

Holiness

Hebrews 12:14 (NKJV), “Pursue peace with all people, and holiness, without which no one will see the Lord:”

What is holiness? *Hagiasmon* [G 38] consecration, purification. Set apart for God.

1. Keep the Lord’s commandments.

Numbers 15:39-40 (NKJV), “And you shall have the tassel, that you may look upon it and remember all the commandments of the Lord and do them, and that you may not follow the harlotry to which your own heart and your own eyes are inclined, and that you may remember and do all My commandments, and be holy for your God.”

Exodus 31:14-15 (NKJV), ““You shall keep the Sabbath, therefore, for it is holy to you. Everyone who profanes it shall surely be put to death; for whoever does any work on it, that person shall be cut off from among his people. ‘Work shall be done for six days, but the seventh is the Sabbath of rest, holy to the LORD. Whoever does any work on the Sabbath day, he shall surely be put to death.”

Psalms 93:5 (NKJV), “Your testimonies are very sure; Holiness adorns Your house, O Lord, forever.”

Deuteronomy 28:9 (NKJV), ““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.”

Romans 7:12 (NKJV), “Therefore the law is holy, and the commandment holy and just and good.”

Psalms 119:142 (NKJV), “Your righteousness is an everlasting righteousness, And Your law is truth.”

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.”

2. Avoid uncleanness.

Deuteronomy 23:14 (NKJV) “For the LORD your God walks in the midst of your camp, to deliver you and give your enemies over to you; therefore your camp shall be holy, that He may see no unclean thing among you, and turn away from you.”

Romans 6:19 (NKJV), “I speak in human terms because of the weakness of your flesh. For just as you presented your members as slaves of uncleanness, and of

lawlessness leading to more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves of righteousness for holiness.”

2 Corinthians 6:16-7:1 (NKJV), “And what agreement has the temple of God with idols? 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.” Therefore “Come out from among them and be separate, says the Lord. Do not touch what is unclean, And I will receive you.” “I will be a Father to you, and you shall be My sons and daughters, Says the Lord Almighty.” Therefore, having these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.”

1 Thessalonians 4:7 (NKJV). “For God did not call us to uncleanness, but in holiness.”

3. Be without blame.

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,”

Romans 12:1 (NKJV), “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.”

1 Peter 2:5 (NKJV), “you also, as living stones, are being built up a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.”

4. Imitate the holiness of the Lord.

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.””

Leviticus 11:44-45 (NKJV), “For I am the Lord your God. You shall therefore consecrate yourselves, and you shall be holy; for I am holy. Neither shall you defile yourselves with any creeping thing that creeps on the earth. For I am the Lord who brings you up out of the land of Egypt, to be your God. You shall therefore be holy, for I am holy.”

1 Corinthians 11:1 (NKJV), “Imitate me, just as I also imitate Christ.”

1 John 2:6 (NKJV), “He who says he abides in Him ought himself also to walk just as He walked.”

John 15:10 (NKJV), “If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love, just as I have kept My Father’s commandments and abide in His love.”

2 Peter 3:11 (NKJV), “Therefore, since all these things will be dissolved, what manner of persons ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness,”

Exodus 15:11 (NKJV), “Who is like You, O Lord, among the gods? Who is like You, glorious in holiness, Fearful in praises, doing wonders?”

5. Holiness is required for the resurrection to eternal life.

Revelation 20:6 (NKJV), “Blessed and holy is he who has part in the first resurrection. Over such the second death has no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with Him a thousand years.”

Romans 6:22 (NKJV), “But now having been set free from sin, and having become slaves of God, you have your fruit to holiness, and the end, everlasting life.”

6. Holiness is beautiful in God’s eyes.

1 Chronicles 16:29 (NKJV), “Give to the Lord the glory due His name; Bring an offering, and come before Him. Oh, worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness!”

Ephesians 5:27 (NKJV), “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.”

Colossians 3:12 (NKJV), “Therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, put on tender mercies, kindness, humility, meekness, longsuffering;”

7. Holiness and righteousness are inseparable.

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.”

Ephesians 4:17-24 (NKJV), “This I say, therefore, and testify in the Lord, that you should no longer walk as the rest of the Gentiles walk, in the futility of their mind, having their understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God, because of the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart; who, being past feeling, have given themselves over to lewdness, to work all uncleanness with greediness. But you have not so learned Christ, if indeed you have heard Him and have been taught by Him, as the truth is in Jesus: that you put off, concerning your former conduct, the old man which grows corrupt according to the deceitful lusts, and be renewed in the spirit of your mind, and that you put on the new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness.”

Sanctification

John 17:17 (NKJV), “Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth.”

Psalms 119:142 (NKJV), “Your righteousness is an everlasting righteousness,
And Your law is truth.”

Ephesians 5:25-27 (NKJV), “Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her, that He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word, 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.”

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.”

1 Corinthians 1:30-31 (NKJV), “But of Him you are in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God—and righteousness and sanctification and redemption—that, as it is written, “He who glories, let him glory in the Lord.””

1 Thessalonians 4:1-6 (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; that each of you should know how to possess his own vessel in sanctification and honor, 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.”

2 Thessalonians 2:13-14 (NKJV), “But we are bound to give thanks to God always for you, brethren beloved by the Lord, because God from the beginning chose you for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and belief in the truth, to which He called you by our gospel, for the obtaining of the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.”

Acts 2:38 (NKJV), “Then Peter said to them, “Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the [k]remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.”

Hebrews 5:9 (NKJV), “And having been perfected, He became the author of eternal salvation to all who obey Him,”