Holiness, Truth, and Honesty

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INTRODUCTION

- I want us to combine some of these ideas for example, holiness and truth, and honesty, with the idea of walking in the light, and how we're able to do that.
- Understanding the holiness of God and who he is with the reality and being honest with ourselves that we aren't that, how do we manage that?

1 God Is Light

1 John 1:5

- The story of us, the story of God, the story of his plan, it all begins with this simple message that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all.
- God's holiness is described as light, and light removes darkness from anything that's within its presence.
- No matter what they want to do or try to do, even those who want to oppose God cannot get rid of the influence of the light of his holiness.
- Everyone worships something, whether it's the environment or some other cause or whatever it is.
- I should be transforming myself and the way that I live and who I am to be like him and to be like his son.

2 A Commitment to Obedience and Truth

1 John 1:6; Matthew 7; Psalm 86:11

- It's also a commitment to obedience to the one who is holy and right.
- Words are cheap. Actions are what matter.
- I say I love God, I say I want to obey his word, I say I want to do right, but then what do my actions actually reveal?
- Teach me your way, the psalmist says in Psalm 86.
- It's not mercy without truth. It's not truth without mercy.
- The moment we discount truth or the importance of truth, we've missed it.

3 Practicing Sin and Hating Your Brother

1 John 3:10; 1 John 2:9–11; 1 John 3:23

- The people who are born of God, those who are offspring of God, they live righteous lives. They practice righteousness.
- If we are living a life of righteousness, if we are seeking after truth, we don't have to live in fear constantly.

- Sin is a big deal. That's what John says.
- Whoever says he is in the light and hates his brother is still in darkness.
- This is his commandment that we believe in the name of his son Jesus Christ and love one another.
- John just keeps pairing this with loving each other.

4 Being Honest With Myself About Who I Am

1 John 1:8–10; 1 John 2:1; 1 John 3:18

- The actions reveal who we really are. The way we actually treat brethren. The commitment that we actually have to truth.
- If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves. And the truth is not in us.
- If we aren't honest with where we are and who we are and where we've been, we're not in the truth.
- It's also my honesty about who I am in relationship to this and to him. That's also truth.
- Being sincere and being honest and being truthful about our situation, about who we are, that is something that helps us not sin.
- Let us not love in word or talk, but in deed and truth.

THE CHALLENGE

Do you want that? You want the peace that comes from knowing you have that.

MY NOTES