire your beauty because he is your Lord, worship him. Hallelujah. He will greatly desire my beauty.

This awesome miracle that he'll take some of his holiness and put it in this wretch that he'll take his holiness and put it in this wretch is the transforming power of the gospel. Let's look at the next verse. Verse 13.

The royal daughter is all glorious within. Her clothing is woven with gold. Isn't that wonderful? I love the group that's here that Rowena brought from the far east.

They often dress in gold. It's beautiful. The Lord wants us to be all glorious and golden within that we'll be walking in the beauty of holiness.

This is wonderful. We're going to a wedding. Everyone there will have on a wedding gown.

They won't have a beat-up wedding gown or a bad wedding. They'll have a beautiful wedding gown. But so much of the body doesn't understand or doesn't realize they don't have hunger for his holiness.

I pray right now that Holy Spirit, you will impart to everyone in this place or everyone who sees this video you will impart in this place a hunger for his holiness. Start with me. I've been telling my wife I've been hungering for it.

I want more of his holiness. This is what the body of Messiah needs. It's purity before power.

Everybody wants the power, but what about the purity? You think the power that Elijah had was cheap? He told Elisha, it'll cost you if you want to walk like me. It cost him everything. He was living in caves.

The Lord is speaking to us to be hungry for his holiness. When the holiness rises up, the power of God comes out. Hallelujah.

Let's read another verse here. The king will greatly desire your beauty. Isn't that wonderful? Hallelujah.

We know a little about that. The king desires my beauty because of Yeshua. Because it's his beauty that should be in us and on us.

Hallelujah. I hope we're all at that wedding. Let's read another verse here.

Verse 14. She's clothed in gold. She shall be brought to the king in robes of many colors.

The virgins, her companions, will follow her and they shall be brought to you. This is the beauty of the bride. Hallelujah.

One thing I've desired, and that will I seek after. To live in his house all the days of my life to behold the beauty of the Lord. Hallelujah.

The Lord wants to bring his bride forward. The Lord wants to bring his bride forward. So many people have been hurt.

When you get a revelation that he loves your beauty, your inner beauty, it will transform you. The king of kings loves me. But sometimes people get hurt.

People sin. People get hurt by other people. And in many places you go, the bride is kind of beat up.

Look. Look who's coming. Turn and look.

Do you see her? Oh my God, what happened to her? She's wearing a bridal dress. She's wearing a bridal dress. Oh God, forgive us for what we do to each other.

Oh Lord, help her. Help your bride. Oh Lord, forgive her sins.

Give her hope. Let her know she's still beautiful. Let her know she's still beautiful.

Oh Lord. Hallelujah. God help her.

Help your bride. She's hurting, Lord. The past.

What men have done to her. People have done to her. What she's done.

What she's done. Help her cry out to you, Lord. Lord, hear her cry.

Hear her cry. Lord, you're hearing. You're hearing.

You're hearing. Reach out. Reach out there.

Reach out. Thank you, Lord, for sending ministering angels. Thank you that you minister to your people.

Lord, bless your bride. Those that are beaten up. Those that are hurt.

Those that don't know your holiness. Let's bring her up here. The Father is running out to you.

He's going to give you garments of praise. Hallelujah. Thank you, Lord.

Hallelujah. Thank you, Lord. You're transforming all of us.

Hallelujah. Throw away your old garments. Get rid of your old garments.

It's a new day. Hallelujah. Hallelujah.

This is the gospel. He takes our old garments. When we cry out to him, he throws them away.

Are you hungry for his holiness? Raise your hand. If you're hungry for his holiness, I'm going to ask you to get out of your seats and come right here. If you're hungry for his holiness, come on down here.

Hallelujah. Hallelujah. You make a decision this morning, and you tell him, Lord, I haven't been walking the way I would like to walk.

I'm asking for your help. If you haven't been spending time in the word, you got spots on your cow. If something has grabbed your heart that is more important than Yeshua, some man, some woman, money, whatever it might be, it's an idol.

You smash the idol. The power of the Holy Spirit. Lord, break every idol.

Everything that gets in the way of their relationship with you. The Holy Spirit is here in power. He wants to set you free from bondages for many, many years.

There are people in here who have been addicted to things. Pornography, alcohol, cigarettes, filthy words. The Lord wants you not to be like that bride that we just saw.

He wants to put garments of gold upon you. The pure gold. The gold of purity.

Hallelujah. His name is Holy. Listen to me.

He is the high and holy one. He's the lofty one. The high and holy one.

He inhabits eternity. But he also lives with the humble heart. The holy one says, I will come and tabernacle in your heart.

I will give you my holiness. I will set you free from the things of this world that are defiling you. Lord, sanctify your body.

Sanctify your body. I come against unbelief in the name of the Lord. You are able.

You are able. You are the king. You are the king of kings.

Nothing is impossible for you. Whatever the habits have been, you can break them today. He died on the cross so that his blood could cover you and give you holiness.

Holiness. Let's sing with the angels. Look, when we get there, those of us that make it, we're going to be singing Kaddos.

Kaddos, Kaddos. Let's all start now. Prayer team, if you want to pray for some of these.

Rowena, if you want to pray for some of these, Peter, the rest. Come and lay hands on them. He's the Lord of armies.

He can do anything. Hallelujah. Kaddos, Kaddos.

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