

# The Holiness of God – R. C. Sproul

## Week 2 - The Trauma of Holiness

Opening devotions: Psalm 65:1-4/prayer

Questions/thoughts

1. What did the lady in Sproul's first illustration accuse her pastor of? Do we still see that phenomenon today? If so, can you think of any examples?
2. What pattern was followed by those in the Bible who found themselves in the presence of God?
3. How did Sproul describe the word "undone" as used by Isaiah?
4. How do people in our world today grade their lives "on the curve" (especially regarding their "imperfections")?
5. What did Isaiah see as particularly unclean when he was in God's presence?
6. Who took the initiative to cleanse Isaiah's lips?
7. How can we "boldly" enter into His presence, sinners though we are?

Thoughts to ponder

- *No attribute of God is more dreadful to sinners than His holiness.* Matthew Henry
- *I am convinced that the first step toward attaining a higher standard of holiness is to realize more fully the amazing sinfulness of sin.* J. C. Ryle
- *We have learned to live with unholiness and have come to look upon it as the natural and expected thing.* A W. Tozer

Definitions

- **Weal:** Well-being, prosperity or happiness
- **Oracle:** any person or thing believed to indicate future action with infallible authority
- **Self-flagellation:** the act of hitting oneself with a whip as part of a religious ritual
- **Tactile:** of or connected with the sense of touch

Closing prayer – R. C. Sproul