**The Quiet Hour #3**

Be Ye Holy

**I Peter 1:15-16**

This Quiet Hour has been created to enable you to experience a personal encounter with a holy God. It involves a specific time and a special place which are dedicated to this time alone with God. Everyone and everything that might hinder your view of God and the voice of God must be set aside as you focus your attention on your God.

**Part 1**

Begin by reading from Scripture several accounts of individuals who had a person encounter with God. Pay particular attention to the holiness of God and the role it played in their experience.

* Exodus 3:1-6
* Joshua 5:13-15
* Isaiah 6:1-8

What impact did the holiness of God have upon each man? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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How did each man respond to God’s holiness? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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**Part 2**

Take several moments to read and think about the following paragraph taken from A.W. Tozer’s book, ***The Knowledge of the Holy***. In his classic way, Tozer sums up the holiness of God with amazing and precise clarity.

*“Holy is the way God is. To be holy He does not conform to a standard. He is that standard. He is absolutely holy with an infinite, incomprehensible fullness of purity that is incapable of being other than it is. Because He is holy, all His attributes are holy; that is, whatever we think of as belonging to God must be thought of as holy.”*

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**Part 3**

With your Bible open, look up these references in the book of Psalms and identify the various things about God that are described as being holy.

* 11:4 - \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* 20:6 - \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* 28:2 - \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* 33:21 - \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* 98:1 - \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* 99:9 - \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* 105:42 - \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* 145:17 - \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Part 4**

*“Sing unto the Lord, O ye saints of His, and give thanks at the*

*remembrance of His holiness.”* **– Ps. 30:4**

*“Rejoice in the Lord, ye righteous; and give thanks at the remembrance of His holiness.”* **-Ps. 97:12**

Take a moment to specifically thank God for being the holy God that He is. Allow yourself to rejoice in the fact that your God is holy.

**Part 5**

Read through, and if you are able, sing through the words of several verses of Reginald Heber’s hymn, ***Holy, Holy, Holy***. Allow this beautiful song to energize your passion for God’s holiness.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!

Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee,

Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!

God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide Thee!

Though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see,

Only Thou art Holy, there is none beside Thee,

Perfect in pow’r, in love, and purity!

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**Part 6**

Over 200 years ago, John and Charles Wesley, along with a group of other young men, formed what became known as **The Holy Club**. They prepared a list of 22 questions and each day they would review them in their private devotions. These questions are very challenging and very convicting. As you read through them, make personal notes as needed, and then talk to God about your response to each question.

1. Am I consciously or unconsciously creating the impression that I

am better than I really am? In other words, am I a hypocrite?

2. Am I honest in all my acts and words, or do I exaggerate?

3. Do I confidentially pass on to another what was told to me in

confidence?

4. Can I be trusted?

5. Am I a slave to dress, friends, work, or habits?

6. Am I self-conscious, self-pitying, or self-justifying?

7. Did the Bible live in me today?

8. Do I give it (the Bible) time to speak to me every day?

9. Am I enjoying prayer?

10. When did I last speak to someone about my faith?

11. Do I pray about the money I spend?

12. Do I get to bed on time and get up on time?

13. Do I disobey God in anything?

14. Do I insist upon doing something about which my conscience is

uneasy?

15. Am I defeated in any part of my life?

16. Am I jealous, impure, critical, irritable, touchy, or distrustful?

17. How do I spend my spare time?

18. Am I proud?

19. Do I thank God that I am not as other people, especially as the

Pharisee who despised the publican?

20. Is there anyone whom I fear, dislike, disown, criticize, hold a

resentment toward, or disregard? If so what am I doing about it?

21. Do I grumble or complain constantly?

22. Is Christ real to me?

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**Part 7**

Take time to personalize and internalize the Scriptures listed below. Make note of key insights in each one then talk to God about each thought that speaks to you.

* Psalm 24:3-4 – \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Matthew 5:8 – \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Hebrews 12:14 – \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* I Peter 1:15-16 – \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

If your life is to be characterized by holiness, what practical changes do you need to make in your life personally? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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**Part 8**

Conclude your time with God by praying the simple prayer of the young Scottish preacher, Robert Murray McCheyne:

“God, make me as holy as a saved sinner can be.”

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Yes, holiness is an old-fashioned subject – but it has never gone out of date. In the lives of men and women of God, holiness must be a priority, for in reality it is likeness to God Who Himself is holy. As you come away from this Quiet Hour, allow yourself to take the next step in developing the desire for and the disciplines of a holy life.

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