

*** God Knows What He's About:**

*When God wants to drill a man, and thrill a man, and skill a man;
When God wants to mold a man to play the noblest part;
When He yearns with all his heart to create so great and bold a
man that all the world might be amazed, Watch His methods,
watch His ways.*

*How He ruthlessly perfects whom He royally elects. How He hammers
and hurts him, and with mighty blows converts him into trial
shapes of clay that only God understands, while his tortured
heart is crying and he lifts beseeching hands.*

*How He bends but never breaks, when His good He undertakes.
How He uses whom He chooses and with every purpose fuses him,
With mighty acts induces him to try His splendor out.*

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-Author Unknown

The Expectation Of His Holiness: Submission 8

"Here am I. Send me!"

Heart-Felt Worship

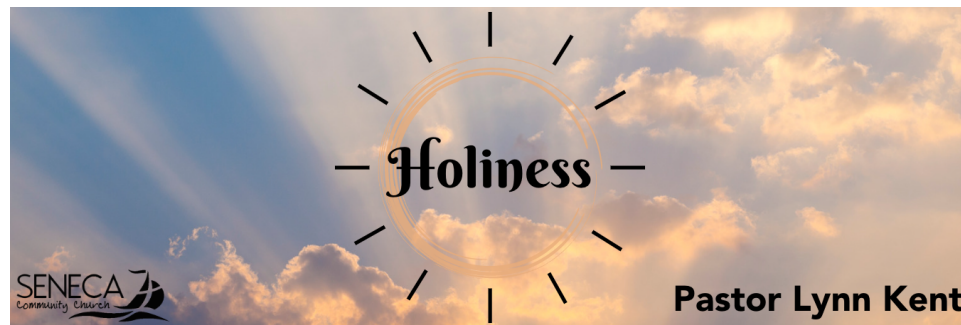
*** Matthew 5:23, 24 (MSG):** *If you enter your place of worship
and, about to make an offering, you suddenly remember a grudge a
friend has against you, abandon your offering, leave immediately,
go to this friend and make things right. Then and only then, come
back and work things out with God.*

*** Hebrews 13:15 (ERV):** *Through Jesus we should never stop
offering our sacrifice to God. That sacrifice is our praise, coming
from lips that speak his name*

Humble Service

Whom are you serving...yourself or the living God?
Where are you serving...what is your assignment?

I'm here; send me.



Holy! Holy! Holy!
Our God's Most Prominent Attribute
Isaiah 6:1-8

The Essence Of His Holiness: Separation 1-3

God's Exalted Position

"I saw the Lord seated on a throne, high and exalted."

*** Revelation 4:2-8 (TLB):**

"I don't belong here! I'm in way over my head!"

God's Moral Perfection

"Holy, holy, holy is the Lord Almighty."

*** I Timothy 6:16 (VOICE):** *He makes His home in matchless,
blinding, brilliant light that no one can approach—no mortal has
ever even seen Him, and no human can.*

*** I John 1:5 (Voice):** *God is pure light, undimmed by darkness of
any kind.*

Gabriel to Mary...

* **Luke 1:35 (GW):** *The Holy Spirit will come to you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. Therefore, the holy child developing inside you will be called the Son of God.*

Pilate concerning Jesus...

* **Luke 23:4 (CEV):** *Pilate told the chief priests and the crowd, "I don't find him guilty of anything."*

Thief on the cross...

* **Luke 23:41 (ERV):** *You and I are guilty. We deserve to die because we did wrong. But this man has done nothing wrong."*

* **Hebrews 4:15 (NIRV):** *We have a high priest Who can feel it when we are weak and hurting. We have a high priest who has been tempted in every way, just as we are. But He did not sin.*

* **Psalms 24:3 (NCB):** *He restores my soul, guiding me in paths of righteousness so that his name may be glorified.*

* **Habakkuk 1:13a (GNT):** *Your eyes are too holy to look at evil, and you cannot stand the sight of people doing wrong.*

* **Psalms 11:4-7 (ERV):**

The Lord is in His holy temple. The Lord sits on His throne in heaven. He sees everything that happens. He watches people closely.

The Lord examines those who are good and those who are wicked; He hates those who enjoy hurting others. He will make hot coals and burning sulfur fall like rain on the wicked. They will get nothing but a hot, burning wind.

The Lord always does what is right, and He loves seeing people do right. Those who live good lives will be with Him.

The Expression Of His Holiness: Sanctification 4-7

Traumatic Conviction

"Woe to me! I am ruined!"

* **I Peter 1:15,16 (TLB):** *Be holy now in everything you do, just as the Lord is holy, who invited you to be his child. "He himself has said, "You must be holy, for I am holy."*

* **Hebrews 12:9-11 (GW):** *Our fathers disciplined us as they thought best. Yet, God disciplines us for our own good so that we can become holy like him. We don't enjoy being disciplined. It always seems to cause more pain than joy. But later on, those who learn from that discipline have peace that comes from doing what is right.*

Fiery Cleansing 6,7

"Your guilt is taken away and your sin atoned for."

Sanctification, being made holy or Christlike in our character and conduct, is difficult because...

* It involves confrontation and reconciliation with people when you would rather ignore the situation completely.

* It involves walking by faith, trusting God when everything seems to be falling apart around you.

* It often means standing alone for your faith and convictions in a hostile office or even family environment.