

“A Call to Holiness”

Ex 15:11-14	Lev 20:7-8,22-26	Ps 29:1-2	2 Cor 7:1
Ex 19:2b-6	Num 6:5,8	Ps 96:7-9	Rom 12:1
Ex 40:9-13	Deut 7:6-11 &14:2	Ps 99	Eph 1:4
Lev 11:44-45	Josh 6:17-19	Isa 5:15-16	1 Thes 4:3-7
Lev 18:1-5,30 &19:1-2	1 Ch 16:28-30,35&36	Isa 6:1-8 & Rev 4:6-11	1 Ptr 1:15-16 & 2:5-9

The words *holy* or *holiness* occur almost 700 times in Scripture, and the various Hebrew and Greek words used define them most often mean sacred, separate, apart, or sanctify. In regards to God they convey the ideas of but not limited to absolute purity, complete blamelessness, unpolluted, absent of any evil or unrighteousness, hallowed, exalted, and preeminent. In regards to people, places, or things they are denoted as separated to God, consecrated, devoted, and dedicated among other things. The words are also frequently associated with righteousness, right conduct and characteristically godlikeness.

1. How are some of the facets of holiness defined above pictured in the scenes of Isaiah 6:1-8 and Rev 4:6-11? Describe and explain the response of the seraphim and men toward God. What are they doing and why?

2. In Ps 29:1-2, Ps 96:7-9, Ps 99, as well as the Ex 15:11-14, and 1 Chronicles 16:28-30,35&36 the Lord is depicted as the object of worship. What words are used to describe Him? What should these descriptions illicit in our response to Him?

3. In Response to God’s holiness, we see repeated the idea of “trembling” before Him (Ex 15:14, 1 Chr 16:30, Ps 96:9; Ps 99:1&5). Now read Luke 5:1-11. Why did Peter respond the way he did in verse 8? What do you think it means to tremble before the Lord? Develop your answer.

4. Read the six listed Exodus and Leviticus passages as well as Num 6:5-8; What types of people or things were set apart as holy? Why or for what purpose were these things set apart? What does this teach you about God? The call to holiness commands consecration and/or separation. What does consecrate mean? What does the idea of separation signify?

5. Read Joshua 6:17-19. What things were dedicated and/or devoted to God? Read Rom 12:1-2. What does it mean to be dedicated to God? Explain your answer.

6. According to Lev 19:2 and 1 Ptr 2:9 what does God command regarding holiness in the OT and NT? Read Hebrews 12:14. What is God's call for every believer? What does this look like practically in your life?

7. In the context of holiness what is the relationship between worship and sacrifice?

8. Where do you see you need to grow most in godlike holiness?