**R773\_Rumination for 01 Dec. 2019**

The **T**heme: **Holy, Holy, Holy** [[berita-bethel-ung.com](http://www.berita-bethel-ung.com/)](http://www.berita-bethel-ung.com/)

The **T**ext: *And one cried unto another, and said,* ***Holy, holy, holy,*** *is the LORD of hosts.* Isa. 6:3

The **T**hots:

1. **The Person of the Thrice-Holy God Isa. 6:3**

*One cried unto another, and said, Holy, holy, holy, is the LORD of hosts: the whole earth is full of His glory.*

1. God, the Father is Holy – *Holy Father, keep through Thine own name those whom Thou hast given Me, that they may be one, as We are.* Jn. 17:11
2. God, the Son is Holy –*"The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; and for that reason the holy Child shall be called the Son of God.*” Lk. 1:35, NASB
3. God the Spirit is Holy – *The Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name,*

*He will teach you all things.* Jn.14:26, NKJV

1. **The Prohibition in Approaching the Holy God.**
2. The **P**eople had to Worship Him **A**far off. Exo. 24:1

*And He said unto Moses, Come up unto the LORD, thou, and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu,*

*and seventy of the elders of Israel; and worship ye afar off.*

1. Moses was **P**revented from **A**pproaching near in the Presence of God – *And He said, Draw not nigh hither:*

*put off thy shoes from off thy feet, for the place whereon thou standest is holy ground*. Exo. 3:5

1. The High **P**riest was **A**llowed into God’s **P**resence only once a year with Blood. Lev. 16:2
2. The **P**rohibition: *The LORD said unto Moses, Speak unto Aaron thy brother, that he come not at all times*

*into the holy place within the vail before the mercy seat, which is upon the ark;*

*that he die not: for I will appear in the cloud upon the mercy seat.*

1. The **P**ropitiation (Atonement):Lev, 16:29-34
2. The **D**ate: *This shall be a statute for ever unto you: in the seventh month, on the tenth day of the month.*
3. The **D**uty:
* *On that day shall the priest make an atonement* ***for you****, to cleanse you that ye may be clean from all your sins before the LORD.*
* *And he shall make an atonement* ***for the holy sanctuary****, and he shall make an atonement for the tabernacle of the congregation, and for the altar, and he shall make an atonement for the priests,*

*and for all the people of the congregation.* Lev. 16:33

* *And this shall be an everlasting statute unto you, to make an atonement* ***for the children of Israel***

*for all their sins once a year. And he did as the LORD commanded Moses.* Lev. 16:34

1. **Those who Provoked God and were Admonished.**
2. King **U**zziah **– Isa. 6:1 cf. II Chr. 26:16-21**
3. He usurped the **P**osition of the **P**riest.

*16 for he transgressed against the LORD his God, and went into the temple of the LORD to burn incense upon the altar of incense.* 26:16

1. He was **P**unished with the **P**lague of Leprosy. 26:20

*And Azariah the chief priest, and all the priests, looked upon him, and, behold, he was leprous in his forehead, and they thrust him out from thence; yea, himself hasted also to go out, because the LORD had smitten him.*

1. **U**zzah II Sam. 6:6-7
2. He **T**ouched the Ark of God – *Uzzah put forth his hand to the ark of God, and took hold of it;*
3. He **T**ried to stabilise it – *for the oxen shook it*
4. But he **T**ransgressed God’s Law *– and the anger of the LORD was kindled against Uzzah;*
5. And he was Struck dead – *And* *God smote him there for his error; and there he died by the ark of God.*
6. The Sons of Aaron.Lev. 10:1-2
	1. Their **O**ffense:

 *And Nadab and Abihu, the sons of Aaron, took either of them his censer, and put fire therein,*

*and put incense thereon, and offered* ***strange fire*** *before the LORD, which he commanded them not.*

* 1. *And there went* ***O****ut fire from the LORD, and devoured them, and they died before the LORD.*
1. **The Pronouncements of the Thrice Holy God – I Pet. 1:15, 16**
2. **Be ye Holy** I Pet. 1:15, NKJV

*As He who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct*

1. ***B****ecause it is written,* ***B****e ye holy; for I am holy.*
2. As we take the **B**read, and drink of the cup…

*O holy Father, who in tender love Didst give Thine only Son for us to die,
The while He pleads at Thy right hand above, We in one Spirit now with faith draw nigh,
And, as we eat this bread and drink this wine, Plead His once offered sacrifice divine.* E.H. Bickersteth

**REFLECTIONS FOR THE WEEK R/ 773**

1. The Ark of the Covenant had been captured by the Philistines at Aphek (I Sam. 4:1, 11) and had been separated from the Tabernacle and other places of worship for many long years. Its last days were at Kiriath Jearim. At that time David had taken Jerusalem and had made it the capital of the nation of Israel. Thus, preparations and instructions were given to bring the Ark to Jerusalem.

On the way to its destination, as the Ark, put on a new cart, *came to Nachon's threshingfloor, Uzzah put forth his hand to the ark of God, and took hold of it; for the oxen shook it. And the anger of the LORD was kindled against Uzzah; and God smote him there for his error; and there he died by the ark of God.* (II Sam. 6:6, 7)

Now that was not the right thing to do. Though Uzzah had the best of intentions to save it from toppling over because the oxen pulling the cart had stumbled on the uneven path leading to the threshing floor. He had touched the ark in the process. And that was not allowed! Clear instructions had been given with regard to the transport of the Tabernacle furniture. The Ark must be carried by the Levites on poles passed through its rings without touching it – *And thou shalt put the staves into the rings by the sides of the ark, that the ark may be borne with them.* (Exo. 25:14) *And when Aaron and his sons have made an end of covering the sanctuary, and all the vessels of the sanctuary, as the camp is to set forward; after that, the sons of Kohath shall come to bear it: but they shall not touch any holy thing, lest they die.* (Num. 4:15)

Today, there is much emphasis on Worship. Consequently it has morphed into many varied forms, all claiming to be worshipping God. These varied forms have evolved over time to suit the circumstances, culture and community where such worship is located, all claiming to worship God. The question is then asked: Do we worship God according to how we think how God is to be worshipped or following what God has revealed to us how He is to be worshipped from the revelation or reading of His Word?

The question of worship is well-elucidated by the Lord Himself when He was talking to the Samaritan woman, as in Jn. 4:22-24 –

There is **F**alse Worship *–* Where the Samaritans rather than go to Jerusalem to worship three times a year (cf. Deut. 16: 16) set base in their country to worship God according to their own convenience. The Lord said of their worship, y*e worship ye know not what:*

As for the Jews, it was **F**igurative Worship, *we know what we worship: for salvation is of the Jews,* cf. *Which was a figure for the time then present, in which were offered both gifts and sacrifices, that could not make him that did the service perfect, as pertaining to the conscience* (Heb. 9:9)

Whereas true Worship is **F**aith-Worship as required of us now – *But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship Him. God is a Spirit: and they that worship Him must worship him in spirit and in truth.*

To Worship God, we need to Worship Him in His own Revelation of how He is to be worshipped, i.e. in *the truth* as revealed in His Word, and not according to our own whims and fancies. And *in Spirit*, i.e. with our spirit in tune with His Holy Spirit to lead and guide us into worship of Him. To do this one, needs to read His Word and know how He wants Himself to be worshipped. One just cannot worship God in the way one thinks He is to be worshipped! **REFLECT**.

1. Today there are many religious groups claiming to be “holy” and show themselves as such in the garments they wear, the titles they use for themselves, the rituals they perform, the pronouncements they make, etc. etc. to show how religious and “holy” they are. Yet behind closed “closets” and under the guise of their religious robes they perform the most despicable and immoral acts against children, victims of the same gender, cheat and are corrupt in every way that even the ordinary man in the street would abhor.

Are religious people “holy”? How can you be holy as God is holy? **REFLECT**

**Points To Ponder:**

*Religiousness is not* ***H****oliness. It may just be a* ***C****loak for* ***C****orruption and* ***H****ypocrisy.*