

ANSWERS: Who Is God?: Lesson 5 God Is Holy

Learning to know and love God for who He is, His character, attributes and being

Lesson 5: God Is Holy (Day One) Set Apart

Definitions: Holy can be defined as being set apart, pure and sacred.

To set apart makes (someone or something) different, special or sacred. To set apart means to put (someone or something) in a particular place or category. It can also mean selecting (someone or something) for a specific purpose.

Pure as related to an individual is perfection. To be pure is being free or separate from moral fault, sin, infirmity or contamination.

Sacred is defined as worthy or entitled to reverence, veneration and respect. Places that are dedicated or set apart for the service or worship of God are sacred.

Scripture References in Lesson:

But," he said, "you cannot see my face, for no one may see me and live." Exodus 33:20

Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. John 14:16

But I will show you whom you should fear: Fear him who, after your body has been killed, has authority to throw you into hell. Yes, I tell you, fear him. Luke 12:5

For we live by faith, not by sight.⁸ We are confident, I say, and would prefer to be away from the body and at home with the Lord.⁹ So we make it our goal to please him, whether we are at home in the body or away from it.¹⁰ For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each of us may receive what is due us for the things done while in the body, whether good or bad.¹¹ Since, then, we know what it is to fear the Lord, we try to persuade others. What we are is plain to God, and I hope it is also plain to your conscience. Read 2 Corinthians 5:7-11

Read Acts 9:31 and answer questions 1-2:

Then the church throughout Judea, Galilee and Samaria enjoyed a time of peace and was strengthened. Living in the fear of the Lord and encouraged by the Holy Spirit, it increased in numbers. Acts 9:31 (Read 2 Corinthians 5:7-11)

1. The early church lived in the fear of the Lord.

2. Do you think these early believers were following Jesus? **Yes** No (Circle One) Explain your answer:

Personal answer but here are notes from the lesson. When you live in the fear of the Lord, you are following Jesus. You are not afraid of what man or woman may do to you. You are faithful to God. You understand God's mystery, power and holiness. You recognize that God is pure and hates evil. All people will be accountable or answerable for the things done in the body, whether good or bad (2 Corinthians 5:10).

Read Genesis 2:2-3 and answer questions 3-5:

By the seventh day God had finished the work he had been doing; so on the seventh day he rested from all his work. ³ Then God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it he rested from all the work of creating that he had done. Genesis 2:2-3

3. By the seventh day God finished His work of creating the world and He rested (v. 2).

4. Then God blessed the seventh day and made it holy (v. 3a).

5. Why did God bless the seventh day and make it holy (v. 3b)?

Because on it he rested from all the work of creating that he had done.

Scripture References in Lesson:

Then the LORD said to Moses, ¹³ "Say to the Israelites, 'You must observe my Sabbaths. This will be a sign between me and you for the generations to come, so you may know that I am the LORD, who makes you holy. ¹⁴ "'Observe the Sabbath, because it is holy to you. Anyone who desecrates it is to be put to death; those who do any work on that day must be cut off from their people. ¹⁵ For six days work is to be done, but the seventh day is a day of sabbath rest, holy to the LORD. Whoever does any work on the Sabbath day is to be put to death. ¹⁶ The Israelites are to observe the Sabbath, celebrating it for the generations to come as a lasting covenant. ¹⁷ It will be a sign between me and the Israelites forever, for in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, and on the seventh day he rested and was refreshed. "' Exodus 31:12-17

Remember that you were slaves in Egypt and that the LORD your God brought you out of there with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm. Therefore the LORD your God has commanded you to observe the Sabbath day. Deuteronomy 5:15

One Sabbath Jesus was going through the grainfields, and as his disciples walked along, they began to pick some heads of grain. ²⁴ The Pharisees said to him, "Look, why are they doing what is unlawful on the Sabbath?" ²⁵ He answered, "Have you never read what David did when he and his companions were hungry and in need? ²⁶ In the days of Abiathar the high priest, he entered the house of God and ate the consecrated bread, which is lawful only for priests to eat. And he also gave some to his companions." ²⁷ Then he said to them, "The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath. ²⁸ So the Son of Man is Lord even of the Sabbath." Mark 2:23-28

On the first day of the week we came together to break bread. Paul spoke to the people and, because he intended to leave the next day, kept on talking until midnight. Acts 20:7

*On the first day of every week, each one of you should set aside a sum of money in keeping with your income, saving it up, so that when I come no collections will have to be made.
1 Corinthians 16:2*

6. Read Eric Liddell's story above. What would you do under the same circumstances and why?

Personal Answer

Personal Application:

7. God is Holy. Consider this truth as you meditate (think deeply) on the following Scriptures. Then write anything that God revealed to you or what you learned through this application:

Personal answer, but please encourage your learner with his or her answer.

Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice. ¹¹ Look to the LORD and his strength; seek his face always. 1 Chronicles 16:10-11

Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; bring an offering and come before him. Worship the LORD in the splendor of his holiness. ³⁰ Tremble before him, all the earth! The world is firmly established; it cannot be moved ³¹ Let the heavens rejoice, let the earth be glad; let them say among the nations, "The LORD reigns!" 1 Chronicles 16:29-31

Worship the LORD in the splendor of his holiness; tremble before him, all the earth. ¹⁰ Say among the nations, "The LORD reigns." The world is firmly established, it cannot be moved; he will judge the peoples with equity. Psalm 96: 9-10

The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom, and knowledge of the Holy One is understanding. Proverbs 9:10

Lesson 5: God Is Holy (Day Two) Friends with the Holy

Read Exodus 3:2-5 and answer questions 8-11:

There the angel of the LORD appeared to him in flames of fire from within a bush. Moses saw that though the bush was on fire it did not burn up. ³ So Moses thought, "I will go over and see this strange sight-- why the bush does not burn up." ⁴ When the LORD saw that he had gone over to look, God called to him from within the bush, "Moses! Moses!" And Moses said, "Here I am." ⁵ "Do not come any closer," God said. "Take off your sandals, for the place where you are standing is holy ground." Exodus 3:2-5

8. There the angel of the LORD appeared to him in flames of fire from within a bush (v. 2a).

9. What drew Moses' attention to the bush (vs. 2-3)? **The bush was on fire but did not burn up.**

10. The angel or messenger appears and God calls, "Moses! Moses!" How does Moses respond?

"Here I am."

11. What is the reason God gives for having Moses take off his sandals?

For the place where you are standing is holy ground.

12. Why is the ground holy?

Because God is there and making His presence known. Also because God says it is holy and thus makes it holy.

13. How do you think you would react if God called you to a dangerous mission?

Personal Answer

Read Exodus 19:5-6 and answer questions 14-15:

"Now if you obey me fully and keep my covenant, then out of all nations you will be my treasured possession. Although the whole earth is mine, ⁶ you will be for me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation. These are the words you are to speak to the Israelites." Exodus 19:5-6 (Covenant is an agreement, pact, treaty or alliance between two parties.)

14. In order to be God's treasured possession, what must the people do (v. 5)?

Obey God fully and keep His covenant.

15. By obeying God and keeping His covenant, even though the whole earth is His, they will be

for the LORD a kingdom of _____ **priests** _____ and a _____ **holy** _____ nation (v.6)

Definition: Obedience means to comply (follow, observe) with an order, request, or law. It is submission to another's authority.

16. Why do you think obedience is important to God?

Personal answer, however this is written in the lesson: God is worthy and entitled to respect. Disobeying God is the same as disrespecting Him. By not obeying God, we are saying His rules and plans are not important. We are saying we know better. Ultimately, disobedience shows a lack of trust and faith in God. The LORD created people for relationship on His holy terms. As Creator of the universe, He has the right to make the rules.

17. Are you concerned that studying about God’s holiness will change your friendship with God? Yes No Maybe (Circle One) Explain your answer:

Personal answer, however this is written in the lesson: Learning about God’s holiness *should* change our friendship with God. It should make our relationship genuine and thus, better. It is important to consider friendship with God according to *His* requirements. Friendship with God is not like our like human relationships.

You are my friends if you do what I command. John 15:14

18. Read John 15:14. Jesus said, “You are my_ **friends** ___if you do what I ___ **command** ___.

Scripture References in Lesson:

And God spoke all these words: ² "I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery. ³ "You shall have no other gods before me. ⁴ "You shall not make for yourself an image in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below. ⁵ You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the parents to the third and fourth generation of those who hate me, ⁶ but showing love to a thousand generations of those who love me and keep my commandments. ⁷ "You shall not misuse the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not hold anyone guiltless who misuses his name. ⁸ "Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy. ⁹ Six days you shall labor and do all your work, ¹⁰ but the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, neither you, nor your son or daughter, nor your male or female servant, nor your animals, nor any foreigner residing in your towns. ¹¹ For in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but he rested on the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy. ¹² "Honor your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the LORD your God is giving you. ¹³ "You shall not murder. ¹⁴ "You shall not commit adultery. ¹⁵ "You shall not steal. ¹⁶ "You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor. ¹⁷ "You shall not covet your neighbor's house. You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his male or female servant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor." Exodus 20:1-17

Then have them make a sanctuary for me, and I will dwell among them. Exodus 25:8

Personal Application:

19. Take some time to think about your relationship with a holy God. Do you treat His name with respect? Do you listen, watch or read books that misuse His name? Do you submit to His sovereign plan for your life? Do you follow His holy Son each day? How do you honor Him? *Write down areas that you will improve in relating to a holy God?*

Personal answer. Bible Minister, please comment with encouragement and let your learner know you are praying for him or her.

Lesson 5: God Is Holy (Day Three) God's Holy Presence

Read Leviticus 10:1-2 and answer questions 20-24:

Aaron's sons Nadab and Abihu took their censers, put fire in them and added incense; and they offered unauthorized fire before the LORD, contrary to his command.² So fire came out from the presence of the LORD and consumed them, and they died before the LORD. Leviticus 10:1-2

Definitions: A censer is a vessel or holder for burning hot coals and incense. Incense is a material used to produce a fragrant odor when burned.

20. What did Nadab and Abihu put into their censers (v. 1a)?

They put fire in them and added incense.

21. Did the LORD authorize or approve their actions(v. 1b)? Yes **No** (Circle One)

22. Did Nadab and Abihu do what God had commanded (v. 1c)? Yes **No** (Circle One)

23. What did God do to Nadab and Abihu (v. 2)?

God sent fire to consume them and they died. Or God took their life.

24. Why do you think God's fire consumed them and they died?

Aaron's sons did not treat God as holy. They did not consider the LORD worthy of obedience, so they took control of the situation. Lesson Notes: We do not know exactly why their actions were sinful, but they were clearly contrary to God's command. They took a holy job and a holy place and turned them into something unimportant and commonplace.

Read Leviticus 10:3 and answer questions 25-28:

Moses then said to Aaron, "This is what the LORD spoke of when he said: "Among those who approach me I will be proved holy; in the sight of all the people I will be honored."" Aaron remained silent. Leviticus 10:3

25. How did Moses explain the deaths of the two priests, Nadab and Abihu?

They did not approach God in a holy way. They did not honor God in front of the people.

26. Is God honored when we disobey Him? Yes **No** (Circle One)

27. Are there any areas of your life where you are disobeying and dishonoring God in the sight of others? Yes No (Circle One) If you answered yes, what will you do to change your disobedience to obedience, your dishonor to honor?

Personal answer. Bible Minister, please comment with encouragement and let your learner know you are praying for him or her.

28. If you are struggling or need help with obeying God, please write how your CLI Bible Minister may pray for you:

Personal answer. Bible Minister, please comment with encouragement and let your learner know you are praying for him or her. Date the prayer request and pray as the Lord leads for at least 30 days. Just a reminder: do not to pray for unholy requests and things outside of God's will.

Scripture References in Lesson:

The LORD said to Moses: "Tell your brother Aaron that he is not to come whenever he chooses into the Most Holy Place behind the curtain in front of the atonement cover on the ark, or else he will die. For I will appear in the cloud over the atonement cover. Leviticus 16:2

For if, while we were God's enemies, we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through his life! Romans 5:10

Read Leviticus 17:11 and answer questions 29-31:

For the life of a creature is in the blood, and I have given it to you to make atonement for yourselves on the altar; it is the blood that makes atonement for one's life. Leviticus 17:11

29. What makes atonement for one's life?

It is the blood that makes atonement for one's life or the life of a creature.

30. Why did an animal have to be sacrificed?

The cost or punishment for sin is death. The animal died instead of or in place of humans.

31. Did you realize God is so serious about sin? Yes No Maybe (Circle One)

Personal Answer

Scripture Reference in Lesson:

"Aaron is to offer the bull for his own sin offering to make atonement for himself and his household. ⁷ Then he is to take the two goats and present them before the LORD at the entrance to the tent of meeting. ⁸ He is to cast lots for the two goats-- one lot for the LORD and the other for the scapegoat. ⁹ Aaron shall bring the goat whose lot falls to the LORD and sacrifice it for a sin offering. ¹⁰ But the goat chosen by lot as the scapegoat shall be presented alive before the LORD to be used for making atonement by sending it into the wilderness as a scapegoat. ¹¹ "Aaron shall bring the bull for his own sin offering to make atonement for himself and his household, and he is to slaughter the bull for his own sin offering. Leviticus 16:6-11

...because on this day atonement will be made for you, to cleanse you. Then, before the LORD, you will be clean from all your sins. Leviticus 16:30

32. Read Leviticus 16:30. What was the reason for the atonement day?

The reason for atonement day was to cleanse the people from all their sins.

33. Review and think about days 1-3 of this lesson. How are God's holiness and human sin opposed (in conflict) to each other?

Personal answer, but God's holiness and humanity's sin are in conflict. God is pure and free from moral fault. Sin sets itself against God's pure and holy rule. In the same way, God is set apart from worldly pursuits and human sin goes in a direction against God.

Personal Application:

34. Ask the Holy Spirit to help you understand and appreciate God's holiness as well as leading you in a meaningful worship time. Share how the Holy Spirit led you:

Personal answer and Bible Minister, please ask the Holy Spirit how to respond in a holy way.

Lesson 5: God Is Holy (Day Four) Holy Jesus

Scripture References in Lesson:

Those who honor me I will honor, but those who despise me will be disdained. 1 Samuel 2:30c

that all may honor the Son just as they honor the Father. Whoever does not honor the Son does not honor the Father, who sent him. John 5:23

Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; ²⁰ you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your bodies. 1 Corinthians 6:19-20

They serve at a sanctuary that is a copy and shadow of what is in heaven. This is why Moses was warned when he was about to build the tabernacle: "See to it that you make everything according to the pattern shown you on the mountain. Hebrews 8:5

For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. Romans 6:23

Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has ascended into heaven, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess. Hebrews 4:14

Read Matthew 27:50-52 and answer questions 35-37:

And when Jesus had cried out again in a loud voice, he gave up his spirit.⁵¹ At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom. The earth shook, the rocks split⁵² and the tombs broke open. The bodies of many holy people who had died were raised to life.
Matthew 27:50-52

35. Jesus' human body died on the cross, and what happened to His spirit (v. 50)?

Jesus gave up His spirit. In other words, Jesus' physical body died on the cross, but His spirit did not. Note: "Father, into Your hands I commit my spirit" (Luke 23:46).

36. What curtain do you think was torn (v. 51)?

The curtain of the temple was torn. The curtain or veil separating the Most Holy Place of the temple (sanctuary, tabernacle) was torn in two.

37. What did the torn curtain signify (mean, indicate)?

Jesus' death opened a direct way into God's presence.

But when Christ came as high priest of the good things that are now already here, he went through the greater and more perfect tabernacle that is not made with human hands, that is to say, is not a part of this creation.¹² He did not enter by means of the blood of goats and calves; but he entered the Most Holy Place once for all by his own blood, thus obtaining eternal redemption. Hebrews 9:11-12 Reference: (Hebrews 9:1-14).

In fact, the law requires that nearly everything be cleansed with blood, and without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness. Hebrews 9:22

38. Read Hebrews 9:22. Why did Jesus die or shed His blood for our sins?

Without the shedding of blood, there is no forgiveness.

Scripture References in Lesson:

"He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth." 1 Peter 2:22

All the believers were one in heart and mind. No one claimed that any of their possessions was their own, but they shared everything they had.³³ With great power the apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus. And God's grace was so powerfully at work in them all³⁴ that there were no needy persons among them. For from time to time those who owned land or houses sold them, brought the money from the sales³⁵ and put it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to anyone who had need. Acts 4:32-35

39. Do you think Ananias did something wrong? **Yes** No (Circle One)

Notes in lesson: The apostle Peter was certain Ananias had sinned. Peter questioned how he had let Satan fill his heart that he had lied to the Holy Spirit. Ananias had a choice. With his free will and with Jesus' help, he could have been honest. It is a choice that we all have.

"Didn't it belong to you before it was sold? And after it was sold, wasn't the money at your disposal? What made you think of doing such a thing? You have not lied just to human beings but to God." Acts 5:4

40. Read Acts 5:4. What was Ananias' sin?

He had lied to God.

When Ananias heard this, he fell down and died. And great fear seized all who heard what had happened. Acts 5:5

41. Read Acts 5:5. What happened to Ananias?

He died.

Read Ephesians 5:3-5 and answer questions 42-44:

But among you there must not be even a hint of sexual immorality, or of any kind of impurity, or of greed, because these are improper for God's holy people. ⁴ Nor should there be obscenity, foolish talk or coarse joking, which are out of place, but rather thanksgiving. ⁵ For of this you can be sure: No immoral, impure or greedy person-- such a person is an idolater-- has any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God. Ephesians 5:3-5

42. What are improper for God's holy people (v. 3-4)?

Sexual immorality, any kind of impurity, greed, obscenity, foolish talk or coarse joking

43. What is an immoral, impure and greedy person called (v. 5)?

Idolater

44. Will an idolater inherit the kingdom of Christ and of God (v. 5)? Yes **No** (Circle One)

Read Leviticus 20:7-8 and answer questions 45-46:

Consecrate yourselves and be holy, because I am the LORD your God. ⁸ Keep my decrees and follow them. I am the LORD, who makes you holy. Leviticus 20:7-8

45. Why is God telling the Israelites to set themselves apart and be holy (v. 7)?

God tells the Israelites to be holy because He is the LORD their God.

46. What are the two ways that the Israelites were to become holy (v. 8)?

(1 Keep God's decrees and (2 follow them

Read 1 Peter 1:15-19 and answer questions 47-50:

But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do; ¹⁶ for it is written: "Be holy, because I am holy."¹⁷ Since you call on a Father who judges each person's work impartially, live out your time as foreigners here in reverent fear.¹⁸ For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your ancestors,¹⁹ but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect. 1 Peter 1:15-19

47. The apostle Peter says to be holy in all you do (v. 15).

48. Why should you be holy in all you do (v. 16)?

Because God is holy

49. Since you call on God the Father who judges each person's work impartially (fairly), how should you live out your time here on earth (v. 17)?

In reverent fear

50. How were you redeemed from sin and an empty way of life (v. 19)?

With the precious blood of Christ

Personal Application:

51. Be holy this day. Ask the Holy Spirit to lead you in holy thoughts, deeds and actions. Share how the Holy Spirit led you:

Personal Answer

Lesson 5: God Is Holy (Day Five) Holy Heart

Scripture Reference in Lesson:

A good man brings good things out of the good stored up in his heart, and an evil man brings evil things out of the evil stored up in his heart. For the mouth speaks what the heart is full of. Luke 6:45

Read Isaiah 29:13 and answer questions 52-53:

The Lord says: "These people come near to me with their mouth and honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me. Their worship of me is based on merely human rules they have been taught. Isaiah 29:13

52. The Lord said, "These people come near to me with their mouth and honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me.

53. What was the people's worship of God based on?

Human rules

Scripture Reference in Lesson:

And when you pray, do not be like the hypocrites, for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the street corners to be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward in full. Matthew 6:5

You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; ²³ to be made new in the attitude of your minds; ²⁴ and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness. Ephesians 4:22-24

54. Read Ephesians 4:22-24. What is your new self supposed to be like?

The new self is supposed to be like God in true righteousness and holiness.

Read Acts 20:24 and answer questions 55-56:

However, I consider my life worth nothing to me; my only aim is to finish the race and complete the task the Lord Jesus has given me-- the task of testifying to the good news of God's grace. Acts 20:24

55. What is the race the Apostle Paul is talking about?

The race or task of testifying to the good news of God's grace or the gospel of Jesus Christ.

56. When Eric accepted God's calling to go to China, what race did he want to complete?

Eric wanted to tell the world the good news of God's grace through Jesus Christ, our Lord. He was in the same race as the Apostle Paul.

Personal Application:

57. Write 2 Corinthians 7:1 from memory:

Therefore, since we have these promises, dear friends, let us purify ourselves from everything that contaminates body and spirit, perfecting holiness out of reverence for God.

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