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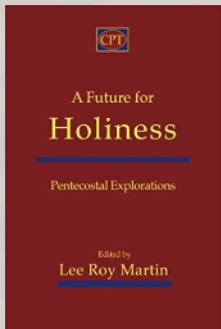
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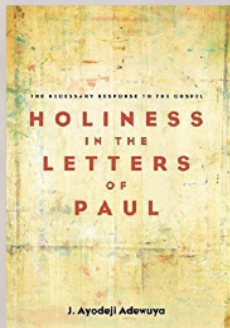
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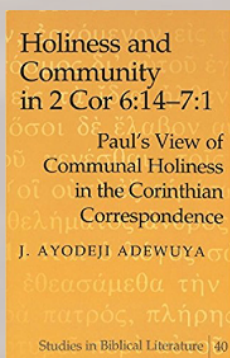
A Future for Holiness By Dr. Lee Roy Martin

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Holiness in the Letters of Paul by J Ayodeji Adewuya

Paul's understanding of holiness stems from the holiness of God as revealed in the Old Testament. Using varied terminology, Paul describes the holiness that should characterize the believers as the people of God. God expects moral integrity of his people, because he has provided believers with his Holy Spirit to enable them to live exemplary, Christlike lives in this present world, though polluted, as they prepare for the world to come. Believers, who, like Paul, anticipate the Parousia, must not only desire but also pray that holiness becomes a reality in their lives, cognizant of the fact that holiness is a matter of practice, not merely a status that one attains upon justification. Thus, holiness is an imperative for the people of God.



Holiness and Community in 2 Cor 6:14-7:1: Paul's View of Communal Holiness in the Corinthian Correspondence by J. Ayodeji Adewuya

This book examines 2 Cor 6:14-7:1 and argues that its theological message is communal holiness. It culminates in an attempt to posit a Pauline theology of corporate sanctification in the Corinthian correspondence. Paul's view of sanctification, it is argued, should be seen as multifaceted: relational, communal, ethical, and mission-oriented. Thus, a coherent picture of Pauline teaching on holiness in the Corinthian correspondence emerges from this book. For Paul, the focus of God's redemptive activity is, primarily, the community and not the individual. Paul's view on holiness has to do with communal holiness within the people of God, the goal of which is to make God known to the wider society. In sum, this book argues that the teaching on holiness should not be, and cannot be, satisfactorily explained in terms of the individual, but only as the individual stands in relation to the community of faith. Thus, the conclusion offers a corrective to some strands of modern interpretation that emphasize the individualistic, experiential aspects of Christian holiness, thus tending to reduce Christian holiness to morality.

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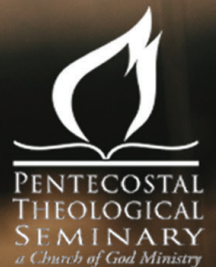
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THREE VIEWS OF HOLINESS

By Bishop Brian T. Sutton, Leadership Development and Discipleship Ministries Executive Director

Holiness can be viewed in three particular areas:

1. Upward (to God)
2. Inward (into our hearts)
3. Outward (How does holiness affect others and how are we affected by our holiness)

MY NOTES

I. LOOKING UPWARD AT THE HOLINESS OF GOD

- A. God invites us to experience His fullness through communion with Him.
- B. Our first step in the pursuit to be holy is to look at God's holiness.

"Be holy, because I am holy" (1 Peter 1:16).

- C. Seeing God as who He is.
 - How can we experience God in such a way that he will reveal his holiness to us?
 - Create sacred spaces.
 - Moses experienced an encounter with God. This goes beyond intellectual and into experiential, this was missional.

"Woe to me!" I cried. "I am ruined! For I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have seen the King, the Lord Almighty" (Isaiah 6:5, NIV.)

II. LOOKING INWARD AT OUR NEED FOR TRANSFORMATION

- A. When we experience the Holiness of God, our desire for Him is awakened and we seek transformation that we may commune with Him.

Holiness is not behavior modification; it is heart transformation.

- B. In this transformation of the Spirit, God invites us into participation in this divine nature so that we are fit for participation in the life of His kingdom.

"His divine power has given us everything we need for a godly life through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness. Through these he has given us his very great and precious promises, so that through them you may participate in the divine nature, having escaped the corruption in the world caused by evil desires" (2 Peter 1:3-4, NIV).

- Being “fit for His kingdom” is not an individualistic transformation. We are transformed for relationship both with God and with others.
 - We have been transformed, we are being transformed, and we will be transformed. This is an instantaneous immersion that requires an ongoing transformation into His image.
- 1) Create “sacred spaces” in your life through daily walks in the spiritual disciplines:
 - Prayer
 - Fasting
 - Meditating
 - Worship
 - Reading God’s Word
 - Fellowship of the saints
 - Sacraments
 - 2) Holiness is actually as much about WE as it is ME.

C. Questions to Ask About Inner Transformation:

- 1) *Who is God bringing into my life to make me more like Him?*
- 2) *Who is God bringing me to in order that I might become more holy?*
- 3) *What is God revealing to me about my relationship with others?*

Holiness is relational and consists of transformation BY God so that we may more fully experience and have communion WITH Him and that we may be able to fully and lovingly commune with others.

D. Emptying One’s Self (Philippians 2:5-8)

- 1) Let this mind be in you = He “kenosis” emptied Himself.
- 2) My very desires are transformed as I am being made fit for life in the kingdom of God. My desire to commit sinful acts against God and others has been transformed.

“For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body ruled by sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin—because anyone who has died has been set free from sin”(Romans 6:6-7 NIV).

III. LOOKING OUTWARD TO OTHERS

- A. The inward work of transformation, accomplished by the Spirit, leads to an outward brokenness for the needs of others. Holiness is not measured by our separation from sin but by our brokenness for the sinner.

- B. Holiness is less about segregation and more about incarnation.

"We know that we have passed from death to life, because we love each other. Anyone who does not love remains in death" (1 John 3:14 NIV).

- C. The expression of our inward transformation is a brokenness for the needs of those around us.

About Bishop Sutton

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WHAT IS HOLINESS? A MATTER OF THE HEART

By Dr. Lee Roy Martin, Professor of OT & Biblical Language, Pentecostal Theological Seminary

I. WHY CHRISTIANS AVOID DISCUSSING HOLINESS

- A. Legalism
- B. Confusion about holiness and sanctification
- C. No need for holiness
- D. It's religion

II. WHAT IS "HOLINESS?"

- The Bible uses many different words and phrases related to holiness, such as blameless, perfect, upright, consecrate, dedicate, separate, purity, cleansing, and righteousness.
- Hebrew word = qodesh and Greek word = hagios
- These two words are found more than 1,070 times in the Bible, normally whenever you see the word holy, holiness, sanctify, or sanctification.
- The terms "holiness" and "sanctification" are the same concept in the original language representing different aspects
- Holiness is the state of being set apart for God.
- Sanctification is the process of being set apart.

III. FIRST OCCURRENCE OF "HOLINESS" IN THE BIBLE (GENESIS 2:3, EXODUS 19:23, EXODUS 29:44)

- In each case, to be "sanctified" or "made holy" is to be set apart as special and different.
 1. None of these things are holy in themselves.
 2. They are only holy because God has claimed them as His own and has made them special.
- God is holy, set apart and different from everything else.
 - All other things are creations, but God is different; He is Creator.
 - All other gods are idols; but the Lord is different, He is the only true and living God.
- God's holiness is the sum of His attributes. Holiness is, therefore, Godlikeness.
- Exodus 19:3 -6

IV. OUR OBLIGATION (LEV. 11:44, LEV. 20:8)

- We must live in such a way that we honor God in all that we do.
- Holiness is a gift of God that is received through faith.
- Holiness is fulfilled first in our total worship of the Lord and second in our loving actions toward our fellow human beings.

MY NOTES

V. HOW IS OUR SANCTIFICATION MAINTAINED? (1 CORINTHIANS 1:2, 1:30, HEBREWS 12:10)

- We are holy only as long as we remain “in Christ.”

VI. GOD SHARES HIS HOLINESS WITH US (HEBREWS 12:10)

1. God has a central purpose in the lives of his children; their sharing in His holiness.
2. Christians come to that sharing by painful discipline.
3. The result is righteousness and peace, God’s desire for His children.

Sanctification must be of infinite importance to the Christian.

VII. WE ARE SANCTIFIED BY THE BLOOD OF JESUS (HEBREWS 13:12)

- We are holy as long as we walk in the truth (John 17:17, Ephesians 5:26)
- Our holiness is maintained through the work of the Holy Spirit in us (1 Corinthians 6:11, 2 Thessalonians 2:13)
- Sanctification begins at the new birth (regeneration).

VIII. WHY IS HOLINESS IMPORTANT?

- Because holiness is the imitation of God (1 Peter 1:15)
- Because to be holy like God is the goal of our salvation (Ephesians 1:4, 1 Thess. 4:3, 4:7, 5:23)
- Because God uses holy people as vessels of honor (2 Tim. 2:21)
- Because only those who are holy will see God (Heb. 12:14)

IX. TRUE HOLINESS IS A MATTER OF THE HEART

- The essence of holiness is embodied in the two great commandments.

About Dr. Martin

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HOLINESS

By Dr. J. Ayodeji Adewuya, Professor of Greek and New Testament, Pentecostal Theological Seminary

Hebrews 12:14

MY NOTES

I. WHAT IS HOLINESS?

- Holiness is an act of God's grace.

II. PROBLEMS WITH THE MESSAGE OF HOLINESS

- Problems with the "Holiness" message
- Holiness has degenerated into an insular attitude, lack of engagement with other believers
- Legalism
- Cultural relativization of "sin"

Holiness is "mirroring God." God is intent on making people look like Him.

III. THE STARTING POINT: LOOK AT GOD

- The "Holy One"
- Holy is more than a mere adjective, it is an essential declaration of His most essential being.
- Holiness includes God's righteousness, as well as His disdain for sin (Deuteronomy 32, Numbers 20)
- God calls a people to holiness, not just as individuals but as a community (Exodus 19)
- When you want to see the love, mercy, justice, and care of God, look at His holiness.
- Holiness is not a denominational distinctive, it is a distinctive of God.

IV. HOLINESS IS A REQUIREMENT

- Holy in the Scripture is used in various nuances. One use is to depict belongingness.
- There is a call unto holiness found throughout Scripture.
- If God commands holiness, He makes provision for it.
- Holiness is required of every child of God, and it is higher and deeper than what is initially experienced at the moment of salvation.
- Holiness means to love God more.
- God requires both inward and outward holiness.

Scriptures: Psalm 93:5, 1 Peter 1:14-19, Luke 1:71, Titus 2, 1 Thessalonians 4, Colossians 1, 1 Peter 2:9-12, 1 Thessalonians 2

V. HOLINESS IS RELATIONAL

- Holiness is relational. Sin is also relational.
- Christianity is restored relationships.

VI. HOLINESS AFFECTS MOTIVATION

- Holiness is missional.
- You shall BE witnesses (Acts 1:8).
- Holiness makes us love what God loves and desire what He desires.
- Holiness is participation with God.
- We look more like what we gaze at.

VII. HOLINESS IS INSTANTANEOUS AND PROGRESSIVE

- We continue looking like Him, day-by-day and moment-by-moment.
- Hunger and thirst after righteousness

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