

PureMen

PureMen Bible Study – Session 5 – 12/18/09

Something To Thank the Lord For?

Recite Memory Verse (Romans 6:6) & Offer Reward for those successfully reciting it.

Review Study Questions from Chapter Four – *The Need to Live in the Light*

Isaiah 6:1-7

¹In the year that king Uzziah died I saw also the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up, and his train filled the temple. ²Above it stood the seraphims: each one had six wings; with twain he covered his face, and with twain he covered his feet, and with twain he did fly. ³And one cried unto another, and said, Holy, holy, holy, *is* the LORD of hosts: the whole earth *is* full of his glory. ⁴And the posts of the door moved at the voice of him that cried, and the house was filled with smoke.

⁵Then said I, Woe *is* me! for I am undone; because I *am* a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips: for mine eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts. ⁶Then flew one of the seraphims unto me, having a live coal in his hand, *which* he had taken with the tongs from off the altar: ⁷And he laid *it* upon my mouth, and said, Lo, this hath touched thy lips; and thine iniquity is taken away, and thy sin purged.

LESSON TITLE: COME TO THE LIGHT!

In this wonderful passage, we get a glimpse of the holiness of God!

- How do you view God? How would you describe Him (to someone who is totally unfamiliar with God)? What words would you use? How would you describe His character? It is very important how we view God!
- Do you really fear Him? (Awe, Respect, Reverence, Utter Amazement at Who He Is and all that He has done).
- Do you really feel that God loves you?
- In your private moments, deep within your heart of hearts, do you really believe that God loves you? Do you really enjoy God's sense of unconditional love for you and acceptance as His child?

“...the number one problem facing Christianity in general and Christians in particular is a weak and lowly view of God.”
- Jim Binney

“...the majority of believers...feel confused about who God really is. They seem to know all about God in their minds, but they are frequently unable to feel His presence in their heart.”

- Larry Stephens

- Do you feel God’s presence in your heart? Do you have that personal relationship with Him where He is like a friend that you are constantly communing with.

“Without a doubt, the indisputable record of history and the Scriptures is that the greatest need facing us today is to obtain a higher, more accurate, and more biblical view of God...The first reason we need a new vision of God is that unless and until we see Him as He is, we will never see ourselves the way we really are..”

“It is imperative to see God as the Bible portrays Him. Why is truth so important? Because only then can we see ourselves as we really are. And why is that so important? Because until we see ourselves as sinful, we will see no need of being cleansed. And like Isaiah, we will not be used of God until we are cleansed.”

- Jim Binney

- ILLUS: Fisherman / Throw him back v. “I think I’ll keep this one.”



I. The seraphims

- a. *“With twain he covered his face”* – This is doubtless denotes the reverence and awe inspired by the immediate presence of God.
- b. *“With twain he covered his feet”* – Also an expression of reverence. The seraphims stood covered, as if trying to conceal as much of themselves as possible, in token of their nothingness and unworthiness in the presence of the Holy One.
- c. *“With twain he did fly”* – Quick to execute and obey the commands of God.
- d. V. 3 *“Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord of hosts...”*

We need to get a fresh view of the HOLYNESS of God!

II. Isaiah

a. Isaiah got a vision of the holiness of God! And it gave him a consciousness of his own sinfulness!

- i. “*Woe is me! for I am undone...*” - In other words, I am filled with overwhelming convictions of my own unworthiness!
- ii. “*I am a man of unclean lips*” – Isaiah acknowledges that he was a sinner, and especially that he was unworthy to be in the presence of Almighty Jehovah and to deliver a message in his name.

b. A great truth is illustrated here! **The closer you get to the Light, the more it reveals.**

i. ILLUS: Gray, dark days of winter in Cleveland. When the sun returns in the spring, it reveals the volume and magnitude of dust & dirt that was there the whole time that couldn't be seen.

- ii. When Isaiah found himself in the Light, all he saw was unrighteousness and uncleanness.
- iii. If you've never had those bells and whistles go off in your head – step closer to the Light!

1. Just maybe you're not as close to the Lord as you thought you were!
2. Much of the so-called Christian world today tries to exist too close to the world – and not close enough to Jesus. Men, the Bible tells us to get as far away from the world and its evil influences as possible. To move closer to Jesus. And the closer we get to Him, the more we see of our own filth, unrighteousness - - SIN!
3. As Gallagher stated, “the intense, brilliant light of God exposes what is in a person's heart.”

iv. John 1: 6-9

v. John 3:19-21 “*And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. For every one that doeth evil hateth the light, neither cometh to the light, lest his deeds should be reproved. But he that doeth truth cometh to the light, that his deeds may be made manifest, that they are wrought in God.*”

vi. Anyone who is bound up in the throws of sin **MUST COME INTO THE LIGHT**. Only in Jesus Christ can he find cleansing. Only in Jesus Christ can he find forgiveness. Only in Jesus Christ can he walk in victory!



- vii. *“Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin.” Rom 6:6*



Discussion on Discipleship / Accountability

Read quote on p. 74 “Honesty begins with examining one’s own heart...”

Later, Gallagher quotes a man who had been convicted of attempted rape when he said, *“If you don’t want to get rid of the problem, confess it only to God. If you want to get rid of the problem, confess it to another person. And if you really want to get rid of the problem, keep yourself accountable.”*

Can this be supported biblically?

- James 5:16 *“Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.”*
- Proverbs 28:13 *“He that covereth his sins shall not prosper: but whoso confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy.”*

Good Resource: http://www.gospeltruth.net/1840OE/401104_fault_confession.htm

There is a great need for **true discipleship!** An immature Christian being taught one on one by a mature believer who can bring godly instruction in his life.

- Where truth is imparted.
- Where sin is dealt with head on.
- Where the mentor can challenge the one he is discipling about his spiritual walk and growth.
- About how he is applying the truth of the messages he has heard at church and so on.

There are most likely some in this room who need such a mentor. Someone who they can open up to about where they are spiritually. Someone who will help them be accountable. I want to encourage anyone here who desires such a relationship to see me afterwards, send me an email, give me a call, etc. Pastor Jenkins and I will help orchestrate this in your life. ETC.

Any testimonies of how this PureMen Study has made an impact on your life?

Close in PRAYER!