

Can we attain The Holiness of God?

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In **Gen. 3** we see Adam and Eve had made a choice to include knowledge of evil in the plan of life. Something God had never meant for them to know about. That is why they were told to never eat of the tree of knowledge of good and evil. After knowledge of evil entered their lives and sin, sacrifices were necessary for a temporary cleansing. As good as these sacrifices were, they all pointed toward the perfect sacrifice yet to come, Jesus the Christ. Blood had to be shed for the remission of sin. This sin was the disobedience to what God had commanded. Man had set his will against God's; man decided he did not need God to direct him. Satan told (Adam) man to know good and evil would make (Adam) man like God. In order to end the need of a continuing sacrifice there would have to be a perfect, sinless sacrifice. One Who's blood would cover all the sins ever committed in everyone's life time. So until Jesus died in order to be holy man had to continue to sacrifice animals to God for the remission of their sin. **Heb. 10:1** For the law having a shadow of good things to come, [and] not the very image of the things, can never with those sacrifices which they offered year by year continually make the comers thereunto **perfect. (5048)** (teleioo {tel-i-o'-o} from 5046; TDNT - 8:79,1161; v AV - make perfect 12, perfect 4, finish 4, fulfil 2, be perfect 1, consecrate 1; 24 1) to make perfect, complete 1a) to carry through completely, to accomplish, finish, bring to an end) 2a) add what is yet wanting in order to render a thing full 3) to bring to the end (goal) proposed). Otherwise the sin we inherited from Adam; the desire to experience our own will, the desire to know evil. Man continues to have a will to please self and only when man submits to God and receives Jesus as his Lord and Savior, is he capable through the power of the Holy Spirit to be Holy as God is Holy. Adam and Eve were Holy until they disobeyed God. Everything in the garden was good, it was very (exceedingly) good. With the power of the Holy Spirit within us we are now capable of again being Holy as God is Holy. Not that we can ever be holy in and of ourselves but God dwelling in us allows that to now be possible. God wanted man to see he (man) is nothing without God. In the garden and through time it was the intent of God to rule over us, with such love we would never desire it any other way. God also desired us to have a free will, which he knew would conflict with making righteous decisions once we knew the difference between good and evil. God wanted to be and always has wanted Him to be our **only** choice. We were created for God's glory. **Isa. 43: 7** Every one that is called by my name, and whom I have created for my glory, whom I have formed, yea, whom I have made.

Holy defined by The Illustrated Dictionary Of The Bible Herbert Lockyer, Sr.:

Holy - moral and ethical wholeness or perfection, freedom from moral evil. Holiness is one of the elements of God's nature required of His people. Holiness may also be rendered "sanctification" or "set apart" for divine service.

While holy is sometimes used in a ceremonial sense, the main use is to describe God's righteous nature or the ethical righteousness demanded of His followers. Originating in God's nature, holiness is a unique quality of His Character.

Holy - God is a morally excellent, perfect being; He is totally other than man. He is purity of being in every aspect.

In the following scriptures we will find several uses of the word Holy or Holiness, pertaining to God. What I want to do, is encourage believers that these same words for Holy or Holiness are used to describe the Spirit filled believer, and used to describe the one who would receive the indwelling Holy presence of God through receiving Jesus as their Lord and savior. Try to remember it is not the end result that makes us Holy or perfect, it is being obedient in making every effort to do what God commands. It is only through His power we can accomplish anything spiritual, not our power. Therefore I am not saying in this study if we do not attain the Perfection or Holiness of God we are bound for hell. I am saying we always need to strive for the best God has for us and He will make it possible.

The incomparable Holiness of God:

Ex. 15: 11 Who [is] like unto thee, O LORD, among the gods? who [is] like thee, glorious in **holiness** (**(06944)** from **06942 qodesh**) (1) apartness, holiness, sacredness, separateness), fearful [in] praises, doing wonders? {gods: or, mighty ones?} (*This is a song of Moses and the Israelites after God saved them at the Red Sea. Not a statement of fact that no one can be holy.*)

Mt Henry Cmty - . The Lord is a God of almighty power, and woe to those that strive (struggle, be in conflict) with their Maker! He is a God of matchless perfection; he is *glorious in holiness*; his **holiness** is his glory. His **holiness** appears in the following ways hatred of sin, and his wrath against obstinate (unreasonable, determined to have one's own way, not yielding to reason, stubborn,) sinners. It appears in the deliverance of Israel, and his faithfulness to his own promise.

1 Sam 2:2 [There is] none **holy** (**6918**) **qadowsh** {**kaw-doshe'**} 1) sacred, holy, Holy One, saint, set apart) as the LORD: for [there is] none beside thee: neither [is there] any rock like our God. (*Here Hanna rejoices in the Lord because of her prayer being answered, she uplifted God.*)

Holiness exhibited in God's Character:

Ps. 22:3 But thou [art] **holy**, (**06918**) (sacred, holy, Holy One, saint, set apart) [O thou] that inhabitest the praises of Israel.

John 17:11 And now I am no more in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to thee. **Holy** (**40**) **hagios** {hag'-ee-os} from **hagos** (an awful thing, most holy thing, a saint) Father, keep through thine own name those whom thou hast given me, **that they may be one, as we [are]**.

Dan. 4: 13 I saw in the visions of my head upon my bed, and, behold, a watcher and an **holy** (**06922**) one came down from heaven;

Dan. 4: 17 This matter [is] by the decree of the watchers, and the demand by the word of the **holy** (**06922**) ones: to the intent that the living may know that the most High ruleth in the kingdom of men, and giveth it to whomsoever he will, and setteth up over it the basest of men.

Acts 13:35 Wherefore he saith also in another [psalm], Thou shalt not suffer (allow) thine **Holy_One** (**(3741)**) (undefiled by sin, free from wickedness, religiously observing every moral obligation, pure holy, pious) to see corruption.

Heb. 7:26 For such an high priest became us, [who is] **holy**, (**3741**) harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and made higher than the heavens;

Rev. 15: 4 Who shall not fear thee, O Lord, and glorify thy name? for [thou] only [art] **holy** : for all nations shall come and worship before thee; for thy judgments are made manifest

Even God's name is Holy:

Isa. 57:15 For thus saith the high and lofty One that inhabiteth eternity, whose name [is] **Holy**; (**6918**)(sacred, holy, Holy One, saint, set apart) I dwell in the high and **holy** [place], with him also [that is] of a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite ones.

Luke 1:49 For he that is mighty hath done to me great things; and **holy** (**40**) (most holy thing, a saint) [is] his name.

Everything He says is Holy: (What about use, are we striving to only have Holy words come out of our mouths?).

Ps. 60:6 God hath spoken in his **holiness** (**06944**) (apartness, holiness, sacredness, separateness); I will rejoice, I will divide Shechem, and mete out the valley of Succoth.

Jer. 23:9 Mine heart within me is broken because of the prophets; all my bones shake; I am like a drunken man, and like a man whom wine hath overcome, because of the LORD, and because of the words of his **holiness**. (**06944**) 1) (apartness, holiness, sacredness, separateness)

His works are Holy: (Are our work Holy?)

Ps. 145:17 The LORD [is] righteous in all his ways, and **holy** (**02623**) **chaciyd** {**khaw-see'd'**} {holy: or, merciful, or, bountiful} 1) faithful, kind, godly, holy one, saint, pious) in all his works.

Ex. 3:5 And he said, Draw not nigh hither: put off thy shoes from off thy feet, for the place whereon thou standest [is] **holy** (**06944**) ground.

God's Kingdom is Holy: (Are you part of God's kingdom?) (If you are how come you are not Holy?)

Ps. 47:8 God reigneth over the heathen: God sitteth upon the throne of his **holiness**. (06944) apartness, holiness, sacredness, separateness

Matt 13:41 The Son of man shall send forth his angels, and they shall gather out of his kingdom all things that offend, and them which do iniquity; {things... or, scandals }

Rev. 21:27 And there shall in no wise enter into it any thing that defileth, neither [whatsoever] worketh abomination, or [maketh] a lie: but they which are written in the Lamb's book of life. If nothing unholy can enter, then those who enter must be made Holy before entering.

1Cor 6:9,10 Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind, 10 Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God.

Mt. Henry Cmty - 1Cor 6:9-11 The Corinthians are warned against many great evils, of which they had formerly been guilty. There is much force in these inquiries, when we consider that they were addressed to a people puffed up with a fancy of their being above others in wisdom and knowledge. All unrighteousness is sin; all reigning sin, nay, every actual sin, committed with design, and not repented of, shuts out of the kingdom of heaven. Be not deceived. Men are very much inclined to flatter themselves that they may live in sin, yet die in Christ, and go to heaven. But we cannot hope to sow to the flesh, and reap everlasting life.-They are reminded what a change the gospel and grace of God had made in them. The blood of Christ, and the washing of regeneration, can take away all guilt. Our justification is owing to the suffering and merit of Christ; our sanctification to the working of the Holy Spirit; but both go together. All who are made righteous in the sight of God are made holy by the grace of God.

His Promises are Holy:

Ps. 89:35 Once have I sworn by my **holiness 06944** (apartness, holiness, sacredness, separateness) that I will not lie unto David.

His judgments are Holy:

Amos 4:2 The Lord GOD hath sworn by his **holiness (06944)** apartness, holiness, sacredness, separateness, that, lo, the days shall come upon you, that he will take you away with hooks, and your posterity with fishhooks.

Lev. 16:16 And he shall make an atonement for the holy (06944) [place], because of the uncleanness of the children of Israel, and because of their transgressions in all their sins: and so shall he do for the tabernacle of the congregation, that remaineth among them in the midst of their uncleanness. {remaineth: Heb. Dwelleth

Saints should praise His Holines:

Ps. 30:4 Sing unto the LORD, O ye saints of his, and give thanks at the remembrance of his **holiness.(06944) 1** apartness, holiness, sacredness, separateness {at...: or, to the memorial }

God's Holiness should produce reverential fear:

Ps. 30:4 Sing unto the LORD, O ye saints of his, and give thanks at the remembrance of his **holiness**. {at...: or, to the memorial }

Heavenly host adore God's Holiness:

Isa. 6:3 And one cried unto another, and said, **Holy, holy, holy, (06918)** [is] the LORD of hosts: the whole earth [is] full of his glory. {one...: Heb. this cried to this} {the whole...: Heb. his glory is the fulness of the whole earth }

Rev. 4:8 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, (40)** Lord God Almighty, which was, and is, and is to come. {rest...: Gr. have no rest }

God's Holiness should be magnified:

1Chr 16:10 Glory ye in his **holy (06944)** name: let the heart of them rejoice that seek the LORD.

Psal 48:1 A Song [and] Psalm for the sons of Korah. Great [is] the LORD, and greatly to be praised in the city of our God, [in] the mountain of his **holiness (06944)**{for: or, of}

Psal 99:3, 5 Let them praise thy great and terrible name; [for] it [is] **holy (06918)**. 4 Exalt ye the LORD our God, and worship at his footstool; [for] he [is] **holy (06918)**. {he is...: or, it is holy}

Rev. 15:4 Who shall not fear thee, O Lord, and glorify thy name? for [thou] only [art] **holy**: for all nations shall come and worship before thee; for thy judgments are made manifest.

With God all things are possible:

Matt. 19: 26 But Jesus beheld [them], and said unto them, With men this is impossible; but with God all things are possible. **Mark 9:23** Jesus said unto him, If thou canst believe, all things [are] possible to him that believeth.

Mark 14:36 And he said, Abba, Father, all things [are] possible unto thee; take away this cup from me: nevertheless not what I will, but what thou wilt.

Colo. 1:21, 22 21 And you, that were sometime alienated and enemies in [your] mind by wicked works, yet now hath he reconciled {in...: or, by your mind in} 22 In the body of his flesh through death, to present you holy and unblameable and unproveable in his sight:

God's holiness requires Holy service:

Josh 24:19 And Joshua said unto the people, Ye cannot serve the LORD: for he [is] an **holy (06918)** sacred, holy, Holy One, saint, set apart God; he [is] a jealous God; he will not forgive your transgressions nor your sins.

Ps. 93:5 Thy testimonies are very sure: **holiness (06944)** becometh thine house, O LORD, for ever. {for ever: Heb. to length of days}

Mark. 6:20 For Herod feared John, knowing that he was a just man and an **holy (40)**, and observed him; and when he heard him, he did many things, and heard him gladly. {observed him: or, kept him, or, saved him}

***His Saints are commanded to imitate His Holiness: ***

Lev. 11:44 For I [am] the LORD your God: ye shall therefore **sanctify (06942)** another word for Holy) yourselves, and ye shall be **holy; (06918)** for I [am] **holy (06918)**: sacred, holy, Holy One, saint, set apart neither shall ye defile yourselves with any manner of creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.

Lev. 19:2 Speak unto all the congregation of the children of Israel, and say unto them, Ye shall be **holy (06918)**: for I the LORD your God [am] **holy (06918)**

1 Pet 1:15 But as he which hath called you is **holy, (40)** so be ye **holy (40)** most holy thing, a saint in all manner of conversation;

1 Pet 1:16 Because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am **holy.(40)**

Jer. 2:3 Israel [was] **holiness (06944)** **qodesh {ko'-desh}** (1) apartness, holiness, sacredness, separateness) unto the LORD, [and] the firstfruits of his increase: all that devour him shall offend; evil shall come upon them, saith the LORD.

Heb. 12: 10, 14 For they verily for a few days chastened [us] after their own pleasure; but he for [our] profit, that [we] might be partakers of his **holiness**. 41 hagiotes {hag-ee-ot'-ace} 1) sanctity 2) in a moral sense: 11 Now no chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous: nevertheless afterward it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them which are exercised thereby. 14 Follow peace with all [men], and **holiness, 38 hagioismos {hag-ee-as-mos'}** from 37; holiness 5, sanctification 5; 10 1) consecration, purification 2a) sanctification of heart and life) without which no man shall see the Lord:

Rom. 6:19-22 19 I speak after the manner of men because of the infirmity of your flesh: for as ye have yielded your members servants to uncleanness and to iniquity unto iniquity; even so now yield your members servants to righteousness unto **holiness** 38 like above). 20 For when ye were the servants of sin, ye were free from righteousness. 21 What fruit had ye then in those things whereof ye are now ashamed? for the end of those things [is] death. 22 But now being made free from sin, and become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto **holiness (38)**, and the end everlasting life.

2Cor 6:17 Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean [thing]; and I will receive you,

2 Tim 1:9 Who hath saved us, and called [us] with an **holy (40)**(calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began,

Gala 5:19 Now the works (business, employment, that which any one is occupied) of the flesh are manifest, which are [these]; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness,:20 Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, 21 Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told [you] in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit (receive a lot, to receive a part of an inheritance, receive as an

inheritance, obtain by right of inheritance) the kingdom of God. 22 But the fruit (that which originates or comes from something, an effect, result) of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, 23 Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law. 24 And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts. 25 If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit. *Perfecting holiness.* Every Christian in purifying himself should strive for greater holiness and constantly seek to attain to the ideal of which Christ is the example.

Eph. 4:24 And that ye put on the **new man**, which after (according to) God is created in righteousness 1) in a broad sense: state of him who is as he ought to be, righteousness, the condition acceptable to God) and true **holiness. 3742 hosiotēs** {hos-ee ot'-ace} **comes from 3741**; undefiled by sin, free from wickedness, religiously observing every moral obligation, pure holy, pious) **3742** piety towards God, fidelity in observing the obligations of piety, holiness

1 Thess. 3:12,13 12 And the Lord make you to increase and abound in love one toward another, and toward all [men], even as we [do] toward you: 13 To the end he may stablish your hearts unblameable in **holiness 42** hagioōne {hag-ee-o-soo'-nay} from 40; AV - holiness 3; 3 1) majesty, holiness 2) moral purity) before God, even our Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ with all his saints.

1 Thess. 4: 7 For God hath not called us unto uncleanness, but unto **holiness (38)**.

1 Tim 2: 15 Notwithstanding she shall be saved in childbearing, if they continue in faith and charity and **holiness (38)** with sobriety.

Titus 2: 3 The aged women likewise, that [they be] in behaviour as becometh **holiness (2412)** hieroprepes {hee-er-op-rep-ace'}

from 2413 adj AV - as becometh holiness 1; 1 1) befitting men, places, actions or sacred things to God

2) reverent), not false accusers, not given to much wine, teachers of good things; { holiness : or, holy women } {false...: or, one who foments strife }

Luke 1: 70,71 As he spake by the mouth of his **holy (40)** prophets, which have been since the world began: 71 That we should be saved from our enemies, and from the hand of all that hate us; 72 To perform the mercy [promised] to our fathers, and to remember his **holy (40)** covenant

Luke 2:23 (As it is written in the law of the Lord, Every male that openeth the womb shall be called **holy (40)** to the Lord;)

Eph. 1: 4 According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be **holy (40)** and without blame before him in love.

Colo. 1: 22 In the body of his flesh through death, to present you **holy (40)** and unblameable and unproveable in his sight

1Thess. 5: 27 I charge you by the Lord that this epistle be read unto all the **holy (40)** brethren.

Titus 1: 6 If any be blameless, the husband of one wife, having faithful children not accused of riot or unruly. 7 For a bishop must be blameless, as the steward of God; not selfwilled, not soon angry, not given to wine, no striker, not given to filthy lucre; 8 But a lover of hospitality, a lover of good men, sober, just, * **holy *(3741)** 1) undefiled by sin, free from wickedness, religiously observing

every moral obligation, pure holy, pious), temperate; { men: or, things }

Heb.3: 1 Wherefore, **holy (40)** brethren, partakers of the heavenly calling, consider the Apostle and High Priest of our profession, Christ Jesus; 2 Who was faithful to him that appointed him, as also Moses [was faithful] in all his house. {appointed: Gr. made }

Heb. 7: 25 Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them. {to the...: or, evermore} 26 For such an high priest became us, [who is] * **holy*(3741)** , harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and made higher than the heavens;

1 Pet. 1: 15 But as he which hath called you is **holy (40)** , so be ye **holy (40)** in all manner of conversation; 16 Because it is written, Be ye **holy (40)**; for I am **holy (40)** .

2 Pet. 1: 21 For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but **holy(40)** men of God spake [as they were] moved by the **Holy (40)** Ghost.

2 Pet. 3: 2 That ye may be mindful of the words which were spoken before by the **holy (40)** prophets, and of the commandment of us the apostles of the Lord and Saviour:

Rev. 4: 8 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, (40) holy (40), holy (40)**, Lord God Almighty, which was, and is, and is to come.
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Rev. 20: 6 Blessed and **holy (40)** [is] he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years.

In the following scriptures God calls His people a Holy people. If we can not be Holy why has God already extended this title to His people,

Deut. 7:6 For thou [art] an **holy** people unto the LORD thy God: the LORD thy God hath chosen thee to be a special people unto himself, above all people that [are] upon the face of the earth

Deut. 14:2: 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

Deut. 14:21 Ye shall not eat [of] any thing that dieth of itself: thou shalt give it unto the stranger that [is] in thy gates, that he may eat it; or thou mayest sell it unto an alien: for thou [art] an **holy** people unto the LORD thy God.

Deut. 26:19; Deut. 28:9

His Prophets were Holy:

Luke 1: 70As he spake by the mouth of his **holy** prophets, which have been since the world began:

Eph. 3: 5 Which in other ages was not made known unto the sons of men, as it is now revealed unto his **holy** apostles and prophets by the Spirit

Eph. 5: 27 That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be **holy** and without blemish

Col. 1: 21, 22 And you, that were sometime alienated and enemies in [your] mind by wicked works, yet now hath he reconciled {in...: or, by your mind in} 22 In the body of his flesh through death, to present you **holy** and unblameable and unproveable in his sight: