

SERIES: DEEPER LIFE

When We See Jesus

Holiness: Lesson One

Life Reference: Isaiah 6:1-8

Focus Verse:

"And one cried unto another, and said, Holy, holy, is the LORD of hosts: the whole earth is full of his glory" (Isaiah 6:3).

Isaiah saw a vision of the holy God "high and lifted up." He did not waste a moment of his encounter but took in every detail and proceeded to write what he saw. He was brought to a reverence unknown to him before this time, and he responded to the vision he saw.

Like others who encountered the presence of God, Isaiah suddenly realized how unclean and vulnerable he was. He felt unworthy and afraid. He cried out:

"Woe is me! For I am undone; because I am a man of unclean lips" (Isaiah 6:5).

He was honest in his response to the holiness of God, knowing that nothing could be hidden. He could not speak.

Experiencing the presence of God will transform us if we are willing to yield to His Spirit. Look at these examples from the Word of God:



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Exodus 34:35 Moses had to cover his head with a veil when he returned to the

people after being in the presence of God on the mountain. The people could not look directly upon the fullness of God. That is the reason we are called to re-present Him to the world. They need to see and touch something or someone who has touched

Jesus. We must be that person!

Isaiah 6:8 Isaiah became very bold and no longer felt unclean after he

submitted himself to the Lord. He said," Send me." Because he was willing to be a vessel of God, he was used to prophesy the

coming of Christ.

Acts 9:3 Paul fell to the earth, blinded by his encounter with a light

greater than anything he had ever seen. From that experience,

he came for prayer to the very ones he was persecuting.

Matthew 17:1-6 Acts 5:28 The disciples fell on their face and "were sore afraid" but when their understanding was opened and they were filled with His Spirit, there was a notable difference. "Behold, ye have filled Jerusalem with your doctrine." Though they cowered in fear before they understood their calling, afterwards they were

willing to give their lives for the gospel.

Revelation 1:10- John fell at His feet as dead and said "I am nothing in your

sight." The Lord said "write," and John wrote!

Life Response:

We Can Also See Jesus

When God speaks to us, we should feel as the disciples and men of old felt. The revelation and presence of God should never be taken lightly or taken for granted. We should be able to do as the writers of the Old and New Testaments did. We should be able to describe Jesus to the world.

When we "see Jesus," our lives will be forever changed. Isaiah said that in His presence the seraphim were crying, "Holy, holy, holy." When we come into His presence, our first thought must be, "I am unholy, unclean, and unworthy." We must acknowledge our transgression before we can go any further. By ourselves we can never be worthy of the call He has placed in our heart. He is our righteousness.





Under the Law the inner room, or Holy of Holies, could only be entered by a high priest with the proper blood sacrifice. Jesus became our sacrifice, and we are covered by His blood when we are baptized in His name. Because of that blood covering, now we can come into that sacred, holy place—The Holy of Holies. If we come into His presence, we can be no less than holy.

"And ye shall be holy unto me: for I the LORD am holy, and have severed you from other people, that ye should be mine" (Leviticus 20:26).

A study of Leviticus shows that those who were to serve as ministers were to be examples of godliness in service, character, and deeds. That teaching was carried over to the New Testament and was taught in Paul's letters to the churches. To have favor with God far outweighs the trivial things of life that we lay aside.

Holiness is presented to our lives by:

- The Word
- Our pastor
- Teachers
- Parents and other authority figures

Why would we argue with holiness when it brings us into the presence of Almighty God with whom we long to spend eternity? Not only then, but now we look forward to the times we come into His presence. He has made provision that we can be in His presence, and we want to take advantage of it.

"Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord"

(Hebrews 12:14).

He told Moses, "Take off your shoes; you are standing on holy ground." In other words, *Moses, I want you to be totally vulnerable to me, I want to spend some time with you!* How far could one go in the desert without shoes? That is total submission!

Our station in life is no barrier to entering God's presence— from the filthiest drug addict or street person to the person with the highest office in the land. God is no respecter of persons.

- Isaiah said, "Send me." He became a great prophet.
- John began to write. He was able to see and write of all the glories of heaven.
- Paul said, "What will you have me do?" He became a great preacher of the Word and a great writer.



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We read of commitments by great men and women, people just like us. We are all called to the same level; we are all called to holiness.

"Because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy" (I Peter 1:16).

When we see Jesus, in whatever fashion He comes to us, we must respond. If we respond to His presence and present ourselves to Him, allowing the changes He wants to make in us, then the world can see that we have been with the Lord.

We've seen Jesus! All else pales in His presence! We must respond.

I've come into the Holy of Holies, I stand in awe of the Great I AM I was once from His presence forbidden Now I'm redeemed by the blood of the Lamb.

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Life Reflection:

How did you react when you saw Jesus?

If you have not yet had your encounter with Him, how will you react?





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- We must realize He is our righteousness.
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- Why would we argue with holiness as presented in any area of our lives?
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Life Reflection:

What has God called you to do? Have you felt His call to holiness?

Will you bow before Him and become submissive to His will?

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