

NWC Questions

for Personal Study and Small Groups 8/12/12

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Charles Spurgeon said, "God must punish sin: if he did not, he would undeify himself." What does Spurgeon mean? What does it mean that God is holy? What is the potential result if the church fails to stress God's holiness? How does God's holiness relate to our need for holiness?

Why is it merciful (loving) for God to threatened His people with curses? Do the authors of the New Testament warn their readers in a similar manner? (see 1 Cor 10:12; Phil 2:12; Heb 2:1; 3:12). What is the ultimate purpose of such threats or warnings?

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