
Standing Still in Holiness (Seeing the Salvation of the Lord)

The Requirements of Holiness

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Sermon: The Requirements of Holiness: Standing Still in Holiness (Seeing the Salvation of the Lord)

New Series Messages: “The Requirements of Holiness”

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 - 1 Peter 1:15–16 “To Be Holy”
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 - Walking Humbly in Trouble (When You Don’t Understand The Path)
 - Walking Humbly in Faith (When You Can’t See The Path)

Lesson Text

Psalm 46:9–11 (AV)⁹ He maketh wars to cease unto the end of the earth; he breaketh the bow, and cutteth the spear in sunder; he burneth the chariot in the fire. ¹⁰ Be still, and know that I *am* God: I will be exalted among the heathen, I will be exalted in the earth. ¹¹ The LORD of hosts *is* with us; the God of Jacob *is* our refuge. Selah.

Exodus 14:10–14 (AV)¹⁰ And when Pharaoh drew nigh, the children of Israel lifted up their eyes, and, behold, the Egyptians marched after them; and they were sore afraid: and the children of Israel cried out unto the LORD. ¹¹ And they said unto Moses, Because *there were* no graves in Egypt, hast thou taken us away to die in the wilderness? wherefore hast thou dealt thus with us, to carry us forth out of Egypt? ¹² *Is* not this the word that we did tell thee in Egypt, saying, Let us alone, that we may serve the Egyptians? For *it had been* better for us to serve the Egyptians, than that we should die in the wilderness. ¹³ And Moses said unto the people, Fear ye not, stand still, and see the salvation of the LORD, which he will shew to you to day: for the Egyptians whom ye have seen to day, ye shall see them again no more for ever. ¹⁴ The LORD shall fight for you, and ye shall hold your peace.

Introduction

Last week we talked about how to walk the path of Holiness in Meekness; to walk humbly in Agreement when you Disagree, to walk humbly in Trouble when you don’t Understand, and to walk humbly in Faith when you can’t see the Path.

Today we want to look at what you do when you’re on that path and you don’t know where to go next. “Siri” aint saying anything, “Google Maps” can’t connect to the internet.

What do you do when you’re standing at an impasse on your Journey of Holiness and God is silent? Do you go left? Do you go right? Do you backtrack from where you came from?

The truth of our Holiness Journey is that sometimes we feel lost. Other times we become gripped by fear. And yet other times we're confronted by enemies and feel trapped.

The answer is not to go left, not to go right, and certainly not to go backwards; but to stand still and see the Salvation of the Lord.

Series and Sermon: The Requirements of Holiness: Standing Still in Holiness (Seeing the Salvation of the Lord)

“Standing Still in the Wilderness, in Fear, and in the Salvation of the Lord”

I. Standing Still in the Wilderness

Exodus 14: ¹² *Is not this the word that we did tell thee in Egypt, saying, Let us alone, that we may serve the Egyptians? For it had been better for us to serve the Egyptians, than that we should die in the wilderness.*

Sometimes in the Journey of Holiness, the path of Righteousness, we get lost in the Wilderness.

The wilderness represents the wasteland or desert of life. The time in your journey when everything around you becomes an inhospitable region, an abandoned area, badlands, wasteland, no-man's land. You just feel lost!

When most people get lost, they start doing the one thing they shouldn't, they start wondering in the wilderness, which only gets them more lost.

Psalms 1:1 (AV)¹ Blessed *is* the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful.

Some turn to the right (The Counsel of the Ungodly), others turn to the left (The Way of the Sinner), while others go back to where they came from (The Seat of the Scornful); but ultimately, they all still end up lost.

When you're lost in the wilderness, the answer is not to keep moving, but to stand still and wait to be found. To Stand Still and Wait on the Lord!

Psalms 27:14 (AV)¹⁴ Wait on the LORD: be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart: wait, I say, on the LORD.

Isaiah 40:³¹ But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew *their* strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; *and* they shall walk, and not faint.

II. Standing Still in Fear

Exodus 14: ¹³ And Moses said unto the people, Fear ye not, stand still, ...

Other times in our Journey of Holiness we become gripped by fear. For some it's the fear of the known, what has happened to us. And others it's the fear of the unknown, what happens next.

But regardless of the fear, they all experience the flight or fight response. That is, they either run as a result of what they fear, or they fight what they fear.

The problem is sometimes we run from the plan and destiny God has for our lives. Other times we fight the very thing that God has given us. All because of fear.

2 Timothy 1:6–7 (AV)⁶ Wherefore I put thee in remembrance that thou stir up the gift of God, which is in thee by the putting on of my hands. ⁷ For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.

When Fear disrupts our Journey of Holiness, we must Stand Still and Stir up the Holy Ghost.

Stand Still and Stir up the Gift of God, Stand Still and Stir up the Power of God, Stand Still and Stir up the Love of God, Stand Still and Stir up the Mind of God.

III. Standing Still in Salvation

Exodus 14: ¹³ And Moses said unto the people, Fear ye not, stand still, and see the salvation of the LORD, ...

While on the Journey of Holiness

- When you get lost in the Wilderness, Stand Still and Wait on the Lord
- When you are gripped by Fear, Stand Still and Stir up the Gift of the Lord
- When you are confronted by the Enemy, Stand Still and See the Salvation of the Lord

If we try to find our way out, we only get more lost. If we try to fight our way out, we only end up in more fear. And finally, when we attack our enemies, we only end up in more wars.

James 4:1–2 (AV)¹ From whence *come* wars and fightings among you? *come they* not hence, *even* of your lusts that war in your members? ² Ye lust, and have not: ye kill, and desire to have, and cannot obtain: ye fight and war, yet ye have not, because ye ask not.

We go from enemies to more enemies, from war to more wars, from trouble to more trouble, from hate to more hate.

But if you want true salvation, true healing, true deliverance, true victory, stand still and see the salvation of the Lord.

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2 Chronicles 20:15 (AV)¹⁵ And he said, Hearken ye, all Judah, and ye inhabitants of Jerusalem, and thou king Jehoshaphat, Thus saith the LORD unto you, Be not afraid nor dismayed by reason of this great multitude; for the battle *is* not yours, but God's.

Midweek Study Lesson Plan (Sermon: Standing Still in Holiness)

Lesson Text

- Psalm 46:9–11, Exodus 14:10–14

Sermon Outline (Notes)

I. *Standing Still in the Wilderness*

II. *Standing Still in Fear*

III. *Standing Still in Salvation*

Questions

I. Getting to Know “Me”

1. Does your first or middle name have any significance (or were you named after another family member)?
2. Tell the group the high point of your week.

II. Into the Bible

1. Read Exodus 14:13-18. Moses told the people to “stand still, and see the salvation of the Lord,” (verse 13), and the Lord said to Moses, “Why do you cry to Me? Tell the people of Israel to go forward!” (verse 15). Is there a discrepancy in what Moses told the people and what the Lord said to Moses? Explain.
2. The Hebrew word for salvation in Exodus 14:13 is “Yeshua”, which is also the name for Jesus. How is the Israelites deliverance from the Egyptians similar to our deliverance from sin, death, judgement, and condemnation through Jesus?

III. Life Application

1. Does standing still mean doing nothing? If not, what should we do while standing still? What is your plan for the next time you have to wait on the Lord?
2. Of the three life situations discussed in this Sunday’s message (feeling lost, gripped by fear or trapped by enemies), which presents the greatest challenge for you to stand still? The least challenge? Why do you think so?