



11 APR 2021 | GOD IS HOLY! | ISAIAH 6:1-7

Series: I AM | Speaker: Pastor Lionel Goh



You may want to look up the following websites for icebreakers suitable for your cell.

<u>Ice Breakers 1</u> Ice Breakers 2



You may select songs like

- 1. You Are Holy
- 2. Be Unto Your Name



SPIRITUAL OBJECTIVES

At the end of the sermon discussion, cell members will:

- 1. Understand that holiness is the crown attribute of God's moral perfection.
- 2. Be motivated to choose the pathway of God's holiness for our lives.
- 3. Commit to practical ways to holiness as individuals and as a cell.

SERMON SUMMARY

God is holy. Holiness is the crown attribute of His moral perfection. Jesus is holy and did not sin even when He lived in a sin-filled world. Jesus went against the spiritual principle of defilement whereby the unclean defiles the clean. Instead, Jesus cleansed every defiled person who touched Him and whom He touched. God calls us to be holy, but we cannot do this by our own efforts. How then do we live holy lives? By consecrating ourselves at the Altar, letting the Holy Spirit guides us, obeying God's Word and confessing our sins. We need to allow Jesus to cleanse and sanctify us.

SERMON RECAP

- **1.** The Holiness of God (<u>Isaiah 6:1-7</u>). God is holy! Ps Lionel Goh preached that holiness is the crown attribute of God's moral perfection.
 - The meaning of holiness being morally perfect and pure, set apart from all sins. God is separated and above His creation, being wholly other, transcendent and different.
 - The effect of His holiness on the seraphim (v 2-4) the majestic, angelic beings continuously singing praises to God "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of Heaven's Armies! The whole earth is filled with His glory."
 - The impact of His holiness on mortal men (v 5-7, <u>Exodus 33:20</u>) created beings in the presence of the Holy God feel unfit and aware of their own unworthiness and uncleanness.
- 2. The Holiness of Jesus. The Bible points out that Jesus is holy. Jesus did not sin when He lived in a sin-filled world
 - In His birth (<u>Luke 1:35</u>) at His birth, the angel declared Jesus' holiness and that He will be called the "Son of God."
 - In His earthly life (<u>1 Peter 2:22</u>, <u>Hebrews 4:15</u>) because of His earthly life, Jesus sympathises with all our weaknesses. Jesus could identify with the human race in every way for He was tempted as we are, yet He did not sin.
- **3. The Cleansing Power of Jesus**. Jesus went against the spiritual principle of defilement whereby the unclean defiles the clean. Instead, Jesus cleansed every defiled person who touched Him and whom He touched.
 - The spiritual principle of defilement the unclean always defiles the clean (<u>Leviticus 22:4-5</u>, <u>Haggai 2:11-13</u>)
 - Yet Jesus cleansed every defiled person who touched Him Ps Lionel cited the following powerful examples from the Bible.
 - The leper (<u>Mark 1:40-42</u>)
 - The woman with bleeding issue (Matthew 9:19-22)
 - The immoral woman (<u>Luke 7:36-50</u>).
- 4. God Calls Us to Be Holy (<u>1 Peter 1:15-16</u>)
- **5. How Can We Be Holy?** God calls us to be holy, but we cannot do this by our own efforts. Ps Lionel highlights two important ways Jesus can make us holy if/when we allow Him:
 - Jesus cleanses His Church (Ephesians 5:25-26)
 - Jesus provides a Divine Exchange (2 Corinthians 5:21).
- **6. Practical Ways to Holiness.** Ps Lionel described practical steps we can take to commit to holy living. We need to allow Jesus to cleanse and sanctify us.
 - Consecrate ourselves at the altar (Romans 12:1)
 - Let the Holy Spirit lead us (Galatians 5:16)
 - Obey God's Word (Psalm 119:9)
 - Confess our sins and let Jesus cleanse us (<u>1 John 1:9</u>).

Principle: Don't strive on our own strength! Allow Jesus to make us holy!

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1. What interest do you think the modern Christian has in the topic of the holiness of God? Is this topic discussed much in the church? How important do you think it is? [10 Mins]
- 2. It often seems a lot easier to go with the flow of our natural, fleshy desires than to deny our flesh and choose the pathway of holiness. Have you made a commitment to be holy? What are your motivations? [10 Mins]
- 3. Read <u>1 Peter 1:15-16</u>. God calls us to be holy. Discuss practical ways how you can be holy in your daily lives as an individual and as a cell. [15 Mins]



Consider dividing the group into micro-groups for a deeper time of sharing as well as praying for the following items:

1. Season of Consecration

• Pray that every RiverLifer will go through this season of consecration intentionally, and that a new normal in our lives would emerge.

2. COVID-19

- Continue to pray for the spread of the virus to come to a halt.
- Pray for the recovery of our nation's economy.

3. Myanmar

- Pray for peace and stability to return to this nation.
- Pray that God will protect and provide for our brothers and sisters in that nation.



- 1. Bible Reading Plan. You can access our 2-Year Bible Reading Plan 2021-2022 by visiting https://rlc.sg/brp2021.
- 2. RiverLife Community Services (RCS) Family Run. 31 May to 13 Jun. Sign up online: rlc.sg/rcsrun.



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