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Confidence Corner

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In this week's *Confidence Corner* we conclude our series with part three of beginning to grasp the concept of the Holiness of God. To refresh, in the first two installments we examined the Hebrew terms *qodesh* and *cherem*. This week we will look at the Hebrew word *chol*.

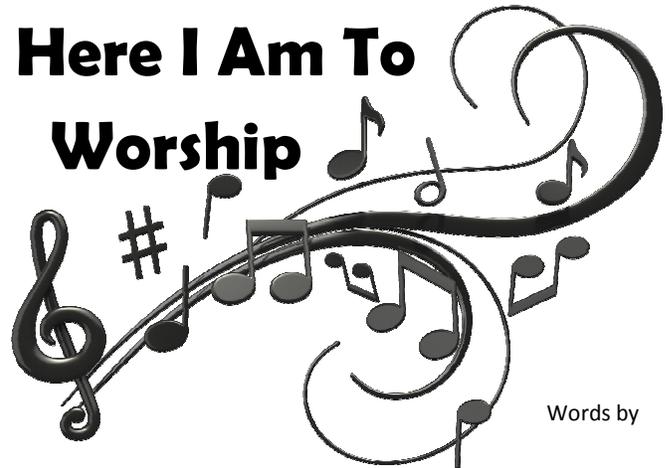
The idea of separation becomes the meaning behind *qodesh* as we trace the etymology of the word. This separation of God, as holy, deals with the distinction of God from man, and God from gods, as the "Wholly Other. In the Old Testament, the term *cherem* came to refer with few exceptions to that which 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 One not to be reckoned with.

Whereas *cherem* is separate unto God because it is not *qodesh* (for only God is holy) and because of its connection to another god, that which is *chol* is separate from God because it is tied to mankind. *Chol* is best translated "mundane" or "common," with an additional meaning given of "profane." *Qodesh* (Holy) is always the opposite of *chol* (mundane, common). What does all of this mean?

The point of *Confidence Corner* the past three weeks is to attempt to show how Holy or separate God is compared to mankind or things of this universe. You see this is why I like to refer to the Godhead as the "wholly other." Truly no one or nothing compares to God. He is so high and holy, the concept is beyond our human minds. But somehow I hope this exercise makes us stop and think how awesome it is to be in the presence of Deity and on top of that, be in His presence and worship Him.

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Here I Am To Worship



Words by

1. Light of the world, You stepped down into darkness, opened my eyes, let me see, beauty that made this heart adore You, hope of a life spent with You.

Chorus:

Here I am to worship, Here I am to bow down. Here I am to say that You're my God. You're altogether lovely, altogether worthy, Altogether wonderful to me.

2. King of all days, all so highly exalted, glorious in heaven above, humbly You came to the earth You created, all for our sake became poor.

Chorus

3. I'll never know how much it cost to see my Sin up-on that cross. I'll never know how much it cost to see my sin up-on that cross.

Chorus

4. Beauty that made this heart adore You. Hope of a life spent with You.

**Sunday's Sermon at the building and
on Facebook Live**

10:30am

A.M. — HERE I AM TO WORSHIP

HEBREWS 12:28-29

The Bible

Willard Johnson on the Bible

Generations follow generations—yet it lives.
Nations rise and fall—yet it lives.
Kings, dictators, presidents come and go—yet it lives.
Torn, condemned, burned—yet it lives.
Doubted, suspected, criticized—yet it lives.
Damned by atheists—yet it lives.
Exaggerated by fanatics—yet it lives.
Misconstrued and misstated—yet it lives.
Its inspiration denied—yet it lives.
Yet it lives—a lamp to our feet,
a light to our paths,
a standard for childhood,
a guide for youth,
a comfort for the aged,
food for the hungry,
water for the thirsty,
rest for the weary,
light for the heathen,
salvation for the sinner,
grace for the Christian.
To know it is to love it;
To love it is to accept it;
To accept it means life eternal.

Daniel Webster on the Bible

“If we abide by the principles taught in the Bible, our country will go on prospering and to prosper, but if we and our posterity neglect its instruction and authority, no man can tell how sudden a catastrophe may overwhelm us and bury our glory in profound obscurity.”

If truth be not diffused, error will be; if God and His Word are not known and received, the devil and his works will gain the ascendancy; if the evangelical volume does not reach every hamlet, the pages of the corrupt and licentious literature will; if the power of the gospel is not felt through the length and breadth of the land, anarchy and misrule, degradation and misery, corruption and darkness, will reign without mitigation or end.

The reason for providing the quotes by the men above is not because of any character which they possess. I have not investigated these men and whether their lives lived up to the standard of God's Word. I only include these quotes because regardless of who wrote or said them, they are words we need to consider.

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