

Exodus (The Way Out)

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“God’s Holiness” Exodus 28-29

In Exodus 1-18 God rescues the Israelites from slavery in Egypt and in Exodus 19-40 in route to the Promise Land the Israelites come to Mt. Sinai, where God invites them into a covenant relationship and comes to live among them in the Tabernacle (Ex24-27—Blueprint for Worship). There is a major problem: We are sinful, and God is holy. God’s holiness is a consuming fire (Heb12:29). Nothing sinful can be in the presence of God without it being destroyed and consumed. How do we get into the presence of God? This is our greatest need! This text gives us God’s remedy.

Exodus 28:1-4, 33-38, 43, 29:1, 43-46

God’s Holiness is Deadly to Unholy People. Ex28:33-38, 43; “holy” 17xs in Ex28 & 29

- It’s His incomparable transcendent perfection by which He tolerates no rivals and allows no impurity. 1Sam2:2; Ex15:11; Ps86:8; Rev15:4; Ps18:30
- It’s not just one of His attributes but what is true about all His attributes. Isa6:3; Rev4:8; Matt6:9
- God is more holy than we can imagine, and we are more sinful than we dare to think. Gen3:1-24; Lev10:1-7; 2Sam6; 1Sam6:19; Gen19:26; Numbers15:32-36; Acts 5:1-11; Ps103:8; 2Pet3:9

Therefore, We Need Holiness to Experience God.

Heb12:14 Without holiness no one will see the Lord.

1Pet1:15-16 but as he who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, ¹⁶since it is written, “You shall be holy, for I am holy.”

Exodus 28 Priests (mediators) and their holy garments

Exodus 29 Their consecration and sacrifices for themselves and the people

- To be holy is to wholly belong to God. Ex28:1, 3, 4, 41 to serve me (God); Ex19:6 You shall be to me a kingdom of priests; 1Pet2:5,9
- To be holy is to be fully clothed in His righteousness. Ex28:2-3; Job29:14; Isa61:10; 2Cor5:21; Eph4:24

- To be holy is to see, savor and show God’s glory and beauty. Ex28:2, 40; Ps27:4, 34:8, 84:1-2, 10; Matt13:44; Phil3:8, 4:4; Isa6:1-10

Jesus Our Great High Priest is Our Only Hope for Holiness.

The Ephod Ex28:5-14; The Breastplate Ex28:15-3

Exodus 29:1-42 The consecration/sacrifices/continual offerings of the priests.

Exodus 29:43-46 The presence of God with His people.

- Our great High Priest carries us on His back and near and dear to His heart as precious jewels. Heb9:11-14; 4:14-16; 12:2
- Jesus is the temple to end all temples, the priest to end all priests, and the sacrifice to end all sacrifices.
- You yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house (temple), to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. —1Pet2:5

Growing Notes

- 1) Read the introduction of the sermon notes. Why would the presence of God be our greatest need? How is God’s holiness and our sinfulness a barrier to the presence of God (Rom3:23, 6:23)?
- 2) Read Exodus 28:1-4, 33-38, 43, 29:1, 43-46 (make sure to skim the verses in between to get a sense of what these two chapters are all about). What stands out to you from this text? What is God’s remedy to the deadly dilemma of His holiness and our sinfulness?
- 3) Review the points and cross references under God’s Holiness is Deadly to Unholy People. What is the holiness of God? How is it not just one of His attributes but true about all His attributes? Why do you think God’s holiness should both fascinate and terrorize us at the same time?
- 4) Review the points and cross references under Therefore, We Need Holiness to Experience God. What does it mean for us to be holy? Why do we have to see God’s glory and beauty to savor it and to show it?
- 5) Review the points and cross references under Jesus Our Great High Priest is Our Only Hope for Holiness. How does Jesus carry us on His back and in His heart? How is Jesus the true and better temple, priest and sacrifice? How is Jesus our only hope for the presence of God (John14:6)? What is God speaking to you through this study? Pray.