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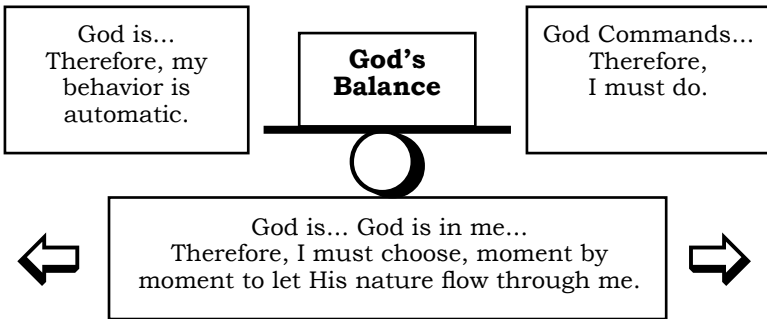
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One of the great dangers in studying behavior in the Christian life is the danger of forgetting that behavior is in essence the reflection of character. And in the case of the Christian, it is the character of God that is being demonstrated. When the Holy Spirit enables the Christian to behave, Satan wants to move us to one of two extremes. Either he wants us to view our behavior as something we have no control over, or as something we, in our own energy, must do to please God. This diagram better illustrates it, perhaps:



The truth of the matter is, as is so often the case, there is a balance achieved when we realize that the power to behave is not based on our determination but on God's nature imputed to us by virtue of the new birth. On the other hand, God will not make us into puppets. Having placed His Spirit in us, we now have the capacity to behave, but we must constantly make the choice to behave, all the while continuously appropriating His power to do so. That is the balanced Christian life.

We have been walking through the rich soil of the book of Proverbs, and the place where our Proverbial Caravan has paused to rest for the moment is the area called "self-control." Our preview of the road map reveals mountains of Scriptural admonitions and rivers of human resistance with no less than a few veritable roadblocks, such as legalism and humanism, strewn along the way for good measure.

So the key word is behave. The Christian is to behave! That is the bottom line. Whether he feels like it or not, whether he totally understands it all or not, while he is growing in understanding, he behaves.

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Now, until you become a Christian, you don't have the power to behave God's way. Behaving is not something you do. It is something God does in you as you choose to let Him. But once you have become a Christian, and are becoming more Christ-like, while you are growing into His likeness, you must choose to behave.

Of course, you are not a Christian because you behave. You behave because you are a Christian. The character of God now wants to transform your character as you behave. As we said a moment ago, we must control our behavior; but if we are to glorify God in the process, we must constantly focus the lens of our perspective on His character, which makes our behavior possible, thus, this somewhat unusual study on adultery.

In the next lesson we will look at principles from Proverbs on adultery and other forms of immorality. Here, perhaps even more than in any other area of life, the Christian is told in no uncertain terms to behave. But before we look at the cause and effect of immoral behavior, we had best look at both the character of our God, which makes morality possible, and the portrait of His holiness, which makes our morality essential.

Our title is "Be Ye Holy." Our outline will look like this:

- I- The beauty of His holiness
 - A- The source of all holiness
Revelation 15:4, Habakkuk 1:13, I John 1:5; Psalm 5:3
 - B- The beauty of God's holiness
II Chronicles 20:21; Psalm 110:3; Psalm 30:4; Psalm 27:4
 - C- The character of God's holiness
Psalm 103:1; Psalm 98:1; Psalm 105:42
 - D- The essence of God's holiness
Psalm 22:1; Proverbs 3:32; Proverbs 15:26;
Psalm 7:11; Matthew 27:46
 - E- The results of God's holiness
 - 1-Worship: Psalm 99:5; Exodus 3:5; Is. 6:3; Revelation 4:8
 - 2-Holiness: I Peter 1:15,16
- II- The image of His holiness
 - A- The expression of His image
(The portrait discovered)
 - B- The enemies of His image-
(The portrait destroyed)

First, we will take a look at the beauty of His holiness. I am

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convinced that most of us do not really comprehend the holiness of God. I know I don't. As I was reading these verses on God's holiness, at one point I was so stricken with awe that I dropped my pen, dropped my Bible, and my head began to bow in uncontrolled adoration and worship. I couldn't help myself. The holiness of God is so awesome, so miraculous, so phenomenal that once we begin to see it, we can no longer strut around as pious Pharisees, wearing our robes of self-righteousness and thanking God that we're not like those "other guys." In the light of God's holiness, all our righteousness becomes as filthy rags.

The holiness of God is so genuine, so powerful, so transforming, that the issue ceases to be a question of what can we do and still escape the wrath of God. The issue becomes a matter of what can we do to better please the heart of God. For once we see Him in all His holiness, the thought of willfully offending that holiness through disobedience is a thought we cannot bear.

My friend, is moral impurity a problem for you? Then contemplate the holiness of God, not just for a Sunday or even just for a week, but take six months out of your life and focus the spotlight of all your worship on this one key ingredient of the character of God. Study His holiness. Meditate on His holiness. Worship Him for His holiness. Ask Him to make His holiness literally flow into the recesses of your life to cleanse, purify, and finally remove all of the filth that is lodged there.

We, too, can be holy. We, too, can live holy lives if we by faith appropriate His holiness and thus demonstrate His character.

Let's pause for a moment or two and glance at the miracle of His holiness. I say "glance," for how much of His holiness can you grasp in minutes? It is like riding past the Grand Canyon on an express train at ninety miles per hour and imagining you have beheld its beauty. It is like reading about a sunrise in a book and imagining you fully captured its splendor. The holiness of God cannot be grasped in this moment, but let us at least cast a quick glance and catch a glimpse of its glory.

What is the holiness of God? It is that essence of His character that both defines and demonstrates what is and what is not righteous. In its negative form, it is the total absence of and total abhorrence of all forms of sin or impurity. But in a positive vein, it is also the perfect presence of all of the very glory that His character radiates because it has not, nor ever will be, marred

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by sin or impurity.

Oh, the holiness of God! You cannot grasp His holiness by comparing it to the sinfulness of man. That robs Him of His excellence. You rather can grasp the sinfulness of man by beholding the awesomeness of His holiness from the Word. In other words, you will not understand God's perfections by man's imperfections. You rather understand man's imperfections as you pull back the curtain of Truth and stand amazed at God's perfections.

First, be aware and thus be in awe that God alone is the source of all holiness. Scripture makes it clear.

Who shall not fear thee, O Lord and glorify Thy name? for
Thou only art holy: (Revelation 15:4a)

Not only does God alone possess true holiness, God possesses nothing but holiness.

God is light and in Him is no darkness at all. (1 John 1:5)

So perfectly holy is our God that sin (which is the antithesis of holiness) cannot abide in His presence.

He hath no pleasure in wickedness. (Psalm 5:3)

His holiness so rejects sin that He cannot even look upon it.

Thou art of purer eyes than to behold evil and canst not
look at iniquity. (Habakkuk 1:13)

All holiness begins and ends in Him. God does not simply possess holiness. God is holiness.

You say, "What does that mean to me?" It means at least one thing that every man and woman alive must come to understand. There is no holiness apart from Him. It means that if you are struggling to live a holy life, but you have never personally come to the place in your life where you have asked Jesus Christ to come into your life and be your personal Savior, your Deliverer from sin, you cannot live a holy life.

All holiness comes from Him. He is the spring from which all holiness flows. John 15:5 says, "Without (Him), ye can do nothing" and without Him you have no basis for holiness, for you have no source for holiness. A man or woman can no more be holy without the Holy One than he can live life without a heart.

With no heartbeat, you are physically dead. You don't possess life. So you are not going to drive home, fight a battle,

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play football, or eat a meal. You can't do anything without life.

In the same way, you cannot be holy if you are spiritually dead. Without the Holy Spirit, you do not have the discernment to know right from wrong. You have no interpreter to make the Scripture your basis for holiness. And even if you knew right from wrong, you would not have the power to choose or to do the right thing. It is Christ living in you that gives you the power "both to will (that is, to choose) and to do of His good pleasure," the Scripture says (Philippians 2:13).

So if you are reading this lesson and you do desire to live a holy life, but you have never become a child of God, acknowledging your sin and acknowledging His holiness, the rest of this lesson is not for you. Without Christ you are spiritually dead. You have no discernment, no interpreter, no power.

But it need not remain that way. Jesus, the Holy One, died for you to make you holy, to set you apart for His Father, to give you His Father's character, to give you His Father's Holiness. You can be becoming holy by becoming a Christian right now. Invite Him into your life. It does not matter how unholy you may have been, "for all have sinned and come short of the glory of God." (Romans 3:23) You are not alone. But God so loved the world, and God so loved you that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever (anyone who) believes on Him (places the weight of their life on Him, trusting Him to deliver them) shall have eternal, unending, holy life. You cannot become holy in your life until the Holy One has come into your life. Ask Him in right now, and life—real living—will begin for you.

So first of all, God is the source of all holiness.

Secondly, God's holiness reveals God's beauty (it makes His beauty shine), and God's holiness will make you beautiful, too. Arthur W. Pink in his priceless little book, The Attributes of God, says this,

Sing unto the Lord. Oh ye saints of His and give thanks at
the remembrance of His holiness. (Psalm 30:4)

"This may be said to be a transcendental attribute that, as it were, runs through the rest [of God's attributes] and casts luster upon them. It is an attribute of attributes. Thus we read of the 'Beauty of the Lord' in Psalm 27:4, which is no other than the 'Beauty of Holiness' described in Psalm 110:3 (and perhaps in II Chronicles 20:21)."

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Charnock said this: “Power is God’s hand or arm, omniscience His eye, mercy His bowels, eternity His duration, but Holiness is His beauty.”

God’s holiness is beautiful. It is beautiful as it reflects His image through His Word, and it is beautiful as it reflects His image in the face of one of His children.

God’s wisdom makes a man’s face to shine and the hardness of his countenance is changed. (Ecclesiastes 8:1)

Have you ever known a Christian whose face literally glowed with the holiness of God, as Moses’ face did when he, filled with God’s glory, descended from the mountaintop? And have you ever noticed a life whose glow seemed to be snuffed out only to later find that impurity had gained a foothold in that life (and the glow of holiness had departed)?

Would you like to be beautiful? The secret is not in a bottle or a tube or a spray. The secret is inside of you, in learning how to live in the beauty of His holiness. Your countenance will glow purity and holiness will shine like the sun. Your natural features will be transcended by the supernatural “beauty of His holiness.” God’s holiness demonstrates God’s beauty in Him, and in us.

Thirdly, look at the character of God’s holiness. Holiness is the trademark of His character because His character can always best be determined by His name. Again, Charnock says this:

“In Scriptures, God is oftener styled holy than almighty, and set forth by this part of His dignity than by any other. You don’t read ‘His mighty Name,’ or ‘His wise Name,’ but ‘His holy Name’”

It is His holiness that seals and signifies His very character. One commentator writes,

“As sincerity is the luster of every grace in a Christian, so purity (is) the splendor of every attribute in the Godhead. His justice is called ‘Holy Justice’ His wisdom a ‘Holy Wisdom’, His power described in Psalm 98:1 as a ‘Holy arm,’ His truth in Psalm 105:42 a ‘Holy promise’, and His Name, which signifies all of His attributes wrapped together in a full-fledged parcel of glory is called in Psalm 103:1, a ‘Holy Name’.”

God is holy, and His holiness is not only a part of His character, it is the golden thread of deity that translates all of His character into the diamond—precious cluster of godliness that gives God His very name.

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And, my friend, the holiness of God is the key to your character as well. You can give millions to aid the suffering, preach to multitudes, sing like an angel, serve like a slave. But the essence of your character will be neither changed nor revealed as godly by those acts. Only the beauty of His holiness, the purity of His character will demonstrate the Person of Christ in you. Do what you will, say what you will, but if you cling to impurity, though your deeds may hit the target, your life will miss the mark.

Fourthly, look at the essence of His holiness. Because He is holy, He hates sin. And so must we, not with a casual dislike, but with a deep Godlike anger.

The froward is an abomination to the Lord. (Proverbs 3:32)

The thoughts of the wicked are an abomination to the Lord.
(Proverbs 15:26)

God is angry with the wicked every day. (Psalm 7:11b)

God despises sin. It destroyed His relationship with man, wrecked humanity, scarred mankind, and cost Him the life of His Son. And His holiness will not let Him look upon sin, tolerate it, or coexist in its presence.

Do not Psalm 22:1 and Matthew 27:46 echo that the essence of God's holiness is that He cannot look upon sin? There, as God's own Son took upon Himself the sin of the whole world, did not the Father for that moment have to look away, so that His Son was heard to cry, "My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?"

God hates sin; His holiness demands it. And when God's holiness captivates a Christian's life, it will be marked by a genuine grief, a deep, heart-rending anguish over sin.

Ye that love the Lord, hate evil: (Psalm 97:10a)

One mark of a pure heart is that it cannot coexist with sin. James says, in James 4:4, if you can coexist as friends of the world (cling to a friendship with sin) and not recognize compromise as the enemy of God, you are, from God's perspective, guilty of spiritual adultery.

Fifthly, look at the results of His holiness. They are twofold. The first result is worship. A mere glimpse of His holiness ought to cause us to fall on our faces in praise and adoration.

Exalt ye the Lord our God, and worship at His footstool: for He is holy. (Psalm 99:5)

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Moses was in awe at the presence of God as God appeared in the midst of a burning bush and said,

Draw not nigh hither, put off thy shoes from off thy feet, for the place whereon thou standest is holy ground.

(Exodus 3:5)

Have you ever been that awestruck at the presence of His holiness? And does not Isaiah give us a picture of how to worship and of how one day we will worship Him in glory, as the angels gathered around the throne of the Lord?

...and one cried unto another and said, 'Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of Hosts: the whole earth is full of His glory.

(Isaiah 6:3)

Revelation echoes the refrain as the four winged creatures gather round the throne and rest neither day nor night, but continually cry,

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, which was, and is, and is to come.

(Revelation 4:8,9)

Beloved, the holiness of God causes men and angels alike to fall down and worship. Do you ever simply worship God for the beauty of His holiness? Does the sheer awesomeness of His holiness ever cause you to break forth into singing, "Holy, holy, holy"? The holiness of God causes man to worship, and that holiness reproduced in man gives man the freedom to worship as well.

Have you ever noticed how difficult it is to worship God when impurity has found its way into your life? You see, worship and holiness go together. That's the first result of holiness: worship.

The other result of God's holiness is holiness itself. His purity, when allowed to, will reproduce purity in us. Here is the key verse:

But as He which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all you do; because it is written, Be ye holy, for I AM (is) holy.

(I Peter 1:15,16)

The ultimate objective of the holiness of God, then, is to reproduce itself in His children. We are to be living demonstrations of the character of a holy God. And that is, of course, why we are looking at the holiness of God as a basis for a study on adultery.

Isn't it time we came to see the gravity of our sins against the backdrop of the character of God? It is not simply that we are

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to obey to win favor from God or to escape the wrath of God. It is not simply that we are to grow to gain spiritual recognition or even to develop a ministry. We are to obey, and we are to grow because He is. And because He is in us, every time we fail to respond to His character in us, we break His heart, we grieve His Spirit, and we defile His Name. And if we are lacking the motivation to be faithful, what greater motivation to be faithful can there be than to please His heart? What greater motivation is there to be faithful than not to grieve His Spirit? So we must know the character of God. Then, we must recognize it as He seeks to display it in our lives, and never, no never, to interfere with His revelation of Himself in us.

If the attribute of attributes that God possesses is His Holiness, we must let nothing come into our lives to defile it. I believe Scripture teaches that moral impurity, adultery, fornication, homosexuality, and all other forms of behavior that deviate from the portrait of His purity destroy His image of Holiness beyond recognition and destroy the testimony of the church beyond repair.

So, we have looked at the beauty of His holiness; now let's look at the image of His holiness. Let's look at the autographed portrait of the holiness of God that He has etched in human life. If Satan wants to destroy a society, a nation, a family a church, a leader, or a life, all he has to do is declare war on the image of God by undermining the holiness of God, by cheapening or misusing sex.

Sex, in the will of God, exalts the plan of God. But sex outside of the will of God mars the image of God and makes the child of God miss the best of God. God's standard (His absolute lowest acceptable form of behavior) is absolute holiness in harmony with Scripture. It excludes premarital sex and therefore condemns all forms of behavior that tempt God or lead us to a greater potential for compromise. It excludes extramarital sex totally without exception. And it clearly excludes homosexuality and all other forms of deviate behavior. It labels them as sin, guarantees grave consequences for violations, and above all, clearly reveals all such behavior to be not only a sin against the nature of a Holy God, but also a sin against the portrait of His holiness known as marriage.

Teach this truth to your children. God desired to create

tangible, physical evidence of His holiness and of His relationship with man, so He created marriage. Out of man He created woman that the two by their relationship could physically demonstrate and experience the unity and the intimacy man could experience spiritually with his God. He married Israel spiritually to crystallize this truth. He called out a Bride for His Son and called her “the Church” to amplify this truth. The marriage relationship was designed by God as a four-dimensional photograph of His relationship with His called ones, His Bride. Sex in the marriage relationship was both to demonstrate union and result in reproduction, just as man’s spiritual union with God was to result in the uniting of His spirit with God’s Spirit and the result was to be spiritual reproduction—the seed of the Word in the womb of the heart, creating new life.

But you see, any form of union outside the marriage relationship demonstrates the union of man with satanic spirits. The result is confusion, degradation, breach of fellowship, and reproduction of qualities that defy the holiness of God. So sex outside of marriage breaks God’s heart, wrecks God’s homes, and literally explodes the portrait God is trying to paint for the world. Marriage is God’s picture book of holiness. Sex is the theme within that book which portrays the beauty of union with God. Look at what happens to the picture when we violate the principles. It ought to break our hearts the way it breaks the heart of a holy God.

What Satan has done is to try to destroy the image of God’s holiness by creating an atmosphere of acceptability around behavior, which deviates from God’s standards. When he does this successfully, the image has been blurred.

If society as a whole, or men and women in particular, buy his lies, no longer does the drama of marriage reenact faithfully the story of salvation. So when we buy the physical lie, we lose the spiritual truth. Here are Satan’s four great ploys designed to devastate the image of God’s holiness.

Ploy 1 - is to make premarital sex acceptable: to glorify union without commitment, pleasure without responsibility. (And what great success he has had in these last days.) That is what he’s pretending to do, but ours is a spiritual battle. What’s his spiritual goal?

Satan’s spiritual goal is to destroy God’s portrait of conversion

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as essential to salvation. He is saying that you don't have to make a decision or a commitment to find union with God's Spirit. Union without commitment: it says you don't have to say "I do" to Jesus Christ. God is just available.

God's truth is

Except a man be born again He cannot see the kingdom of God. (John 3:3)

Jesus said,

I AM (is) the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by Me. (John 14:6)

Fornication blurs the image of conversion. So God's command is

Now the body is not for fornication but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body.

Flee fornication. Every sin that a man doeth is without the body, but he that committeth fornication sinneth against his own body. (I Corinthians 6:13,18)

Ploy 2- is to make adultery acceptable, to find fulfillment in and out of marriage (limited commitment, you see.) But Satan's spiritual goal is to imply that God alone cannot satisfy man spiritually—the lie that we can be "committed" to God and still find pleasure in fellowship with Satan.

But God's truth is:

There is none other name given among men whereby we may be saved. (Acts 4:12)

Thou shalt have no other gods before Me. (Exodus 20:3)

No man can serve two masters. He will hate the one and love the other. You cannot serve God and Satan.

(Matthew 6:24)

So God's command is:

Thou shalt not commit adultery.

(Exodus 20:14; Deuteronomy 5:18; Matthew 5:27; Matthew 19:18; Romans 13:9; etc.)

Is it because adultery is a sin against your partner? Yes. But also because it is a sin against the holiness of God, and it destroys the spiritual image for which marriage was created.

Ploy 3- is to make divorce an option. If you believe that you can only find fulfillment through commitment, then Satan tells

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us to deny the permanence of that commitment. (“Just change partners,” he says. “It was never meant to last.”) *But his spiritual goal, his real objective, is to imply that our salvation is not secure (eternal).* Do you see the picture? If marriage typifies conversion, then the marriage relationship typifies salvation, and divorce says it may not last.

But God’s truth is:

My Father is greater than all and no man can take them out of My Father’s hands. (John 10:29)

I will never leave you nor forsake you. (Hebrews 13:5)

What shall separate us from the love of God?...

(He) lists every possibility and then adds,

Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him that loved us.

For I am persuaded that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come,

Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord. (Romans 8:37-39)

So God’s command was, from the beginning it was not so. Moses, because of the hardness of your hearts, let you put away your wives. What God hath joined together, let no man put asunder. (See Matthew 19:4-8.)

Ploy 4- is to make homosexuality acceptable as an “alternate” lifestyle. He wants to make it legal, then make it acceptable, then even desirable. But that’s not his real goal; it’s a smokescreen. *Satan’s real goal is to imply that man can find spiritual fulfillment without God at all.* If the male-female relationship in marriage typifies man’s spiritual union with God, then male-male or female-female relationships typify spiritual union without God; spiritual satisfaction from Satan.

But God’s truth says,

I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in Me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit (reproduces himself): for without (apart from) Me, ye can do nothing. (John 15:5)

There is no union spiritually except in Christ. There is no portrait physically except in a marriage done God’s way. God will

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not have His image destroyed. So God's command is:

Thou shalt not lie with mankind as with womankind: it is an abomination. (Leviticus 18:22)

Homosexuality is absolutely forbidden for it is an enormous sin. (Leviticus 18:22 TLB)

The penalty for homosexual acts is death. (Leviticus 20:13 TLB)

Satan's ploys are crushing society in themselves, but what he is really saying spiritually is devastating, and much of the Christian community seems blinded to it.

Here is a chart to remind you and your children of Satan's lies and the corresponding spiritual principle he is seeking to destroy:

SATAN'S PLOY	SATAN'S GOAL	GOD'S TRUTH
1- Make pre-marital sex acceptable	To destroy God's portrait of conversion as essential to salvation	John 3:3; John 14:6; I Corinthians 6:13, 18
2- Make adultery acceptable	To imply that God alone cannot satisfy man spiritually	Acts 4:12; Exodus 20:3; 20:14; Matthew 6:24
3- Make divorce acceptable	To deny the security of the believer	John 10:29; Hebrews 13:5; Romans 8:35-39
4- Make homosexuality acceptable	To imply man can be fulfilled spiritually by other spirits	John 15:5; Leviticus 18:22; 20:13

These are the only sins we will discuss in this regard. But it takes only a logical continuing of the principle to see how all other forms of deviate behavior destroy spiritual images as well.

In the next lesson we will look from the book of Proverbs at the cause and effect of these sins of immorality. But for now I simply wanted us to take a slightly different look at the issue of adultery and other moral violations. I wanted us to see once and for all that though the physical and emotional consequences of these sins are horrendous, perhaps their greatest price tag is spiritual, because adultery, fornication, divorce and homosexuality mar the

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image of God by defiling His holiness as they destroy the portrait of His relationship with man. They imply subtly that conversion is not essential, that man can find spiritual fulfillment outside of Christ, that man can find spiritual fulfillment without Christ, and that man's salvation is not secure. The sins themselves are grievous, but when you attach the spiritual significance, you see why they absolutely break the heart of God.

So how can we look into the face of a holy God and so abuse His holiness, grieving His heart, crucifying our Lord afresh by making Calvary's picture blurred or marred? We cannot, we must not. We must listen instead to the voice of a holy God who quietly commands us once again, 'Be ye holy, for I AM is holy.' And I AM in us can be no less.

"I AM" IS HOLY

"I AM" is holy, Christian.
We serve a holy God.
His life o'er flows with holiness;
We stand on holy sod.

"I AM" is holy, Christian.
Holiness comes from Him.
Thus people cannot holy be
Lest they've been born again.

"I AM" is holy, Christian.
His beauty awes life's powers
And real, untainted beauty comes
When His life shines through ours.

"I AM" is holy, Christian.
We serve the Holy One.
His essence is, He hates all sin;
He hates what sin has done.

"I AM" is holy, Christian.
Oh, that this truth were known
That all mankind in awe would fall
And worship at His throne.

"I AM" is holy, Christian.
May this truth transform you,
For since "I AM" is holy
We must be holy, too!

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For Further Study

1- Explain in your own words the balance between automatic behavior and “do-it-yourself” Christianity. Imagine a situation in which moral obedience is crucial and you have failed in the past. How would you go about appropriating God’s power while choosing to obey?

2- Why do you think God cannot look upon sin? How did the crucifixion bear this out?

3- Why is salvation necessary to holiness? Can an unbeliever live a holy life? How do you know?

4- Set aside an hour a week to do nothing but worship God for His holiness. Using a concordance, look up all the verses you can and choose a memory verse on this attribute of God’s nature. Spend time this week singing (at least in your heart) the hymn “Holy, Holy, Holy” and imagine yourself gathered around God’s throne with the angelic host.

5- What spiritual symbolism is violated by:

premarital sex: _____

adultery: _____

divorce: _____

homosexuality: _____

Ask and accept God’s forgiveness for every violation of these types of immorality in your life. See them as God does. Then worship Him for His mercy. Praise Him, that, by God’s grace, you need never violate these commandments again.

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