

Lev 19:1-2; I Pet 1:13-16

# Holy To The Lord

'By those who come near Me I will be treated as holy,  
And before all the people I will be honored.'

- God

(Lev 10:3)

# Necessity for Holiness

- God is Holy (1 Sam 2:2)
- God wants His chosen people to be Holy
  - Israel (Lev 19:1-2)
  - Christians (1 Pet 2:9-10; 1:14-16)

# Two Temples of God

- Tabernacle and Temple
  - Instructions given by God to build it (Heb 8:5)
  - A place of sacrifice and offering (Heb 9:1-7)
  - Place where God dwells (Ex 25:21ff; 40:34ff)
- Christians are the temple of God
  - Built by God (Eph 2:19-22)
  - A place of sacrifice and offering (1 Pet 2:4ff)
  - Place where God dwells (1 Cor 3:16ff; Mt 18:20)

# Careful Approach to God

- Put God First
- Fear God
- Orderly Worship of God

# God First

- Old Testament
  - The Ten Commandments (Ex 20:1-3)
  - Nothing comes before God
  - Give God the first of everything (Ex 34:26; Dt 18:4)
- New Testament
  - Seek God first (Mt 6:32)
  - Nothing should compete with God (Mt 6:24)
  - God made Christ first in everything (Col 1:18)

# Fear God

- Reverence God
  - By attitude (Mal 1:6-13)
  - By obedience (Mal 1:14)
- Failure to honor God results in death
  - Nadab and Abihu (Lev 10:1-3)
  - Ananias and Sapphira (Acts 5:1-11)
- Serve God with Awe (Heb 12:28-29)

# Orderly Worship of God

- Old Testament Sabbath
  - Observe and keep it holy (Dt 5:12-15)
  - Violators put to death (Num 15:32-36)
  - Keeper of the Sabbath blessed! (Isa 58:13-14)
- New Testament First Day of the Week
  - Observed by Christians (Acts 20:7; 1 Cor 16:2)
  - Commemorate Christ's death (1 Cor 11:23ff)
  - Commanded not to forsake it (Heb 10:19-25)

# Do Not Profane Our Worship

- Corinthian Church
  - Casual attitude towards Lord Supper (1 Cor 11)
  - Conducted chaotic assemblies (1 Cor 14)
- Paul gave specific corrections
  - Lord Supper a memorial (1 Cor 11)
  - Orderly worship service (1 Cor 14:40)

# What Might Paul Say To Lilburn?

- Do we put God first?
- Do we give God our best or our leftover?
- About choosing to miss worship services?
- About habitual tardiness?
- Is God honored as Holy by us?

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