

This Fast-Paced Life: I Need Some Answers!

"I Can't Seem To Live a Holy Life"

Part 6

Introduction

1. What comes to your mind when you hear the word "holiness"?
2. Does holiness have a place in our Christian lives? (**Matt.5:48; 1Peter 1:16**)
3. One author says: "Holiness is the everyday business of every Christian."

I. A Sixth Century B.C. prophet: Habakkuk (chapter 1)

- A. What do we know about this prophet? _____
- B. He was a man that was surrounded by a **moral fog**.
 1. What did he say to the people? (**vs.1**)
 2. What did he see? (**vs.2**)
 3. What did he say to the Lord? (**vs.2-3**) See also **vs.12-13**
 4. How bad was his world? _____
- C. **Habakkuk** was not the only prophet to see this kind of moral fog: **Jeremiah (6:8ff)**
 1. What was Jeremiah known for? _____
 2. He lived in a time when people no longer _____ (**vs.15**)
 3. What will a moral fog do to a nation? _____
 4. **Two Observations:**
 - a. _____
 - b. _____

II. The Truth: God's Timeless Counsel For All Christians

- A. When it comes to "**moral purity**", God talks straight to us.
 1. Are you glad?
 2. With a loving heart, what does He say? _____
 3. After He speaks, He leaves us with a decision regarding our personal holiness.
- B. **We have another straight shooter: Paul**
 1. Paul writes to the Thessalonian brethren to remind them of their place in society: **A Place of Holiness**.
 2. **See 1Thess. 3:12-13**
 - a. Living "**blameless in holiness**"
 - b. Is it possible to live this way?
 - c. Is God pleased when we walk that way?
- C. **Walking in Holiness: How Can We Do That? (4:1-8)**
 - #1. In your walk, **excel** (abound) – **vs.1-2** _____

#2. In your mind, abstain! (vs.3-6)

- a. You have to come to terms with the reality of an inner battle every day.
- b. Paul calls it sexual lust.
- c. Sexual immorality, what is this? In the Greek it is "**porneia**". What does this word include? _____
- d. What does the word "**abstain**" mean? _____
- e. God just doesn't give us a command in **vs.4-5. He says it is His will!**

#3. In your reasoning, remember (vs.7-8)

- a. Remember what? _____ **(vs.7)**
- b. The second thing to remember **(vs.8)** _____

Conclusion:

- 1. The choice . . .
- 2. **You have two options:**
 - a. You can choose to live your life in a horizontal fog like everyone else _____
 - b. You can choose to live your life vertically on target.
- 3. You have the power you need to change your life today: _____