**Series about God #5**

**Scripture Reading:** Exodus 20 & Revelation 15

**Singing:** 265:1-3 – 123:1 – 15:1-3 – 252:1-4 – 398:1-3

A. What is the problem with the universal desire for beauty?

B. Yet there is one beauty where that problem will never be encountered!

 *God’s power is His hand, God’s omniscience His eye, God’s mercy*

 *His heart, His eternity His duration, but Holiness is His Beauty!*

 1. We need revival in the experiential acquaintance of God’s Holiness!

 a. Ps. 50:21-22 *… thou thoughtest that I was altogether such an one as thyself: now consider this, ye that forget God.*

**The Forgotten Beauty of God: His Holiness**

**I. God’s Holiness is His Beauty**

A. Let’s heed Scripture’s testimony about God’s holiness

 1. Ex. 3:5-6: *the burning bush*

 2. Is. 6:1-3: *the worshipping angels*

 3. 1 John 1:5: *God is light*

 4. Rev. 15:4: *Who shall not fear thee, O, Lord: Thou* ***only*** *art holy*

 a. why is God *only* holy? (Job 15:15-16; 25:5-6)

b. His holiness is as essential as His Love

● Howe: *God’s holiness runs through the rest of His*

 *attributes and cast its luster upon them*

c. the stunning beauty of the Lord is the beauty of His holiness

 *● As sincerity is the beauty of every grace in a Christian, so*

*purity or holiness is the splendor of every attribute in the Godhead. His justice is a holy justice; His wisdom a holy wisdom; His power a holy arm; His truth a holy promise; His name (all His attributes combined) is holy.*

B. What is *holiness*?

 1. It is His *sinlessness – absolute purity – total separation from sin*

a. Ps. 145:17: *Lord is righteous in all His ways and holy in all His works*

 b. This excellency doesn’t only refer to *His works of creation* but

 also, to all His works of judgment & punishment

 ● Ex. 15:11

 c. Above what we call ‘evil’ stands the Holiness of God (Amos 3:6)

C. Where is the beauty of God’s holiness displayed the brightest?

 1. God’s law displays His holiness, yet it is not the brightest

 a. Rom. 7:12 *Thy law is holy, and the commandment holy, and just, and good*

 b. Ps. 19:8-9 *His law is perfect, converting the soul*

 2. The brightest display of God’s holiness is *on cross of Jesus His Son*

a. Ps. 22:1-3 *My God, my God why has thou forsaken me? But*

 *Thou art*

● Charnock: *All the outpouring of judgments that have been*

*or will be poured upon this wicked world, or the awful reality of hell doesn’t come close to the display of God’s holiness than as seen in the death of His Son.*

**Three Closing Reflections on God’s Holiness**

A. Do we understand something of *how deeply God hates our sins?*

B. Do we see the absolute need to be *born again? We need to be made holy*

 *to dwell with God for ‘without holiness no man shall see God.’*

C. Do you see the absolute need for the *atoning Blood of Jesus?*

D. Do you see why He says, *Be still and know that I am God!*

**But as He which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation; because it is written, Be ye holy, for I am holy.**