

Sermon Notes: Living to Please the Lord

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Main Texts: Isaiah 6, Exodus 19, 2 Corinthians 5:9

Key Scriptures

- **Isaiah 6:1–8** – Isaiah’s vision of God’s holiness
 - **Exodus 19:1–6** – God brings Israel out of Egypt to be with Him
 - **Exodus 3:12** – Moses called to return to Sinai and worship
 - **2 Corinthians 5:9** – “We make it our aim to please Him”
 - **1 Peter 2:9** – A royal priesthood and holy nation
 - **1 Samuel 15:22** – “Obedience is better than sacrifice”
 - **Philippians 2:12–13** – “Work out your salvation with fear and trembling”
 - **Colossians 1:10** – Walk in a manner worthy of the Lord
 - **2 Samuel 6:6–7** – Uzzah touches the Ark and dies
 - **Acts 5:1–11** – Ananias and Sapphira struck down
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Main Points with Scripture References

1. The Fear of the Lord Confronts the Fear of Man

2 Corinthians 5:9

- We often remain quiet to avoid offense or rejection.
- Holy fear calls us to bold truth, not self-protection.

2. God's Holiness Demands a Personal Reckoning

Isaiah 6:1–8

- Isaiah's vision of God led to confession: "Woe is me."
- God's presence exposes our true condition and calls us to transformation.

3. You Were Delivered for Relationship, Not Just Freedom

Exodus 19:4, Exodus 3:12

- God told Moses He brought Israel to Himself—not just to the land.
- God's heart is for closeness and covenant, not comfort alone.

4. God Desires Obedience, Not Casual Worship

1 Samuel 15:22, Philippians 2:12–13, Colossians 1:10

- Obedience reflects reverence.
- Living to please the Lord means following His word even when it costs.

5. Irreverence Grows When We Become Too Familiar with Holy Things

2 Samuel 6:6–7, Acts 5:1–11

- Uzzah and Ananias & Sapphira were judged for treating the presence of God casually.
- Familiarity must not replace reverence.

6. A Holy People for a Holy God

1 Peter 2:9, Exodus 19:5–6

- God calls us His treasured possession—if **we obey His voice**.
- Being a holy nation means living differently, set apart for Him.