

The Holiness of God – R. C. Sproul

Week 5 – The Holiness of Christ

Opening devotions: Mark 4:35-41/prayer

Questions/thoughts

1. Why do we see hostility growing toward Christians today?
2. Despite the mounting opposition, why is Jesus still (to some degree) still get universal respect today?
3. What is the atheist's answer as to why people believe in God/gods today?
4. Why were the disciples even more terrified **after** the storm was calmed?
5. What is people's general reaction to those around them who they perceive to be holy?
6. What gives us peace in the presence of a holy God?
7. What should be our response for the righteousness that we have in Christ?

Thoughts to ponder

- *Let the professors of Christianity recommend their religion by deeds of benevolence -by Christian meekness - by lives of temperance and holiness.*

Richard Mentor Johnson

- *If you don't delight in the fact that your Father is holy, holy, holy, then you are spiritually dead. You may be in a church. You may go to a Christian school. But if there is no delight in your soul for the holiness of God, you don't know God. You don't love God. You're out of touch with God. You're asleep to his character.*

Dr. R.C. Sproul

- *When God is our Holy Father, sovereignty, holiness, omniscience, and immutability do not terrify us; they leave us full of awe and gratitude. Sovereignty is only tyrannical if it is unbounded by goodness; holiness is only terrifying if it is untempered by grace; omniscience is only taunting if it is unaccompanied by mercy; and immutability is only torturous if there is no guarantee of goodwill.*

Dr. Ravi Zacharias

Definitions

- Zephyr: A gentle breeze
- Ameliorate: To make something (bad or unsatisfactory) better
- Xenophobia: The unreasoned fear of that which is perceived to be foreign or strange

Closing prayer – R. C. Sproul