

The Holiness Of Jesus

- I. 1 Peter 1:15-16 - *“But like the Holy One who called you, be holy yourselves also in all your behavior; 16 because it is written, “You shall be holy, for I am holy.”* NAS

A. What do we mean by “Holiness.”

1. Noah Webster’s 1828 Dictionary gives two definitions of “Holiness.”
 - a. **Whole, pure, perfect, without flaw or blemish.**
 - b. Hallowed; consecrated, that which is separated to a particular service or purpose.
2. **In the New Testament there are two Greek words translated Holiness.**
 - a. *“Hagios”* - fundamentally signifies "separated" and consecrated to God.
 - b. *“Hagiosune”* denotes the manifestation of the quality of "holiness" in personal conduct.
3. Therefore, “holiness” can be seen in how one behaves and in what one does.
 - a. **Holiness is demonstrated not only by not doing the things we shouldn’t, but also by doing the things that we should.**
 - b. Holiness is seen in both sinlessness and in service.

B. We can see the Holiness of Jesus in His discipline where sin was concerned and His duty where the service of God was concerned.

"For we have no super-human High Priest to whom our weaknesses are unintelligible for He himself has shared fully in all our experience, except that he never sinned." Heb 4:15

1. **He Himself - not an angel, not an ambassador, or emissary.**
2. **Shared fully - not nearly, not to a large degree, fully.**
3. **In all of your experience - every hurt, every failure, every disappointment, every ache, all the stresses and all the strains.**
4. **Except He never sinned - He never missed the mark**
 - a. **Sin has more to do with not doing the things that you should than it does with doing the things that you shouldn’t.**
 - James 4:17 - *“anyone, then, who knows the good he ought to do and doesn't do it, sins.”*

- You can focus in on the things that cause you to miss the mark, that you never actually shoot at the mark.
- b. Repentance is not only turning away from one thing but it is also a turning towards another.

He didn't use what He felt: - as an excuse to miss the mark.
 - as a reason to retreat.
 - as a license to laziness.
 - as a invitation to idleness

- c. It didn't drive Him to do something wrong but neither did it keep Him from doing the things that were right.

B. Did Jesus ever have a day that he wanted to escape from? And if He did was He able to kick into God mode or was the Father selective on what he allowed his son to go through.

- Philippians 2:7 - *"He stripped himself of His Glory and became a human with a heart to serve."*

1. **He knows what it is like to have His whole world turn upside down in one day. Jesus knows what it is to go from calm to chaos from peace to perplexity**
2. Matthew 13 & 14 tells of one such day in the life of our Lord. One that was full of ups and downs.
 - a. **13:54-58 - He experienced internal rejection and ignorant unbelief.**
 - b. 14:1-12 - He experienced intense sorrow and an immediate threat.
 - c. **14:13 - He experienced immense crowds and insensitive interruptions.**
 - d. As a result he wanted to get away, retreat, miss the mark.

II. What Jesus seeks and what Jesus gets are not always the same.

He understood that sometimes His agenda would be in direct conflict with God's agenda. How was Jesus able to let go of His agenda and embrace Gods?

Matthew 14:14 - tells us three things that He had to change in order for God's will to be carried out.

A. He Had A Change Of Perspective - *"He saw a great multitude"* From His welfare to God's Glory.

1. **Jesus had experienced rejection, threats, and intense grief. Nobody would blame Him for wanting to get away with some friends.**

- a. This is a time for both God and the people to be understanding and not demanding.
- b. There is no indication that any of the multitude asked Jesus how He was doing or are they concerned with how He is feeling.**
- c. No one has come to give - all have come to take.
- d. But with hands extending and voices demanding - Jesus responds with love.**

B. He Had A Change Of Priorities - "He felt compassion for them" From His Needs to their Needs.

1. Jesus was experiencing some personal problems, the last thing He wanted was to get involved in other people's problems.
- 2. And yet that was the very thing that He needed.**
 - a. He didn't need to focus on His problems, He didn't need to view life from what He felt.
 - b. The best medicine for our problems is to get involved in someone else's.**
 - c. He was able to over come what He felt by focusing in on what they felt.
 - **He felt the limp of the crippled**
 - He felt the hurt of the diseased
 - **He felt the loneliness of the leper**
 - He felt the embarrassment of the sinful
- 3. Once He felt their hurts, He couldn't help but heal their hurts.**
4. Once He was touched by their needs He forgot His own.

C. He Had A Change Of Perception - "He healed their sick"

From demanding to needy, from selfish to sickly, from hurtful to hurting.

Being needy will make you demanding, being sickly will make you selfish, experiencing pain will cause you to want to inflict pain

1. Matthew says that Jesus healed their sick, not some of their sick, or the righteous of the sick, or the deserving of the sick, but all of them.
 - **would Jesus heal someone that wasn't worthy of good health?**

- would some use their new-found health to hurt others?
- **would Jesus release tongues that would someday curse?**
- would Jesus give sight to eyes that would lust?
- **would Jesus heal hands that would someday kill?**
- would Jesus give gifts to people who may use them for evil?

2. The answer to all of these questions is YES!

3. The reason being is that His goodness is spurred by His nature and not our worthiness.
 - a. Our evil cannot diminish His love nor can our goodness increase it.
 - b. **Each time Jesus healed or blessed He had to overlook both the past and the future.**
 - c. Something that He still does and requires us to do.

D. Because Jesus was able to make a change of perspective, a change of priorities, and a change of perception a channel of power was opened to Him.

1. This channel of power was able to accomplish three things.
 - a. **Matthew 14:14 - All were healed.**
 - b. Mark 6:34 - All were taught.
 - c. **Matthew 14:15-21 - All were fed.**
2. We too can have a channel of power opened to us if when we are feeling bad allow God to change our perspective, our priorities, and our perceptions.

E. The Lord's power stems from His Holiness.

- Psalm 98:1 - *“Sing to the LORD a new song, For He has done wonderful things, His right hand and His holy arm have gained the victory for Him.”*
- **Isaiah 52:10 - *“The LORD has bared His holy arm in the sight of all the nations.”***
- 1 Chronicles 29:12 - *“Both riches and honor come from Thee, and Thou dost rule over all, and in Thy hand is power and might; and it lies in Thy hand to make great, and to strengthen everyone.”*