

LEVITICUS





BE HOLY

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³ 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 honoured.’” Aaron remained silent.

⁴ Moses summoned Mishael and Elzaphan, sons of Aaron’s uncle Uzziel,

and said to them, “Come here; carry your cousins outside the camp, away from the front of the sanctuary.”⁵ So they came and carried them, still in their tunics, outside the camp, as Moses ordered.⁶ Then Moses said to Aaron and his sons Eleazar and Ithamar,

“Do not let your hair become unkempt and do not tear your clothes, or you will die and the LORD will be angry with the whole community. But your relatives, all the Israelites, may mourn for those the LORD has destroyed by fire. ⁷ Do not leave the entrance to the tent of meeting

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or you will die, because the LORD's anointing oil is on you." So they did as Moses said. ⁸ Then the LORD said to Aaron, ⁹ "You and your sons are not to drink wine or other fermented drink whenever you go into the tent of meeting, or you will die.

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This is a lasting ordinance for the generations to come, ¹⁰ so that you can distinguish between the holy and the common, between the unclean and the clean, ¹¹ and so you can teach the Israelites all the decrees the LORD has given them through Moses.”

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“‘Christianity’ without Christ,
a Holy Spirit without holiness.”

- John MacArthur -



²⁴ God is spirit, and his worshipers must
worship in the Spirit and in truth.





THE DISASTER FROM UNHOLINESS

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² The names of the sons of Aaron were Nadab the firstborn and Abihu, Eleazar and Ithamar.



²³ Moses and Aaron then went into the tent of meeting. When they came out, they blessed the people; and the glory of the LORD appeared to all the people.

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²⁴ Fire came out from the presence of the LORD and consumed the burnt offering and the fat portions on the altar. And when all the people saw it, they shouted for joy and fell facedown.

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This unauthorized fire was not
a mistake; they knew better.
God is holy; we should never
forget it.



How exactly do you demonstrate
that you honour God as holy?
Is there anything unholy about
your approach to God and
worship of Him?





**THE DECISION FOR
HOLINESS**

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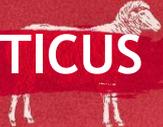


Interacting with the holiness
of God is actually a life and
death issue whether you believe
it or not.



“as Moses ordered.”

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“So they did as Moses said.”

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Holiness is to hear an instruction
and to carry it out to fruition.



You are always one decision
away from unholiness.



Without holiness no one will see
the Lord.

HEBREWS 12:14





**DISTINGUISHING BETWEEN
HOLY AND COMMON**

⁸ Then the LORD said to Aaron, ⁹ “You and your sons are not to drink wine or other fermented drink whenever you go into the tent of meeting, or you will die. This is a lasting ordinance for the generations to come,

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¹⁰ so that you can distinguish between the holy and the common, between the unclean and the clean, ¹¹ and so you can teach the Israelites all the decrees the LORD has given them through Moses.”

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¹ The LORD spoke to Moses after the death of the two sons of Aaron who died when they approached the LORD. ² 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 16:1-2



“Be alert and of sober mind.”



¹²⁵ I am your servant; give me
discernment that I may understand
your statutes.

PSALM 119:125



Then you will be able to test and approve
what God's will is—his good, pleasing and
perfect will.



The reality is that God has moved from the Old Testament paradigm of holy places and holy things to the New Testament paradigm of holy people.



²⁰ In a large house there are articles not only of gold and silver, but also of wood and clay; some are for special purposes and some for common use. ²¹ Those who cleanse themselves from the latter will be instruments for special purposes, made holy, useful to the Master and prepared to do any good work.

2 TIMOTHY 2:10-11



⁵ “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.”

EXODUS 19:5-6



⁹ But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession.



⁴ For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through the endurance taught in the Scriptures and the encouragement they provide we might have hope.



¹⁶ Don't you know that you yourselves are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in your midst? ¹⁷ If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy that person; for God's temple is sacred, and you together are that temple.

1 CORINTHIANS 3:16-17



⁹ Or do you not know that wrongdoers will not inherit the kingdom of God?

1 CORINTHIANS 6:9



15 Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ himself? Shall I then take the members of Christ and unite them with a prostitute? Never!

1 CORINTHIANS 6:15-16



¹⁶ Do you not know that he who unites himself with a prostitute is one with her in body? For it is said, “The two will become one flesh.”

1 CORINTHIANS 6:15-16



¹⁹ 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 honour God with your bodies.

1 CORINTHIANS 6:19-20



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