

The Holy Spirit & Spirituality

Lesson #6 The Holy Spirit and Living a Holy Life

1 Pet. 1:14–16; Isa. 6:3; Heb. 12:14; 1 Cor. 6:11; 1 Tim. 1:8; Ps. 15:1, 2

1 Thessalonians 5:23 (NKJV) *Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely; and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be preserved blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

The Holiness of God

1 Peter 1:13–16 (NKJV) *Therefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and rest your hope fully upon the grace that is to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ; as obedient children, not conforming yourselves to the former lusts, as in your ignorance; but as He who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, because it is written, “Be holy, for I am holy.”*

- The destined end of man is not happiness, nor health, but holiness. God's one aim is the production of saints. He is not an eternal blessing machine for men; he did not come to save men out of pity; he came to save men because he had created them to be holy. - Oswald Chambers
- Psalm 89:18** (NKJV) *For our shield belongs to the Lord, And our king to the Holy One of Israel.*
- *Isaiah 6:3** (NKJV) *And one cried to another and said: “Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; The whole earth is full of His glory!”*
- Isaiah 40:25** (NKJV) *“To whom then will you liken Me, Or to whom shall I be equal?” says the Holy One.*
- Luke 4:34** (NKJV) *I know who You are—the Holy One of God!”*
- Luke 1:35** (NKJV) *And the angel answered and said to her, “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Highest will overshadow you; therefore, also, that Holy One who is to be born will be called the Son of God.*
- Hebrews 7:26** (NKJV) *For such a High Priest was fitting for us, who is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and has become higher than the heavens;*
- Acts 3:14** (NKJV) *But you denied the Holy One and the Just, and asked for a murderer to be granted to you,*
- 1 Th 4:7, 8** *For God did not call us to uncleanness, but in holiness. Therefore he who rejects this does not reject man, but God, who has also given us His Holy Spirit. (No real holiness without Christ!)*
- John 17:11** (NKJV) *Holy Father, keep through Your name those whom You have given Me, that they may be one as We are.*

Isaiah 35:8 (NKJV) *A highway shall be there, and a road, And it shall be called the Highway of Holiness. The unclean shall not pass over it.*

John 14:6 (NKJV) *Jesus said to him, “I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.*

- Holiness is the most sparkling jewel of his crown; it is the name by which God is known. - Thomas Watson
- Exodus 39:30** (NKJV) *Then they made the plate of the holy crown of pure gold, and wrote on it an inscription like the engraving of a signet: HOLINESS TO THE LORD*
- Psalm 111:9** (NKJV) *Holy and awesome is His name.*
- Luke 1:49** (NKJV) *For He who is mighty has done great things for me, And holy is His name.*
- 2 Timothy 1:8–9** (NIV) *by the power of God. He has saved us and called us to a holy life—*

The Nature of Holiness

- The holiness of God is frightening to unholy people.

Holy = Definition

The Hebrew word for holy is *quadosh*, and the Greek word is *haigos*. Separate.

1. Belonging to, or associated with a divine power; sacred. 2. Regarded as worthy of worship or veneration; to be revered: 3. Specified or set apart for a religious purpose: 4. Regarded or deserving special respect or reverence: **a holy place, a holy book, a holy person.**

- Old English word *hālig* (derived from *hāl* meaning *health, happiness and wholeness*.) As “wholeness,” holiness may be taken to indicate a state of religious completeness or perfection. A man is not complete spiritually if all his mind, heart, soul, and body are not given to God. “Holy” found 731 times in the bible.

***Ephesians 1:4** (NKJV) *just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love,*

Ephesians 5:25–27 (NKJV) *Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her, ²⁶ that He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word, ²⁷ that He might present her to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she should be holy and without blemish.*

Galatians 5:16 (NKJV) *I say then: Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh.*

Holiness Wins Souls

- “A holy life will produce the deepest impression. Lighthouses blow no horns; they only shine.” Dwight L. Moody
The life of Daniel, Job, Three Hebrews. **Sir Galahad**
1 Peter 2:9 *But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light;*
Psalm 51:12–13 (NKJV) *Restore to me the joy of Your salvation, And uphold me by Your generous Spirit. Then I will teach transgressors Your ways, And sinners shall be converted to You.*

The Agent of Sanctification

1 Corinthians 6:11 (NKJV) *And such were some of you. But you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of our God.*

***2 Corinthians 3:18** (NKJV) *But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord.*

Although we become Christians instantaneously by faith in Christ, sanctification is a gradual process. There are no shortcuts. It takes time to be holy.

“Sanctification is not the work of a moment, an hour, a day, but of a lifetime.” AA p. 560

Titus 3:5 (NKJV) *not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit,*

But what really excites me is when the pastor goes on to holiness and sanctification. Few ever even attempt it.

- “How little people know who think that holiness is dull. When one meets the real thing, it is irresistible” C.S. Lewis

The Rule of Holiness Is God’s Law

Romans 7:12 *Therefore the law is holy, and the commandment holy and just and good.*

Psalm 19:7 (NKJV) *The law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul; The testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple;*

2 Peter 2:21** (NKJV) *For it would have been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than having known it, to turn from the holy commandment delivered to them. **The Sabbath!

1 Thessalonians 4:1-8 (NKJV) *Finally then, brethren, we urge and exhort in the Lord Jesus that you should abound more and more, just as you received from us how you ought to walk and to please God; for you know what commandments we gave you through the Lord Jesus. For this is the will of God, your sanctification: that you should abstain from sexual immorality; ⁴ that each of you should know how to possess his own vessel in sanctification and honor, ⁵ not in passion of lust, like the Gentiles who do not know God; that no one should take advantage of and defraud his brother in this matter, because the Lord is the avenger of all such, as we also forewarned you and testified. ⁷ For God did not call us to uncleanness, but in holiness. ⁸ Therefore he who rejects this does not reject man, but God, who has also given us His Holy Spirit.*

Pursuing Holiness

Hebrews 12:14 *Pursue peace with all people, and holiness, without which no one will see the Lord:*

Matthew 5:8 *Blessed are the pure in heart, For they shall see God.*

2 Timothy 2:21–22 (NKJV) *Therefore if anyone cleanses himself from the latter, he will be a vessel for honor, sanctified and useful for the Master, prepared for every good work. ²² Flee also youthful lusts; but pursue righteousness, faith, love, peace with those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart.*

- Saying yes to God means saying no to things that offend His holiness.

Luke 1:74–75 (NKJV) *To grant us that we, Being delivered from the hand of our enemies, Might serve Him without fear, In holiness and righteousness before Him all the days of our life.*

Revelation 15:4 (NKJV) *Who shall not fear You, O Lord, and glorify Your name? For **You alone are holy.***

Isaiah 57:15 (NKJV) *For thus says the High and Lofty One Who inhabits eternity, **whose name is Holy:***

TELEVISION Quotes

- **There is a dainty, bright-blue butterfly that feeds on dung.**
Phil 4:8 *Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things. **Rom 12:9 Abhor what is evil. Cling to what is good.***
Psalms 101:3 *I will set nothing wicked before my eyes;*
Job 31:1 *"I have made a covenant with my eyes; Why then should I look upon a young woman?"*

- Someone has said: “It is not enough for a good gardener to love flowers; he must also hate weeds.”

Rom 13:14 *But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to fulfill its lusts. We gorge the carnal nature with TV, then wonder why we can't resist temptation.*

Rom 1:32 *Who knowing the judgment of God, that they which commit such things are worthy of death, not only do the same, but have pleasure in them that do them.*