The Holiness of God

Isaiah 6:3

Holiness has always been the transforming power of God, showing the world who He is and who we are. Holiness does not mean God is distant; it does mean God is unchanging, but His unchanging nature does not mean God is detached, aloof, or unfriendly. Unchanging makes God consistent. It is this unchanging and immutable character of God that we human beings cannot adjust to. It is this consistent nature that is exhibited every single moment of every single day, month, year, and for centuries; that is unsettling and makes us believe that God is distant or a holy other. It is easy to assign this designation to God, especially when we have decided that He is punitive in His judgments and is the cause of our suffering. When in fact, He consistently transforms those who love Him.

It is this unchangeableness that we do not understand and simultaneously want to grasp. Lord, you see all of this going wrong, but you remain silent, undisturbed or bothered. You see illness and you do nothing. You see injustice and stand idly by, and it appears that you have no desire to do anything. You observe abject poverty, some is systemic and intentional. Lord, it appears that by your inaction, you say it is not your concern.

So what is this holiness? Holiness is the transformative power of God. It is the place where the perfect love and compassion of God meet the perversion of humanity in all of its various forms and transform it. It is this transformation that enables us to stand before the throne clothed in righteousness. In Rev. 5:5-6, no one was found worthy. No one on Earth or below the Earth. Only the Lamb of God in His perfect self-giving love. A love that gave perfectly, a love that gave without a single expectation, because it was a divine gift. It was this self-giving gift of God that perfected everything that humanity had tainted by absorbing the blemish called sin and transgression, and transformed it into righteousness. Not rightness in the sense that we are correct, but righteousness that describes our relationship with God.

It is this often-misunderstood holiness that is bound and encapsulated in God's unwavering love: that compels the Lamb, Jesus, to live out the promise of His unyielding faithfulness. He will not, under any circumstances, reject anyone who shows a willingness to repent or accept His invitation. He will not abandon the earth or its inhabitants as long

as there is a chance that one might be saved. Regardless of their spiritual condition, the Jesus of Revelation, the same Jesus who walked the roads of Galilee, will continue to knock on the door of humanity's heart and ask to come in. (Revelation 3:20) He will continue to knock, He will continue to seek those who are lost. That is the part of His unchanging holiness and love we must come to trust in.

Blessings,

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