

## SESSION 18: LEVITICUS – HOLINESS

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### A. Vocabulary confusion concerning the subject of Holiness

1. Two word groups in English translate the same Greek and Hebrew concepts.
  - a. Holy- holiness
  - b. Sanctify- sanctification - saint.
2. Greek and Hebrew words are not defined. The meaning is developed in Scripture.

### B. Note two key verses to understand the concept in Leviticus

1. Lev. 20:26 - *“Thus you are to be holy to Me, for the Lord am holy and I have set you apart from the peoples to be Mine.”*
2. Lev. 10:10 - God speaking to Aaron about the responsibility of the priest. *“And so to make a distinction between the holy and the profane, and between the unclean and the clean.”*

### C. Leviticus 20:26

1. *“Be holy for I am holy.”* Holiness is first of all a characteristic of God.
  - a. God-likeness of God
  - b. The transcendence of God.
    - i. Wholly distinct
    - ii. Completely above.
  - c. Three key aspects.
    - i. Awesome Power
    - ii. Moral Perfection
    - iii. Absolute Sovereignty

2. “*Be ye holy...*” - I have set you apart from the peoples to be mine.
  - a. Holiness means to be set apart unto God.
    - i. Set apart from other things by His choice, not personal merit.
    - ii. Set apart to belong to God.
    - iii. Set apart for a purpose.
  - b. Requirements for holiness.
    - i. God must set apart - He must give the opportunity.
    - ii. For anything defiled there must be a purification by sacrifice.
    - iii. The thing set aside by God must be treated as holy.  
- God sets this standard.

#### **D. Leviticus 10:10 - Priesthood must make distinctions.**

1. Two basic distinctions
  - a. Holy and common
  - b. Clean and unclean
2. How does this work out?
  - a. Three basic categories
    - i. Common - Normal unsanctified things  
- Divides into clean and unclean
    - ii. Unclean - things which are ceremonially defiled in some sense,  
- Permanent  
- Temporary - This is the most serious matter.

- iii. Holy- things set apart for God.
- b. Movement between levels.
  - i. Movement up
    - 1. Unclean to clean-cleansing
    - 2. Clean to holy-sanctify
    - 3. Both require sacrifice.
  - ii. Movement down.
    - 1. Holy down-Profane.
    - 2. Clean down-Defile
    - 3. Caused by sin or sickness.

*Assignment:*

Read Leviticus 1-8 again.

