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Subject: God's Holiness

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In another note someone brought up "love" as being a key to the Bible and it got me to thinking about the attributes of God. The Bible is the revelation of God, or to put it another way the revelation of His attributes. Since He is perfect/complete in all of His attributes it might be a bit presumptuous to lift one attribute above another but I believe that one could make a pretty good case that "holiness" is the premier attribute of God, not "love". Obviously from our standpoint we benefit from God's love more than we do from His holiness but it is because of His holiness that we need His love in the first place!

The whole of the biblical revelation seems to be designed to highlight His holiness. Yes, His love can be seen throughout as well --the atonement is the exclamation point that reveals just how great and far-reaching that love is-- but were it not for His holiness there would not be a need for the atonement. The scriptures start out by teaching us this fact. This truth (the Holiness of God) is behind all of the Mosaic Law. All of the teaching about the "clean" and "unclean", all of the difficult rituals, all of the separation rites and even the election of a separate people, was a clear indication not of His love, but His holiness. This teaching continues in the New Testament --Heb 12:14 Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord:

Comments?

Blessings,  
William