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**"The God You Long For"**

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### Joshua 5:13-6:5 "Is Holy"

We fight many battles in life...relational, financial, physical, etc. How can we win against all odds? The Promise land was to the Israelites what fullness of life (holiness) is to us. When God calls you to be holy because He is holy (1Pet.1:16) you are being called to do what will bring you the deepest & most durable joy.

### What Does It Mean That God Is Holy?

5:14 Joshua fell on his face...

5:15 ...for the place you are standing is holy.

It's His incomparable transcendent perfection by which...

- ✓ He has no Competitors (no equals, rivals, contenders)  
Ex. 15:11; 1 Sam 2:2; Isa. 6:3, 40:25; Ps. 86:8
- ✓ He has no Contamination (Absolutely perfect, righteous, good, just, pure) Deut. 32:4; Ps. 18:30; Ps. 92:15; James 1:13-14

It is comforting (No competitors), beautiful (No contamination) and the most threatening of all of His attributes. Heb. 12:14; 1Pet.1:15-16; Matt. 5:48; Ex.3:6; Isa. 6:5; Luke 5:8

### What Does It Mean For Us To Be Holy?

5:13 are you for us, or our adversaries? V14 And he said, No...

5:15 Take off your sandals...

Three traits:

- ✓ Undivided Heart. Ps.86:8-12; Matt.5:8, 6:21, 33
- ✓ Unconditional Obedience. Joshua 1:7-9
- ✓ Unlike the world. Rom.12:1-2; Gal.5:22-23  
The 1<sup>st</sup> Century Christians: Integrity (honesty), sympathy (in a revenge culture forgiving), chastity (no sex outside of marriage), generosity (committed to helping the poor).

### How Do We Become Holy?

- 1) Holiness is a joint venture between God and us. 6:2 See, I have given Jericho into your hand... v3 You shall march around the city... Phil.2:12-13
- 2) Holiness is a process that takes discipline. 6:3-5 Seven days of marching (Spiritual disciplines) with Priests (leaders) & ark (presence of God). 1Tim. 4:7-9; 2Cor.10:3-5
- 3) He was wholly committed to you therefore be wholly committed to Him. 5:13 with his drawn sword... 6:2 I have given Jericho into your hand... John 17:19; Rom.12:1-2



# Growing

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- 1) We fight many battles in life...relational, financial, physical, etc. How can we win against all odds? The Promise land was to the Israelites what fullness of life (holiness) is to us, and just as they had to fight for every inch so do we...but it's worth it! What are your thoughts & has that been your perspective of holiness?
- 2) Read Joshua 5:13-6:5 What was the Israelites perspective of the Promise Land forty years earlier (Num. 13:32-33)? What do you think Joshua was thinking before the great battle of Jericho and how do you think the visit of the Commander of the Lord affected him?
- 3) What does it mean that God is holy? How is God's holiness beautiful (No contamination), comforting (No competitors) & the most threatening of all God's attributes? (Heb. 12:14; 1Pet.1:15-16; Matt. 5:48; Ex.3:6; Isa. 6:5; Luke 5:8)
- 4) When Joshua asked the commander of the Lord's army, "Are you for us or for our enemies?" He replied, "No" (v14). What is the difference between the Lord joining our side and our joining the Lord's side? What are the three traits of holiness from our study and how are they related progressively building on each other?
- 5) In what ways do the Lord's instruction for the conquest of Jericho seem strange (6:1-5)? How is holiness a joint venture between God & us (6:2-3; Phil.2:12-13)? Why is holiness a process that takes discipline (6:3-5; 1Tim. 4:7-9; 2Cor.10:3-5)? What does it mean that our being wholly devoted to Christ is a response to Him being wholly devoted to us (5:13; 6:2; John 17:19; Rom.12:1-2)? Make this your prayer.