

## **Holiness Study #2**

How Does Jesus Embody the Same Holiness of God In the New Testament?

**Holiness:** A condition of purity or freedom from sin or of being set apart to special service.

**God's Holiness:** God's separateness from all else and particularly from all evil.

### **Matthew 22:34-40**

**OT: Exodus 20** (God is holy and as such, will not tolerate unholiness. The law defined how God's holiness would be manifested in the lives of God's people.)

**Question:** What parallels can you draw from these 2 greatest commandments with the commandments of the OT/10 commandments? How is love and holiness connected? Is the intention of these commands just "action"?

### **Luke 5:12-32**

**OT: Exodus 32** (The Israelites returned to their Egyptian idols even though God called them to be separate from the idols of the past. Because His holiness is absolute, He will not allow others to violate it without penalty.)

**Question:** How do we act towards people who we deem are sinful? What is the example Jesus has set for us? Why do we want to act in such ways and how does it tie back to God's holiness?

### **Hebrews 10:1-10**

**OT: 1 Samuel 15** (It shows the importance of obedience and the holiness of God. There is no compromise to God's holiness, but we compromise our faith and morality because we think we have to help God out. Partial disobedience is still sin.)

**Question:** How does this passage testify to the holiness of Jesus? How have we been made holy? Why it is important to distinguish between our position in Christ and our practice with regards to God's forgiveness?

### **Hebrews 4:14-16**

**OT: 2 Samuel 6:1-11** (We take the holiness of God too casually or lightly. We have lost the awe of His holiness and forgotten His instructions.)

**Question:** What is the proper balance between fearing the holiness of God and being accepted by Him through Christ? Why?

### **Luke 7:36-50**

**OT: Isaiah 6** (We are just filth compared to God's holiness. In His presence, we feel like we will perish. We need to understand the depth of sin and the chasm that exists between our sin and God's holiness.)

**Question:** Is your relationship with Jesus more like the Pharisee or like the sinful woman? Agree or disagree: the more we mature in our faith, the more we will see our own sinfulness and the need for grace.