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*Behind you - All Your Memories
Before you - All Your Dreams
Around you - All Who Love You
Within you - God... All You Need*



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Confidence Corner

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In this week's *Confidence Corner* as we continue our thoughts regarding the holiness of God, we want to look at the second of the three words (qodesh, cherem, and chol) we said we would examine to grasp better who our God is. Cherem seems to be from a Western Semitic root having as a base meaning forbid or forbidden. It took on a religious significance. It is this religious significance of which we are concerned.

In the Old Testament, the term cherem came to refer with few exceptions to that which had previously been holy (qodesh) to a god other than Jehovah. Thus that which was considered sacred and belonging to another god was then devoted to YHWH. Such devotion to YHWH was done by utterly and completely destroying whatever was deemed to be holy to a god other than YHWH. Such would show that YHWH was the God who was all-powerful and not to be reckoned with. In the Moabite Stone, the same term is used when the altar hearth of YHWH was dragged before the Moabite god Chemosh and devoted (of course we know this was something Jehovah allowed and not an instance where Chemosh was more powerful than YHWH).

In Leviticus 27, Numbers 18, and Ezekiel 44 cherem refers to things dedicated to YHWH under specifically stringent conditions. These things are wholly and finally separated from human use and belong exclusively to YHWH. The conclusion drawn regarding cherem is that such a concept conveyed that something that was cherem is something completely withdrawn and separate from man.

Such a concept fits with the idea of Deity being the “wholly other.” If God is holy and utterly holy in contrast to humanity, then cherem indicates a sense in which something could be removed from the realm of the mundane and considered unique because it belonged to the realm of God and not man.

Sunday's Sermon on Facebook Live

10:30am

A.M. — Things We Need To Hear From God

Amos 8:11-12