

HEALING THE PAST GOD'S WAY
CHAPTER 7 TEACHING NOTES
GOD IS JUST; GOD IS HOLY

MEMORY VERSE:

As obedient children, do not be conformed to the former lusts
which were yours in your ignorance,
but like the Holy One who called you,
be holy yourselves also in all your behavior, because it is written,
"YOU SHALL BE HOLY, FOR I AM HOLY."
1 Peter 1:15-16

In this lesson, two things need to happen. First, it is vital to establish the absolute standards of our God – He is holy and He is just – those standards come from within Him and are not imposed from any outside source. Therefore, God's standards of justice and holiness are immutable (unchanging). Second, let them see the connection between God's justice and their protection, God's holiness and their hope of change.

GOD IS JUST:

The point of the LAW is to condemn: Romans 3:9 -20

The power of the Cross is to save: Hebrews 9:11 – 28

The promise of God's justice is to define and to defend: Romans 12

THE DIMENSIONS OF GOD'S JUSTICE: IT IS NOT ONE-DIMENSIONAL (that is only a standard); **IT IS MULTI-DIMENSIONAL – OUR STANDARD, OUR DEFENSE, OUR COMFORT, ETC.**

GOD'S STANDARD – Romans 3:9 – 20

OUR REFUGE – Revelation 20:11 – 21:8

OUR COMFORT – Psalm 34 & 37

MERCIFUL – Luke 23:39 – 43

GRACE – Romans 5 & 6

PERFECT – Psalm 19

RESTORATIVE – 2 Corinthians 4 and 5

PROTECTION - Exodus 14, 2 Chronicles 20

FAITHFUL – Romans 12

GOD IS HOLY

From *Our Daily Bread* by Haddon Robinson (7.17.2005): God is highly dangerous. We are sinful and He is holy. Sin can no more exist in the presence of God than darkness can exist in the presence of light. To stand before Him in self-righteousness would be to invite our destruction.

the manifest presence of God: the Shekinah (glory of God) Exodus 33 & 34

a complete separation from sin / evil: Isaiah 6:1 -5

I suppose the hardest thing about God to comprehend intellectually is His infinitude. But you can talk about the infinitude of God and not feel yourself a worm. But when you talk about the holiness of God, you have not only the problem of an intellectual grasp, but also a sense of personal vileness, which is almost too much to bear. The reason for this is that we are fallen beings – spiritually, morally, mentally and physically. We are fallen in all the ways that man can fall. Each one of us is born into a tainted world, and we learn impurity from our cradles. We nurse it in with our mother’s milk; we breathe it in the very air. Our education deepens it and our experience confirms it – evil impurities everywhere. Everything is dirty; even our whitest white is dingy gray. A.W. Tozer, *The Attributes of God*

Apart from the saving work of Jesus Christ on the cross, we are undone by the holiness of God (all of our righteousness is as filthy rags” Isaiah 64:6)

Comparing God’s holiness to our sinfulness: the mockery of self-justification

God’s goodness, as we will study, along with His love, His grace and His mercy tempt an individual to believe that they stand a chance at the throne of God as long as their goodness outweighs their badness. God’s holiness, however, completely destroys that thought process. God’s holiness is the whitest white, the brightest bright, the absolute essence of purity and might. When we grasp, as Isaiah did, a vision of the edge of the fringe of the train of His robe, we will finally understand our desperate and frantic need of Someone to stand in front of us when that day comes. God’s holiness doesn’t just prove to us that we need a Savior, it forces us to our knees in gratitude and thanksgiving that we don’t have to face the majesty of that glory in our own strength and purity.

Carol Jenkins, *Healing the Past God’s Way*

WE ARE CALLED TO BE HOLY: *to be set apart*

1 Peter 1:13 - 25