

Hungry For Holiness

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Genesis 2:7

The breath of God entered into the created man.

Love is unconditional. It is not *fair*; it is not based on conditions of goodness or perceived worthiness.

The holiness of God - *holiness* means to be:

Pure
Set apart
Sanctified

How do we respond to the holiness of God?

Isaiah 6:1-7 (Isaiah's Commission)

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord seated on a throne, high and exalted, and the train of his robe filled the temple.

Above him were seraphs, each with six wings: With two wings they covered their faces, with two they covered their feet, and with two they were flying.

And they were calling to one another:

*"Holy, holy, holy is the LORD Almighty;
the whole earth is full of his glory."*

At the sound of their voices the doorposts and thresholds shook and the temple was filled with smoke.

"Woe to me!" I cried. "I am ruined! For I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have seen the King, the LORD Almighty."

Then one of the seraphs flew to me with a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with tongs from the altar.

With it he touched my mouth and said, "See, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away and your sin atoned for."

When Isaiah saw the Lord he was beside himself and totally surrendered to the Lord.

The holiness of God is completely satisfying. We are to pursue his holiness.

Holy, sanctified, and sanctuary are all from the same root word which means *set apart*. We came into the sanctuary to be set apart for Him.

Because of the purifying fire of God, we can draw close to Him. We are set apart with the breath of God, which is His spirit.

2 Chronicles 5:11

The priests then withdrew from the Holy Place. All the priests who were there had consecrated themselves, regardless of their divisions.

Mark 9:1-8

(Jesus is transfigured on the mountain, in front of his disciples)

And he said to them, "I tell you the truth, some who are standing here will not taste death before they see the kingdom of God come with power."

The Transfiguration

After six days Jesus took Peter, James and John with him and led them up a high mountain, where they were all alone. There he was transfigured before them.

His clothes became dazzling white, whiter than anyone in the world could bleach them.

And there appeared before them Elijah and Moses, who were talking with Jesus.

Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here. Let us put up three shelters—one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah." (He did not know what to say, they were so frightened.)

Then a cloud appeared and enveloped them, and a voice came from the cloud: "This is my Son, whom I love. Listen to him!"

Suddenly, when they looked around, they no longer saw anyone with them except Jesus.

The word "transfigured" is actually the word "metamorphosis."

Elijah represents the prophets.

Moses represents the law.

Romans 12:1-2

Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God—this is your spiritual act of worship.

Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

Transformed here is the same Greek word that is used for the word *transfigured*. Better than 2/3 of the time that the word "holy" is used in the New Testament, it is used for the Holy Ghost. The holiness of God in you is to transform who you are.

Holy = set apart

Ghost = (pneuma) breath of God

Hebrews 2:10-11

In bringing many sons to glory, it was fitting that God, for whom and through whom everything exists, should make the author of their salvation perfect through suffering.

Both the one who makes men holy and those who are made holy are of the same family. So Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers.

For He that's Holy, and those that have been made holy (we His children) are one-in unity.

Hebrews 2:12

He says, "I will declare your name to my brothers; in the presence of the congregation I will sing your praises."

Jesus is going to declare God's name to the brethren in the church – in this set apart place. A set apart God, with a set apart people- together as we sing God's praise.