

# WHEN GOD'S HOLINESS TOUCHES MAN



**(Daniel 10:5-9; Exodus 33; Revelation 1: 17a)**

While Adam remained in covenant with God, he remained in fellowship with Him. But when he broke it, he became spiritually and physically separated from God and His holiness. He lost the light from God which clothed him. Once that was gone, he entered into darkness and did not want his darkness to be exposed, so he hid it from God and the light from His holiness when he heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden, in the cool of the day. Imagine this perfect and beautiful relationship between God and man; a harmonious relationship linked by purity. Nature partook of this moment, smiled and danced before them in

worship to the Creator. Man's heart close to God's enjoyed peace, calmness and freedom from all the spirits that torment him today. Fear, anxiety, and worries did not exist in their mind and heart; for they only breathed God's peace. Adam was one in mind with God. In his innocence, Adam saw and understood things in the purity of his innocence, and that was the state of his mind. God's holiness was part of his mental and spiritual life; everything was beautiful and he was beautiful inside and out. But it did not take long after he sinned to fall short from the glory and holiness of God. Hiding was the sign he gave God that he had broken the covenant with Him. He was no longer subject to God's rules. Satan had taken over his mind and body. Adam then became an enemy of God, siding with Satan. What a sad day for our fathers! The brightness of God's presence disappeared from their faces; fear was the first spirit to enter them when they hid from God. It became men's master guide and controller and no longer could they face the holiness of God without falling to the ground. The holiness of our God is a serious attribute. He would never have saved men if only He depended on His holiness. But thanks to Him, His heart is big and full of compassion for men through love which conquers all.

Men, in his sinful state, have been hiding from God since then. Darkness keeps them hidden in their sin, avoiding the Light, not to have to face their own conscience. Light exposes the work of darkness- men's place of comfort. YHASHUA said, Men have loved the darkness more than the Light; Cain, the first murderer, when he killed his brother, Abel, he hid his sinful act by burying his brother. Even when approached by God, he refused to repent. The density of his darkness did not allow him to humble himself before the holiness of God and he suffered the consequences for it. Like Cain, we all have fallen into darkness and we were separated from the holiness of our God and His glory. Paul said, The wage of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life (Rom. 6:23). God's Son became a curse and carried our sins and darkness when He paid the price for our redemption in full. He partook of His holiness through the work of His Holy Spirit when we accepted Him. Entering His presence, we do it in confidence of our heritage as His children although, His holiness is not yet complete in us while we are still in this corrupted body, for the flesh will never be redeemed. Indeed, it will not! The Apostle John, although had seen the Lord, and walked with Him for three years, could not stand before His holiness when He appeared to him clothed in His holiness and power. John did not recognize Him and fear took over him, and he fell at His feet as if dead, until YAHSUA touched him saying, do not be afraid! I

am the First, and the Last. And the Ever-living One; I died, but see, I am alive forever; and I possess the keys of death and Hades (Rev. 1:17-18). No matter how morally clean one claims to be, we are still marked with sin. Sin and holiness don't mix. Isaiah has defined men's self-righteousness as filthy rags. Job asked, Who can bring a clean thing out of an unclean? And he answered, no one! (Job 14:4). Men cannot escape God and His holiness. One way or another, he will have to face Him. Impure as men are they have nothing to offer but impurity of heart and mind, no matter how good they look in the outside, and how many good deeds he performs. As YAHSHUA said, they are but white tombs. All that men are translates into "filthy rags" without the righteousness of God being imputed to him. Paul, on his way to Damascus, saw the holiness of God through a Light Who was YAHSHUA. He went blind for several days, until Paul received the righteous of God into his heart. He then became a redeemed man. Now he could look at the Light without getting affected by Him.

The time YAHSHUA torn the temple's veil, He had conquered men for God. He-God was personally present in YAHSHUA conciliating and restoring the world to favor with Himself, not counting up and holding their trespasses, and committing to us the message of reconciliation (II Cor. 5:20b). It is through YAHSHUA that we became the righteousness of God; there is no other way to enter into His Holy of Holies and be accepted into His presence. Daniel, Isaiah, Job and the disciples of YAHSHUA all had witnessed the holiness of God. Even though, they were not considered wicked, they still experienced the impact of His holiness. Peter the first time that he saw YAHSHUA'S for Whom He was he could not face Him and asked YAHSHUA to depart from him, for he was a sinful man. To hear about God and physically witness His holiness, are two different things. In Job's experience, he said, I had heard of You by the hearing of the ear, but now my eye sees You, therefore I loathe and abhor myself and repent in dust and ashes (Job 42:5-6). In seeing the holiness of God, Job's life was not the same, as it was not the same for the Prophet Isaiah, and for those whose hearts are leaning toward God's. There is a connection that unites the two hearts: humbleness and forgiveness.

God's holiness expressed itself in a tremendous power involving even nature, when He came to Mount Sinai to meet with the people Israel. Israel has been a nation that has from the beginning rebelled against her Maker. Even after their experience hearing God's voice and witnessing all the manifestations from nature, and trembling with fear falling back and standing afar asking Moses to speak to

them, lest they die; (Exo. 20:18-21) their hearts still did not change toward their God; instead, in the first opportunity that they had, they made an image out of their gold and silver to worship it and gave it the credit for having rescued them out of Egypt. Obviously, the experience of seeing the expression of the holiness of God did not perpetuate their hearts and minds and to this day, Israel is a nation of idolatrous practices, from which other pagan religions have sprouted. The normal for Israel should have been that when they had seen the holiness of God, that they would have had a change of heart throughout their existence. Life would have been different for them and they would have experienced all the blessings promised to them. They would have been what God intended for them to be: “a royal race and priests to their God.” But they are far from being so. There is no Light for that nation for now as a whole as they continue to reject the Light that came to give them light and life. The nation was privileged to be the vehicle which the Son of God came to the world; although they witnessed all the miracles performed by Him, they claimed Him to do all under the influence of Satan; this was the ultimate rejection and their own eternal condemnation. It is a terrible mistake for men to rebel against the holiness of God, and for them to continue in his unholy and sinful estate.

The Lord of hosts- regard Him as holy and honor His holy name, and let Him be your fear and let Him be your dread and He shall be a sanctuary [a sacred and indestructible asylum to those who reverently fear and trust in Him] (Isaiah 8: 14a). God’s holiness is a consuming fire. Don’t be found under it. There is a place at the feet at the cross where you can find an entrance to God’s Holy of Holies and receive His forgiveness, and receive freedom from the control of Satan. He confirmed it when He said, IT IS FINISHED!