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Holy

- Fundamental idea is separation, and, thus consecration and devotion to God.
- Sacred, sanctified, hallowed, set apart for God.
- Having a special connection to God: Holy Bible, Holy Spirit, exclusively belonging to Him.
- It's first use is very enlightening and important:
- *Then He said, "Do not draw near this place. Take your sandals off your feet, for the place where you stand is holy ground." Ex 3:5*
- It wasn't the ground, but the connection to God.
- If God had not been in that bush, it would not have been holy. God's presence made it holy.

Holy

- *"Remember the Sabbath day, **to keep it holy**. 9 Six days you shall labor and do all your work, 10 but the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord your God. In it **you shall do no work**: ... 11 For in six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and **rested the seventh day**. **Therefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and hallowed it.** Ex 20:8-11*
- We see the two distinct sides of holy.
- 1st treat it differently as God commanded it to be set apart for Him. (no work – different than all others).
- 2nd It is hallowed and separated to Him because He rested on that day. It is a day devoted to Him.

Holy

- We are Holy when we consecrate our ways to God's ways.
- ***"If you turn away your foot from the Sabbath, From doing your pleasure on My holy day, And call the Sabbath a delight, The holy day of the Lord honorable, And shall honor Him, not doing your own ways, Nor finding your own pleasure, Nor speaking your own words, 14 Then you shall delight yourself in the Lord; Isa 58:13-14***

When God sees us as Holy

- *"The Lord will establish you as a holy people to Himself, just as He has sworn to you, if you keep the commandments of the Lord your God and walk in His ways. Deut 28:9-11*

What to do to Dwell on His Holy Hill

- *Lord, who may abide in Your tabernacle? Who may dwell in Your holy hill? 2 He who walks uprightly, And works righteousness, And speaks the truth in his heart; 3 He who does not backbite with his tongue, Nor does evil to his neighbor, Nor does he take up a reproach against his friend; 4 In whose eyes a vile person is despised, But he honors those who fear the Lord; He who swears to his own hurt and does not change; 5 He who does not put out his money at usury, Nor does he take a bribe against the innocent. He who does these things shall never be moved. Ps. 15:1-16:5*

Being Holy as He is Holy

- *For **you are the temple of the living God**. As God has said: “I will dwell in them And walk among them. I will be their God, And they shall be My people.” 17 Therefore “**Come out from among them And be separate**, says the Lord. **Do not touch what is unclean**, And I will receive you.” 7:1 Therefore, having these promises, beloved, **let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.** 2Cor 6:14-7:1*

Being Holy or Profane/Common

- Treating God's commands as Holy or treating them lightly and changing them to suit our own desires/needs
- *Then Nadab and Abihu, the sons of Aaron, each took his censer and put fire in it, put incense on it, and **offered profane fire before the Lord, which He had not commanded them.** 2 So fire went out from the Lord and devoured them, and they died before the Lord. 3 And Moses said to Aaron, "This is what the Lord spoke, saying: 'By those who come near Me I must be regarded as holy; And before all the people I must be glorified.'"* Lev 10:1-3

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- This fire had no connection to God.
- It had not been commanded so it was not holy.
- If we are to regard and sanctify God as Holy we must keep ourselves separate by only doing what He commands.
- The moment we set aside His commands to do our own ideas, we are no longer holy, no longer regarding Him as Holy and no longer glorifying him as God.

When God sees us as Holy

It begins with a deep sense of awe and respect for God ...
Since God gave them they are holy ... if we keep them
we are holy.

Let God be true and every man a liar.

His word is holy .. the only truth, treated with awe. We
reverence His laws holding them with the highest regard
and the utmost respect.

*Trust in the Lord with all your heart, And lean not on
your own understanding; 6 In all your ways
acknowledge Him, And He shall direct your paths. 7 Do
not be wise in your own eyes; Fear the Lord and depart
from evil. Pr. 3:5-7*

A Living – Holy – Sacrifice

- *I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you **present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God**, which is your reasonable service. 2 And do **not be conformed to this world**, but **be transformed by the renewing of your mind**, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God. Rom 12:1-2*
- *as He who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, 16 because it is written, "**Be holy, for I am holy.**" ... 18 you were not redeemed with corruptible things, like silver or gold, from **your aimless conduct received by tradition from your fathers**, 1 Pet. 1:15-18*

Holy

- Everything connected with God is holy and treated with awe, respect, reverence and devotion.
- Holy reverence to His Word
- Holy reverence to His church and worship
- Holy reverence toward how we walk before Him.

- *Therefore, since all these things will be dissolved, what manner of persons ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness, 12 looking for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be dissolved, being on fire, and the elements will melt with fervent heat? 2Peter 3:11-12*

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- Can we answer this question?
- Do we have a plan, purpose and course of action?