



# THE JESUS APPRENTICESHIP

## Session 4: The Holiness of God

### Teaching notes:

#### **God's Holiness**

We are covering the following areas:

1. God introduces Himself as Holy
2. The bible's emphasis of holiness as one of the most essential attributes of God.
3. Meaning of Holiness & explanation of holiness in two folds
4. Some Practical applications of holiness as believers
5. Consequences of dishonouring God's holiness.


#### **God reveals Himself as Holy**

Leviticus 11:44-45 KJV

For I am the Lord your God: ye shall therefore sanctify yourselves, and ye shall be holy; for I am holy: neither shall ye defile yourselves with any manner of creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth. [45] For I am the Lord that bringeth you up out of the land of Egypt, to be your God: ye shall therefore be holy, for I am holy.

1 Peter 1:15-16 KJV

But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation; [16] Because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy.

 Jesus refers to God as Holy

John 17:11 KJV

And now I am no more in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to thee. Holy Father, keep through thine own name those whom thou hast given me, that they may be one, as we are .

 **Holiness is one of the attributes of God that is most emphasised in scripture**

Isaiah 6:1-3 KJV

In the year that king Uzziah died I saw also the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up, and his train filled the temple. [2] Above it stood the seraphims: each one had six wings; with twain he covered his face, and with twain he covered his feet, and with twain he did fly. [3] And one cried unto another, and said, Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord of hosts: the whole earth is full of his glory.


Revelation 4:8 KJV

And the four beasts had each of them six wings about him ; and they were full of eyes within: and they rest not day and night, saying, Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, which was, and is, and is to come.


In the scriptures above the angels declare that God is "holy, holy, holy". This is the only attribute of God that is emphasized this way. God is never called "Love, love, love," or "mercy, mercy, mercy"...

1 Samuel 2:2 KJV

There is none holy as the Lord : for there is none beside thee: neither is there any rock like our God

 God is Holy.

### **Meaning of Holiness**

 Holiness means to be set apart, sacred, dedicated or consecrated, separated to God.

The Hebrew word is Kadosh – It means set apart, sacred, consecration

Isaiah 6:3 (Hebrew)


"kadosh kadosh kadosh adonai tsvaot; melo hol haarets kvodo

Isaiah 6:3 KJV

.....Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord of hosts: the whole earth is full of his glory.

### **The Bible gives us a two-fold understanding of Holiness:**

#### **1. We cannot be Holy by ourselves.**

 God initially separates and set us apart onto Himself, making us holy and then He demands that we continue to live Holy lives.

 We see this from various scriptures

♥ Old testament

Children of Israel

Deuteronomy 14:2 KJV

For thou art an holy people unto the Lord thy God, and the Lord hath chosen thee to be a peculiar people unto himself, above all the nations that are upon the earth.

♥ Aaron and His sons

Exodus 28:40-41 KJV

And for Aaron's sons thou shalt make coats, and thou shalt make for them girdles, and bonnets shalt thou make for them, for glory and for beauty. [41] And thou shalt put them upon Aaron thy brother, and his sons with him; and shalt anoint them, and consecrate them, and sanctify them, that they may minister unto me in the priest's office.

♥ objects, vessels, treasures

Joshua 6:19 KJV

But all the silver, and gold, and vessels of brass and iron, are consecrated unto the Lord : they shall come into the treasury of the Lord .

Ezra 8:28 KJV

And I said unto them, Ye are holy unto the Lord ; the vessels are holy also; and the silver and the gold are a freewill offering unto the Lord God of your fathers.

🙏 New testament and born again believers

🙏 God give birth to us by His Holy Spirit.

Holy Spirit anoints, seals and sets us apart unto God.

John 1:12-13 KJV

But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name: [13] Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.

2 Corinthians 1:21-22 KJV

Now he which stablisheth us with you in Christ, and hath anointed us, is God; [22] Who hath also sealed us, and given the earnest of the Spirit in our hearts.

Ephesians 4:30 KJV

And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption.

Eph 5:25-27

<sup>25</sup> For husbands, this means love your wives, just as Christ loved the church. He gave up his life for her <sup>26</sup> to make her holy and clean, washed by the cleansing of God's word.<sup>[a]</sup> <sup>27</sup> He did this to present her to himself as a glorious church without a spot or wrinkle or any other blemish. Instead, she will be holy and without fault.

Romans 5:17-18 KJV

For if by one man's offence death reigned by one; much more they which receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness shall reign in life by one, Jesus Christ.) [18] Therefore as by the offence of one judgment came upon all men to condemnation; even so by the righteousness of one the free gift came upon all men unto justification of life.

1 Peter 2:9 KJV

But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light:

1Peter 2:4-5 KJV

To whom coming, as unto a living stone, disallowed indeed of men, but chosen of God, and precious, [5] Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ.

## **2. As Holy children of God, God expects us to be Holy as He is Holy.**

Hebrews 12:14 KJV

Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord:

Romans 12:1-2 KJV

I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. [2] And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

1 Corinthians 3:16-17 KJV

Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you? [17] If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are.

2 Corinthians 7:1 KJV

Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.

1 Corinthians 6:17-20 KJV

But he that is joined unto the Lord is one spirit. [18] Flee fornication. Every sin that a man doeth is without the body; but he that committeth fornication sinneth against his own body. [19] What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? [20] For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.

Colossians 3:12 KJV

Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering;


### **Some Practical applications of holiness**

As Believers we see that we are called to be Holy

 **Be not conformed to the world.** Be you separate

2 Corinthians 6:17-18 KJV

Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing ; and I will receive you, [18] And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty.

 **Refrain from doing evil.** Touch not the unclean thing

1 Thessalonians 4:7 KJV

For God hath not called us unto uncleanness, but unto holiness.

1 Thes 4:

<sup>3</sup>God's will is for you to be holy, so stay away from all sexual sin. <sup>4</sup>Then each of you will control his own body<sup>[a]</sup> and live in holiness and honor— <sup>5</sup>not in lustful passion like the pagans who do not know God and his ways. <sup>6</sup>Never harm or cheat a fellow believer in this matter by violating his wife,<sup>[a]</sup> for the Lord avenges all such sins, as we have solemnly warned you before. <sup>7</sup>God has called us to live holy lives, not impure lives. <sup>8</sup>Therefore, anyone who refuses to live by these rules is not disobeying human teaching but is rejecting God, who gives his Holy Spirit to you.

 **Put on Christ daily.** Live Christ-like lives by the power of the Holy Spirit

Romans 13:14 KJV

But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to fulfil the lusts thereof.

Galatians 5:16 KJV

This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh

Jude:1:24

<sup>24</sup> Now all glory to God, who is able to keep you from falling away and will bring you with great joy into his glorious presence without a single fault.

 **Walk daily in the fear of God.**

Philippians 2: 12-15

<sup>12</sup> Dear friends, you always followed my instructions when I was with you. And now that I am away, it is even more important. Work hard to show the results of your salvation, obeying God with deep reverence and fear. <sup>13</sup> For God is working in you, giving you the desire and the power to do what pleases him.

<sup>14</sup> Do everything without complaining and arguing, <sup>15</sup> so that no one can criticize you. Live clean, innocent lives as children of God, shining like bright lights in a world full of crooked and perverse people.

 **seek after God's righteousness daily.**

Matthew 6:33 KJV

But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

 **Consequences for dishonouring God's holiness**

### **1. Moses and the Holiness of God**

(Numbers 20:1-13; 27:12-14) <sup>12</sup> "Because you have not believed Me, to treat Me as holy in the sight of the sons of Israel, therefore you shall not bring this assembly into the land which I have given them" (verse 12)

### **2. God says He will destroy whoever defiles his temple**

### **3. Ananias and Sapphira were struck dead for lying**

### **In conclusion**

Psalms 24:3-5. Who may ascend into the hill of the LORD? and who may stand in His holy place? <sup>4</sup> He who has clean hands and a pure heart, who has not lifted up his soul to falsehood, and has not sworn deceitfully. <sup>5</sup> He shall receive a blessing

from the LORD And righteousness from the God of his salvation.