




The Virtues of a Holy Woman

Tabernacle Baptist Church
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(Warm up)

What songs can you name that mention holy or holiness?

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Holy, Holy, Holy

Session 1

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Listen:

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty, who was, and is, and is to come.

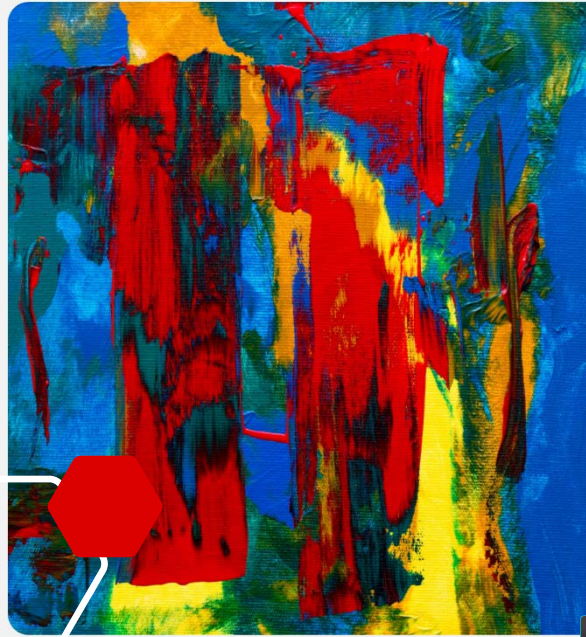
Wi, li sen, li sen, li sen vre, Bondye sèl Mèt ki gen tout pouvwa a, Li menm ki te la, ki la koulè a, ki gen pou vini an. Ut fermentum a magna ut eleifend. Integer convallis suscipit ante eu varius.

Saint, saint, saint est le Seigneur Dieu, le Tout-Puissant, qui était, qui est, et qui vient!



Revelation 4:8

What does holy mean?

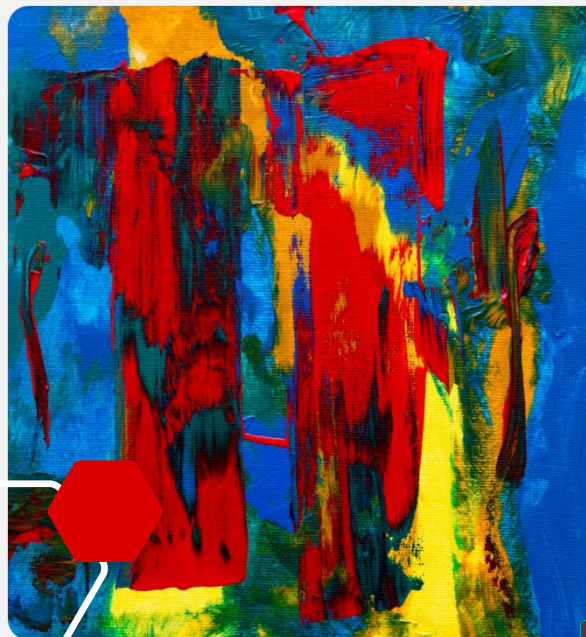


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What does holy mean?

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- specially recognized as or declared sacred by religious use or authority; consecrated: *holy ground*.
- dedicated or devoted to the service of God, the church, or religion: *a holy man*.
- saintly; godly; pious; devout: *a holy life*.
- having a spiritually pure quality: *a holy love*.
- entitled to worship or veneration as or as if sacred: *a holy relic*.
- religious: *holy rites*.
- inspiring fear, awe, or grave distress:
The director, when angry, is a holy terror.

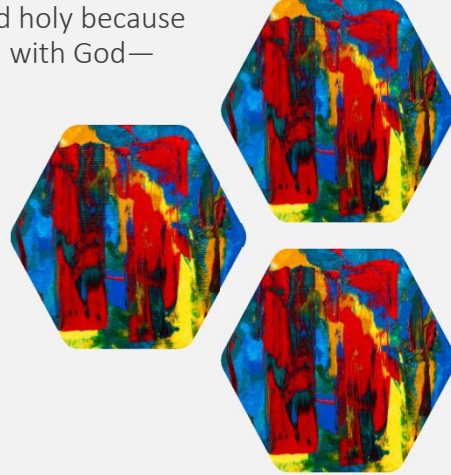


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Holy Things

Things are regarded holy because of their connection with God—

- Holy ground
- Holy Sabbath
- Holy place
- Holy days
- Holy things
- Holy man
- Holy Bible



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Listen:

Holy, holy, holy is the LORD Almighty;
the whole earth is full of his glory.

-Seyè ki gen tout pouvwa a, li apa!
Wi, li apa! Se yon Bondye ki apa vre!
Pouvwa li kouvri tout latè.

Saint, saint, saint est l'Éternel des
armées! toute la terre est pleine de sa
gloire!



Isaiah 6:3

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What does holy mean
when we talk about God?



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What does holy mean?

1: exalted or worthy of complete devotion as one perfect in goodness and righteousness

2: DIVINE

for the Lord our God is *holy*—Psalms 99:9
(King James Version)

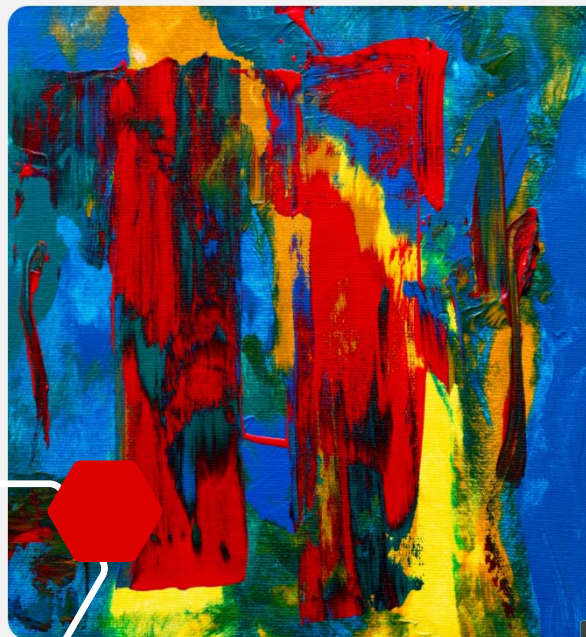
3: devoted entirely to the deity or the work of the deity
a holy temple, holy prophets

4a: having a divine quality
holy love

b: venerated as or as if sacred
holy scripture, a holy relic

Merriam-Webster

5—used as an intensive
this is a *holy* mess
he was a *holy* terror
often used in combination as a mild oath
holy smoke



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Biblical Use

Old Testament

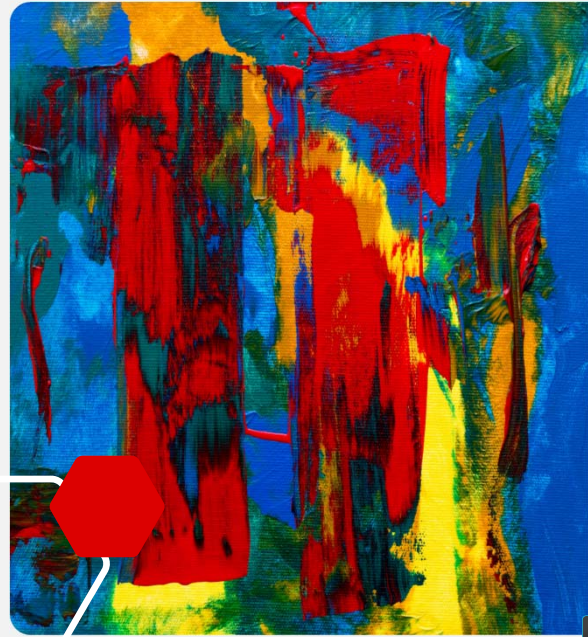
קדוש

- *qadowsh*
- 481 times in 424 verses
- sacred (ceremonially or morally); (as noun) God (by eminence), an angel, a saint, a sanctuary:—holy (One), saint (Strong's)

New Testament

ἅγιος

- *hagios*
- occurs 184 times in 171 verses
- sacred (physically, pure, morally blameless or religious, ceremonially, consecrated):—(most) ἅγιος (one, thing), saint. (Strong's)



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What do theologians say?

The primary meaning of holy is 'separate.' It comes from an ancient word that meant, 'to cut,' or 'to separate.' This means that the one who is holy is uniquely holy, with no rivals or competition.

When the Bible calls God holy it means primarily that God is transcendently separate. He is so far above and beyond us that He seems almost totally foreign to us. To be holy is to be 'other,' to be different in a special way. The same basic meaning is used when the word holy is applied to earthly things.

- R.C Sproul The Holiness of God



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What do theologians say?

Holiness is the perfection of all [God's] other attributes. His power is holy power, His mercy is holy mercy, His wisdom is holy wisdom. It is His holiness more than any other attribute that makes Him worthy of our praise.

-Jerry Bridges, *The Pursuit of Holiness*
christianquotes.info



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What do theologians say?

God's holiness means He is separate from sin. But holiness in God also means wholeness. God's holiness is His "God-ness." It is His being God in all that it means for Him to be God. To meet God in His holiness, therefore, is to be altogether overwhelmed by the discovery that He is God, and not man.

-Sinclair B. Ferguson
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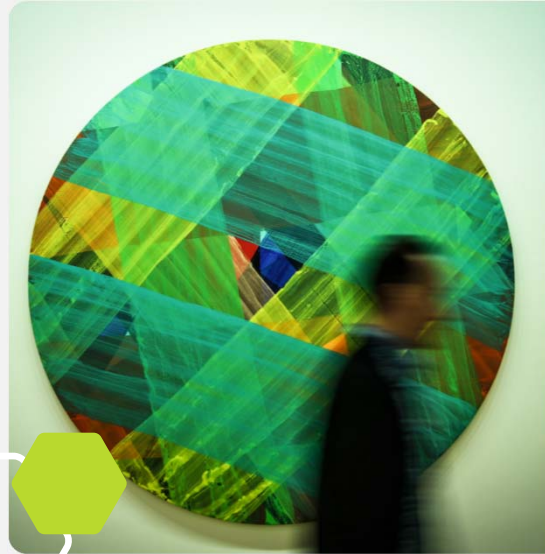
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What do theologians say?

As well might a gnat seek to drink in the ocean, as a finite creature to comprehend the Eternal God.

A God whom we could understand would be no God. If we could grasp Him, He could not be infinite. If we could understand Him, He could not be divine.

Charles Spurgeon
christianquotes.info



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Exodus 15:11

Who is like you, O Lord, among the gods? Who is like you, majestic in holiness, awesome in glorious deeds, doing wonders?

Seyè, nan tout bondye yo, kilès ki tankou ou! Pouvwà ou fè yo respekte ou! Ou se Bondye ki apa nèt! Kilès ki tankou ou? Ou menm ki fè mirak, ou menm ki fè mèvèy pou fè moun pè! Kilès ki tankou ou?

Qui est comme toi parmi les dieux, ô Eternel?
Qui est comme toi magnifique en sainteté,
Digne de louanges,
Opérant des prodiges?



Isaiah 6:3

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Psalm 77:13

Your way, O God, is holy. What god is great like our God?

Tout sa ou fè, Bondye, se bagay apa! Nan tout bondye yo, nanpwen ki gen pouvwa tankou ou!

Je parlerai de toutes tes œuvres,
Je raconterai tes hauts faits.



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1 Samuel 2:2

There is none holy like the Lord: for there is none besides you; there is no rock like our God.

Pa gen Bondye tankou Seyè a. Non, pa gen tankou l'. Pa gen moun ki ka pwoteje tankou Bondye nou an.

Nul n'est saint comme l'Eternel;
Il n'y a point d'autre Dieu que toi;
Il n'y a point de rocher comme notre Dieu..



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Psalm 99: 1-3, 5, 9

The Lord reigns; let the peoples tremble! He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake! The Lord is great in Zion; he is exalted over all the peoples. Let them praise your great and awesome name! Holy is he!

Exalt the Lord our God; worship at his footstool! Holy is he!

Exalt the Lord our God, and worship at his holy mountain; for the Lord our God is holy!



Se Seyè a ki wa! Pèp yo ap tranble. Li chita sou fotèy li anwo zanj cheriben yo. Tout moun sou latè ap tranble!

Seyè a gen pouvwa nan peyi Siyon! L'ap gouvènen sou tout pèp yo.

Se pou tout moun fè lwanj li, paske li gen pouvwa, li merite respè! Se Bondye tout bon li ye!

Lwanj pou Seyè a, Bondye nou an! Bese tèt nou devan fotèy li. Sè Bondye tout bon li ye!

Lwanj pou Seyè a, Bondye nou an! Adore l' sou mòn ki apa pou li a! Paske, Seyè a, Bondye nou an, se Bondye tout bon li ye.

L'Éternel règne: les peuples tremblent;
Il est assis sur les chérubins: la terre chancelle.
L'Éternel est grand dans Sion,
Il est élevé au-dessus de tous les peuples.

Qu'on célèbre ton nom grand et redoutable: Il est saint!
Exaltez l'Éternel, notre Dieu,

Et prosternez-vous devant son marchepied: Il est saint!
Exaltez l'Éternel, notre Dieu,
Et prosternez-vous sur sa montagne sainte!
Car il est saint, l'Éternel, notre Dieu!

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What is it like where God is?

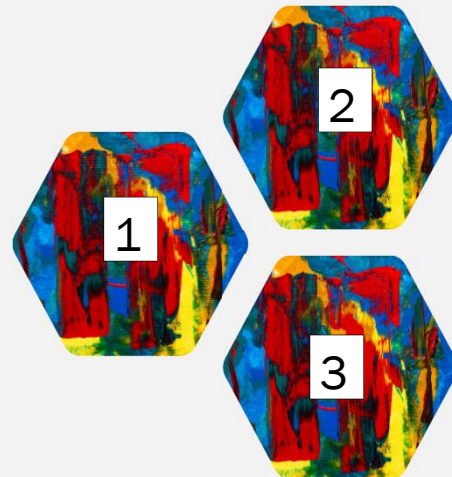
On your own or with a partner:

Examine one of the three passages on p.6-14:

1. Isaiah 6:1-8
2. Revelation 4:1-11
3. Ezekiel 1:22-28

Ask

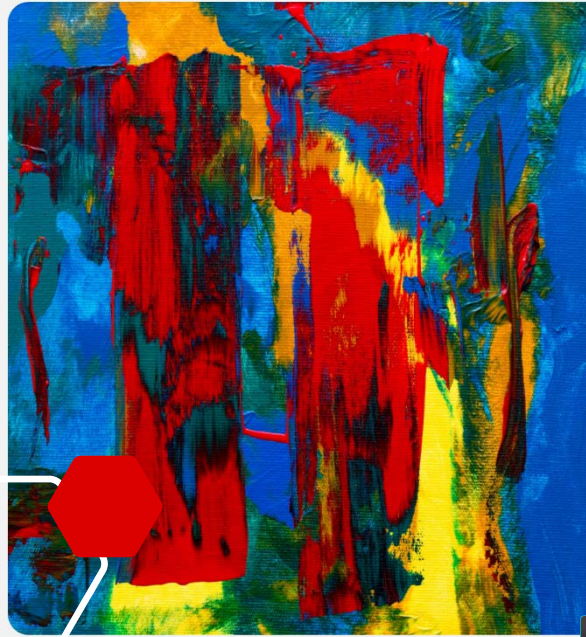
- What does heaven look like?
- Sound like?
- Smell like?
- Feel like?
- How do we see God?



Sketch what you see.

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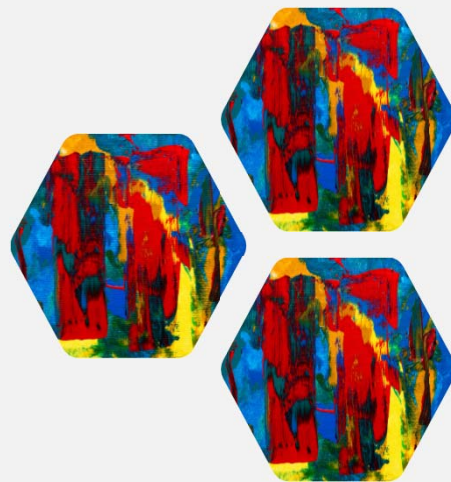
What did you discover?



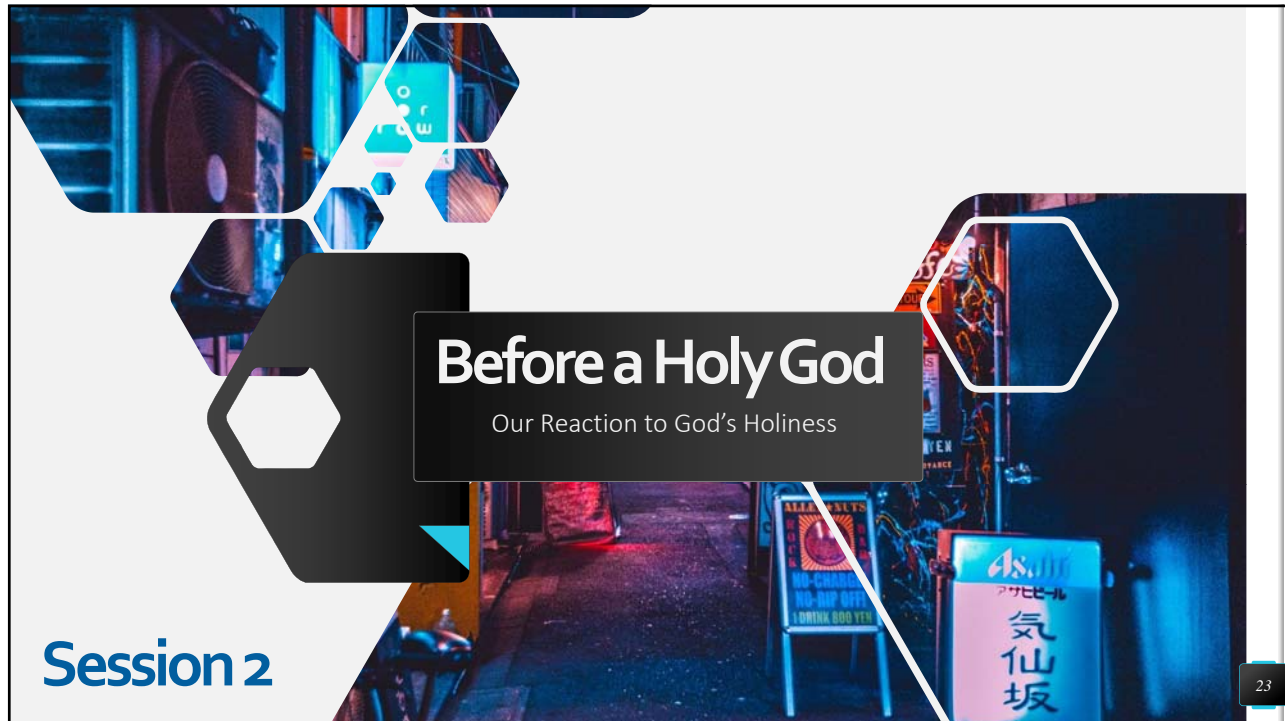
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Next Session

How do people
encounter this holy
God?



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Before a Holy God


Our Reaction to God's Holiness

Session 2

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(Warm up)
Keep going!

What songs can you name
that mention holy or holiness?



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How do these men react to the holiness of God?

Isaiah *Recognized his sin*
Isaiah 6:1-8

Ezekiel *Fell facedown*
Ezekiel 1:22-28

Peter, James, John *Fell facedown*
Matthew 17:1-6

John *Fell at his feet like a dead man*
Revelation 1:12-18



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How can we approach a holy God?



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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." "Do not come any closer," God said. **"Take off your sandals, for the place where you are standing is holy ground."** Then he said, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob." At this, Moses hid his face, because he was afraid to look at God.

Exodus 3:4-6



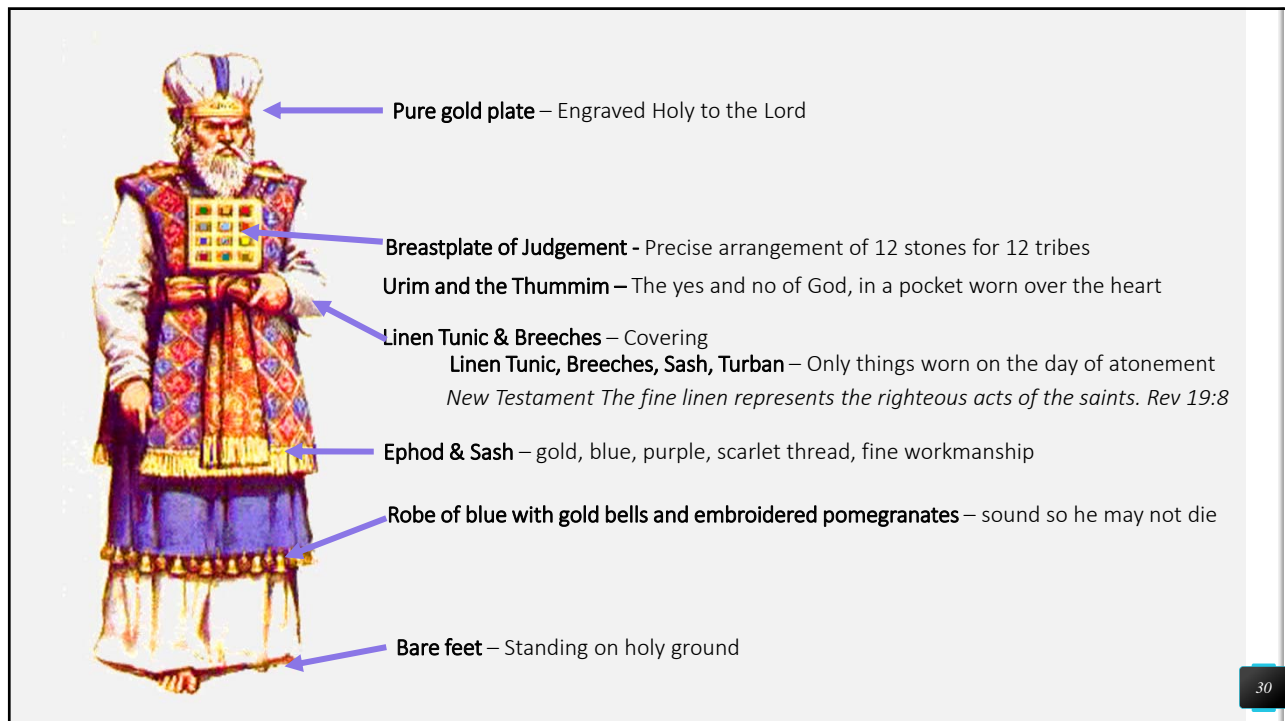
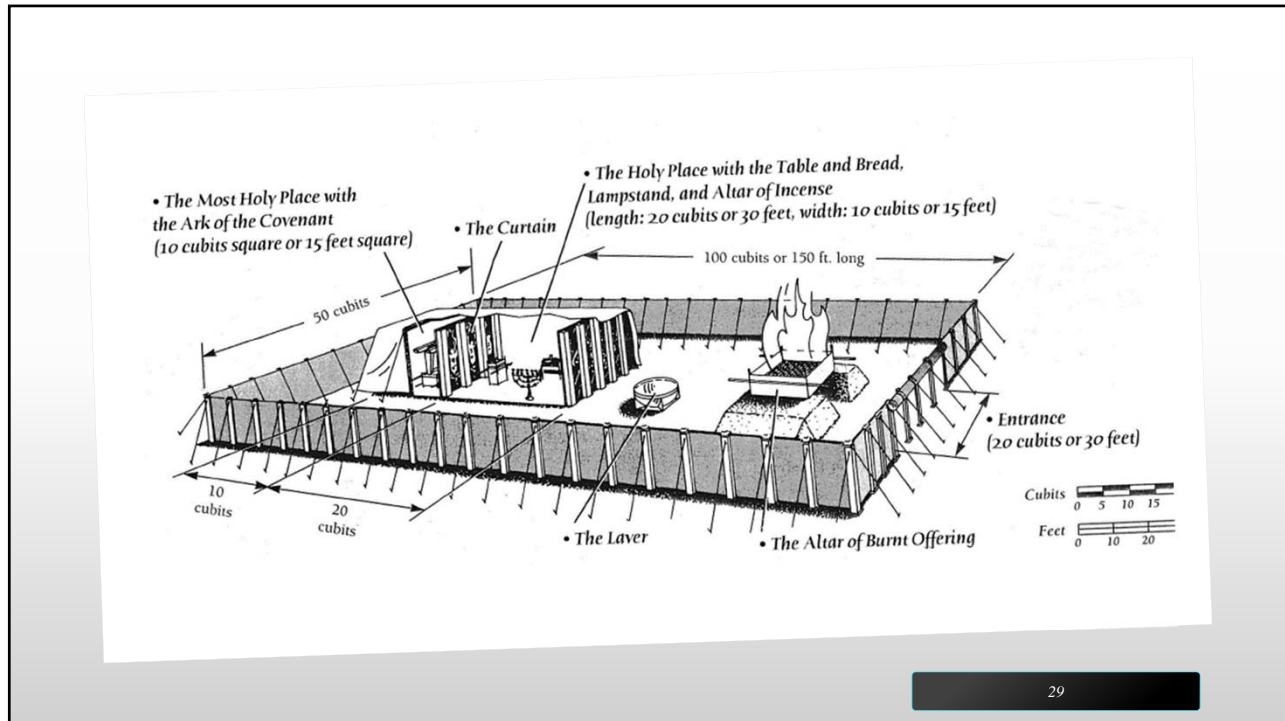
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Then Moses said, "Now show me your glory." And the LORD said, "I will cause all my goodness to pass in front of you, and I will proclaim my name, the LORD, in your presence. I will have mercy on whom I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion. But," he said, **"you cannot see my face, for no one may see me and live."** Then the LORD said, "There is a place near me where you may stand on a rock. When my glory passes by, I will put you in a cleft in the rock and cover you with my hand until I have passed by. Then I will remove my hand and you will see my back; but my face must not be seen."

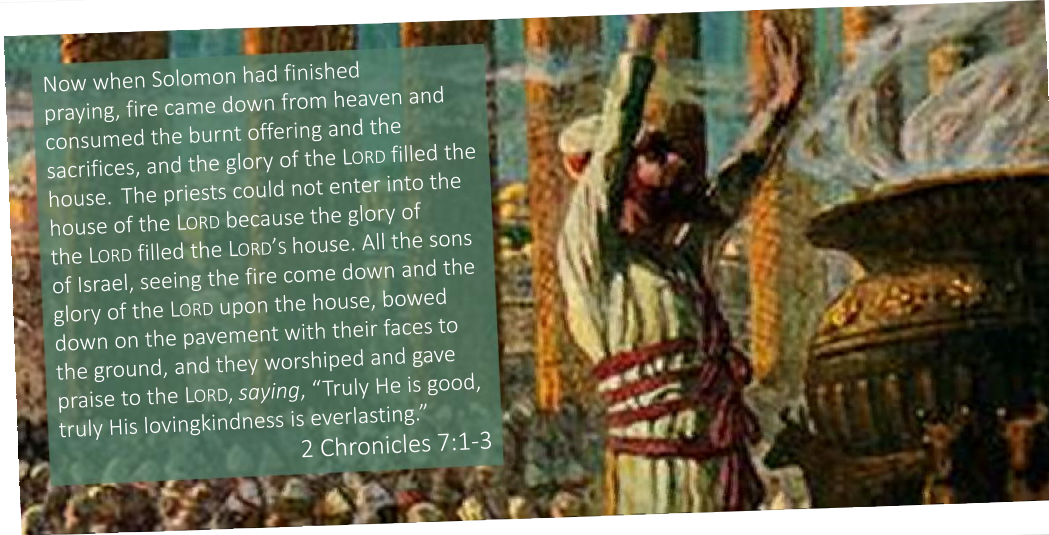
Exodus 33:18-23

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Now when Solomon had finished praying, fire came down from heaven and consumed the burnt offering and the sacrifices, and the glory of the LORD filled the house. The priests could not enter into the house of the LORD because the glory of the LORD filled the LORD's house. All the sons of Israel, seeing the fire come down and the glory of the LORD upon the house, bowed down on the pavement with their faces to the ground, and they worshiped and gave praise to the LORD, saying, "Truly He is good, truly His lovingkindness is everlasting."

2 Chronicles 7:1-3



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Now when **Joshua** was near Jericho, he looked up and saw a man standing in front of him with a drawn sword in his hand. Joshua went up to him and asked, "Are you for us or for our enemies?"

"Neither," he replied, "but as commander of the army of the LORD I have now come." Then **Joshua fell facedown to the ground in reverence**, and asked him, "What message does my Lord have for his servant?"

The commander of the LORD's army replied, "**Take off your sandals, for the place where you are standing is holy.**" And Joshua did so.

-Joshua 5:13-16

**More in the
Old Testament**

Then **David** lifted up his eyes and saw the angel of the LORD standing between earth and heaven, with his drawn sword in his hand stretched out over Jerusalem. Then David and the elders, covered with sackcloth, **fell on their faces**.

-1 Chronicles 21:16



Then the fire of the LORD fell and consumed the burnt offering and the wood and the stones and the dust, and licked up the water that was in the trench. And when **all the people** saw it, **they fell on their faces** and said, "The LORD, he is God; the LORD, he is God."

1 Kings 18:38-39

"You will not have to fight this battle. Take up your positions; stand firm and see the deliverance the LORD will give you, Judah and Jerusalem. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged. Go out to face them tomorrow, and the LORD will be with you."

Jehoshaphat bowed down with his face to the ground, and all the people of Judah and Jerusalem fell down in worship before the LORD.

-2 Chronicles 20:17-18

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After coming into the house [**the wise men**] saw the Child with Mary His mother; and they fell to the ground and worshiped Him. Then, opening their treasures, they presented to Him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

-Mathew 2:11



Whenever the **impure spirits** saw him, **they fell down before him** and cried out, "You are the Son of God."

-Mark 3:11

When **Simon Peter** saw [the large catch of fish], **he fell at Jesus' knees** and said, "Go away from me, Lord; I am a sinful man!"

-Luke 5:8

While He was in one of the cities, behold, there was a **man covered with leprosy**; and when he saw Jesus, **he fell on his face** and implored Him, saying, "Lord, if You are willing, You can make me clean."

-Luke 5:12

**And in the
New Testament**

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How do you react to the holiness of God?



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Hebrews 10:19-22

Therefore, brothers and sisters, since **we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way** opened for us through the curtain, that is, his body, and since we have a great priest over the house of God, **let us draw near to God with a sincere heart and with the full assurance that faith brings**, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water.



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Hebrews 4:14-16

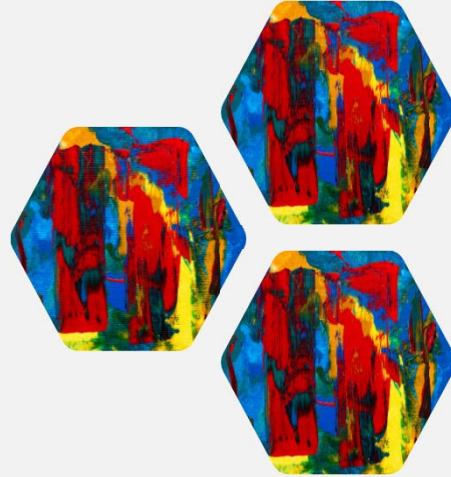
Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has ascended into heaven, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet he did not sin. **Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence**, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.



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Next Session

How can we build up that confidence to draw near to a holy God?



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A collage of city night scenes, primarily featuring a dense urban area with many lit-up buildings and streets. The collage is composed of several hexagonal cutouts of different sizes, some overlapping, set against a light grey background. The city lights are predominantly blue and white, with some warmer tones from streetlights and signs.

Made Like Him

Holy Habits: Take off, Put On

Session 3

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What happens at the moment of salvation?



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AT SALVATION

Just as if I'd never sinned

Justification

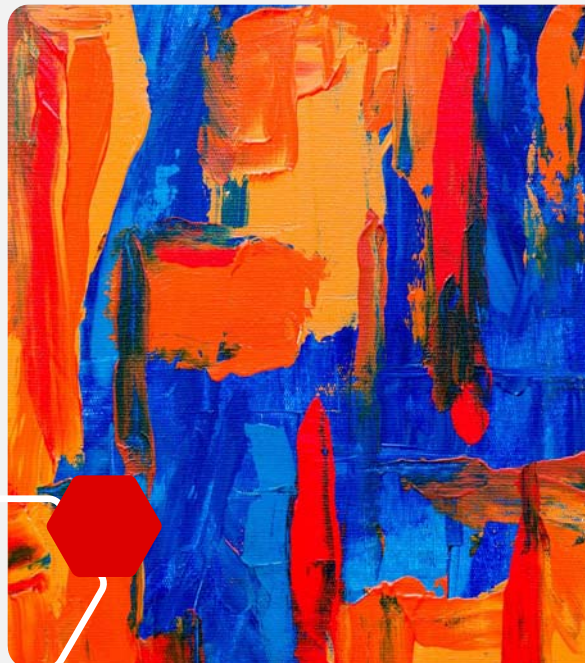
- Righteous
- Forgiven

We receive

- Eternal Life
- Holy Spirit
- Grace

We begin

- Sanctification
- Recognition of Sin



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MADE HOLY

From Dictionary.com

- specially recognized as or declared sacred by religious use or authority; consecrated.
- dedicated or devoted to the service of God, the church, or religion.
- saintly; godly; pious; devout.
- having a spiritually pure quality.

From the theologians

- Set apart, separated



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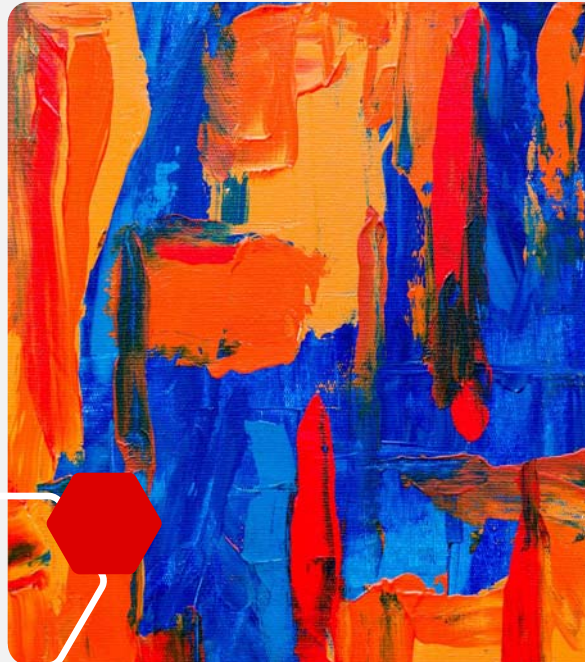


God Makes Us Holy

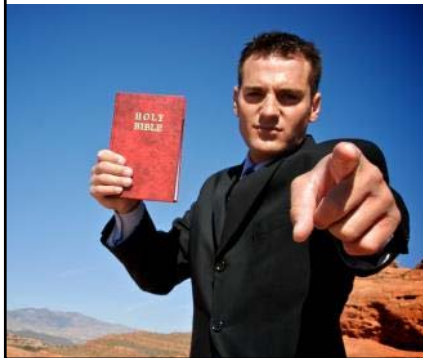
God's holiness permeates anything touched by Him, especially people.

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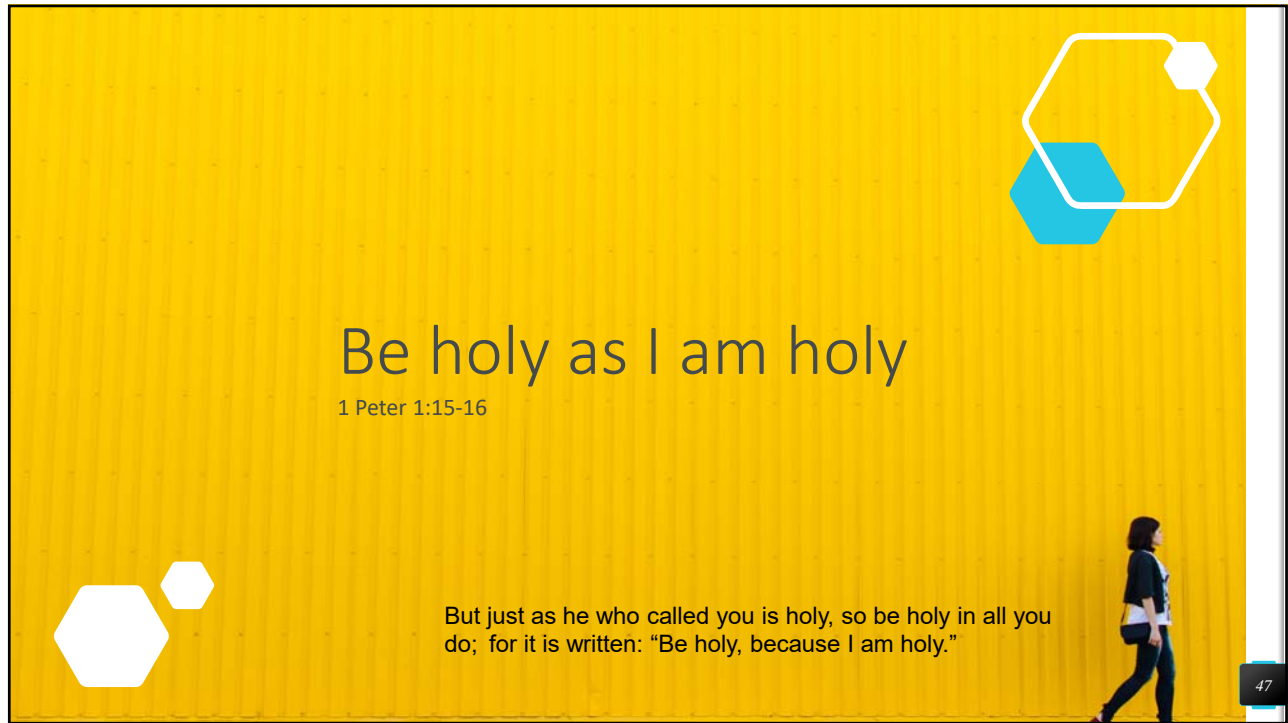
What do you think of when you think of holy people?



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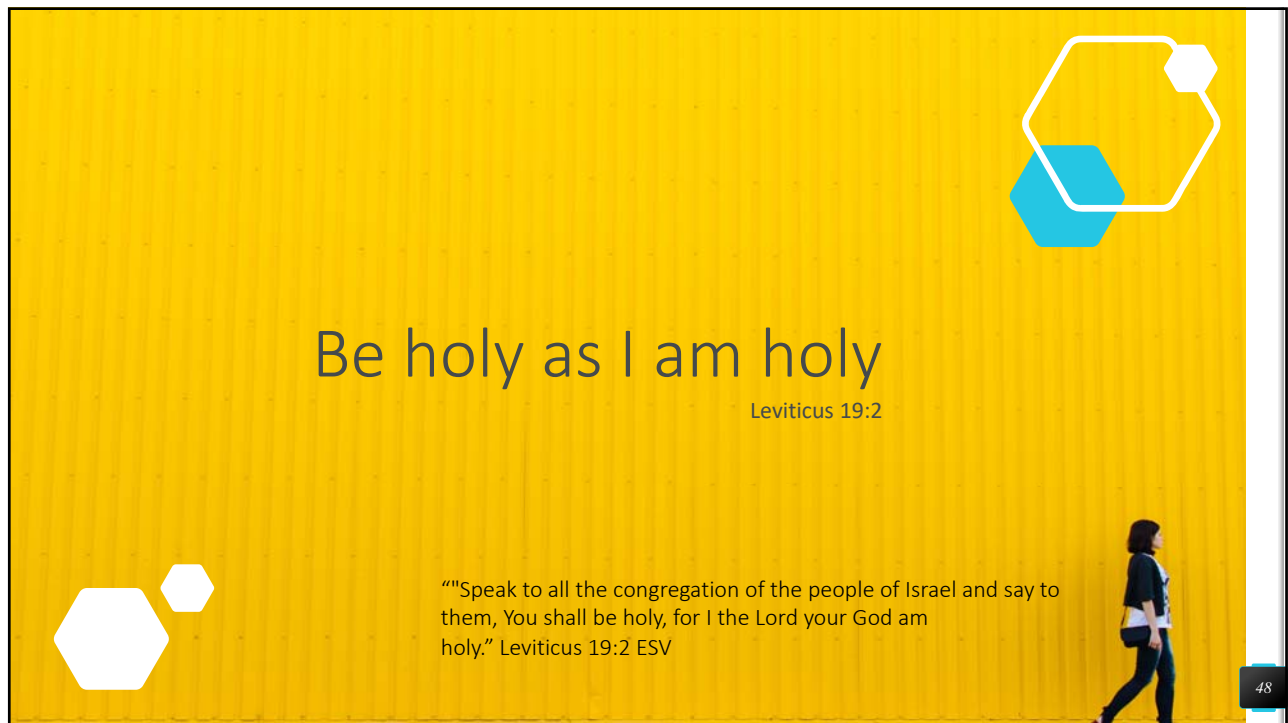


Be holy as I am holy

1 Peter 1:15-16

But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do; for it is written: "Be holy, because I am holy."

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Be holy as I am holy


Leviticus 19:2

"Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel and say to them, You shall be holy, for I the Lord your God am holy." Leviticus 19:2 ESV




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Consecrate yourselves, therefore,
and be holy, for I am the Lord your
God. Keep my statutes and do them;
I am the Lord who sanctifies you.





Leviticus 20:7-8 ESV




To the church of God in Corinth, to
those sanctified in Christ Jesus and
called to be his holy people, together
with all those everywhere who call
on the name of our Lord Jesus
Christ—their Lord and ours:





1 Corinthians 1:2






But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.

1 Peter 2:9






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Holy Hands 1 Tim 2:8
 Holy Calling 2 Timothy 1:9
 Holy Meal (Lord's Supper)
 Holy Sacrifice (our bodies) (Romans 12:1)

But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do; for it is written: "Be holy, because I am holy."

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How do we continue in holiness?



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Therefore, preparing your minds for action, and being sober-minded, set your hope fully on the grace that will be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ. As obedient children, do not be conformed to the passions of your former ignorance, but as he who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, since it is written, "You shall be holy, for I am holy."



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Put On

- Be holy in conduct
- Prepare minds for action
- Set hope fully on grace coming with Jesus

Put Off

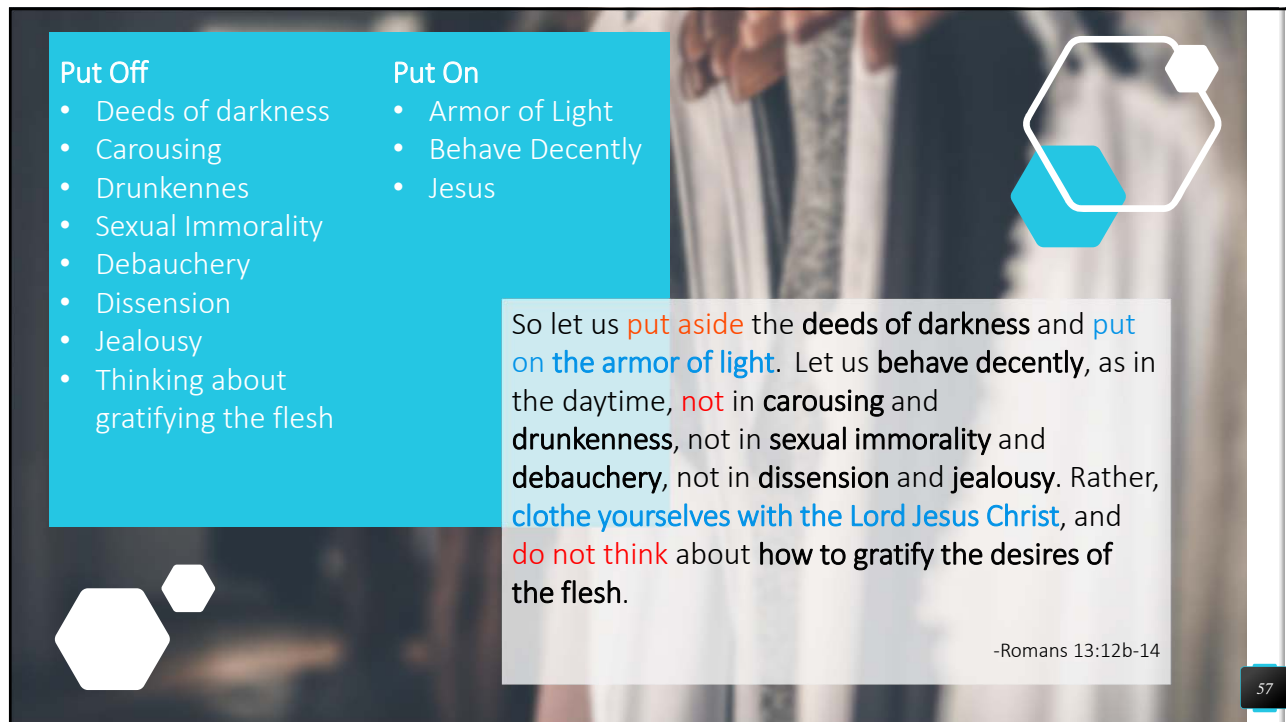
- Passions of former ignorance

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So let us put aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light. Let us behave decently, as in the daytime, not in carousing and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and debauchery, not in dissension and jealousy. Rather, clothe yourselves with the Lord Jesus Christ, and do not think about how to gratify the desires of the flesh.

-Romans 13:12b-14

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Put Off


- Deeds of darkness
- Carousing
- Drunkenness
- Sexual Immorality
- Debauchery
- Dissension
- Jealousy
- Thinking about gratifying the flesh


Put On

- Armor of Light
- Behave Decently
- Jesus

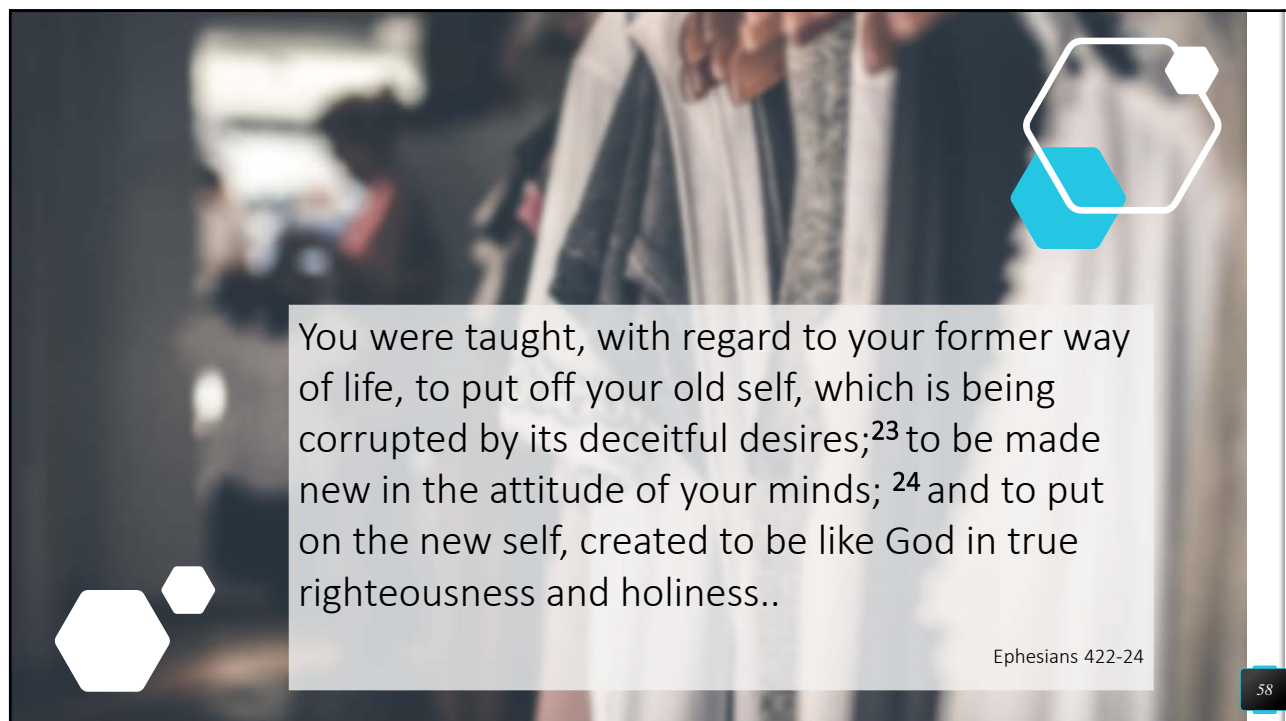
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-Romans 13:12b-14







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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





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Put Off

- Old self
- Deceitful Desires

Put On

- New attitude
- New self



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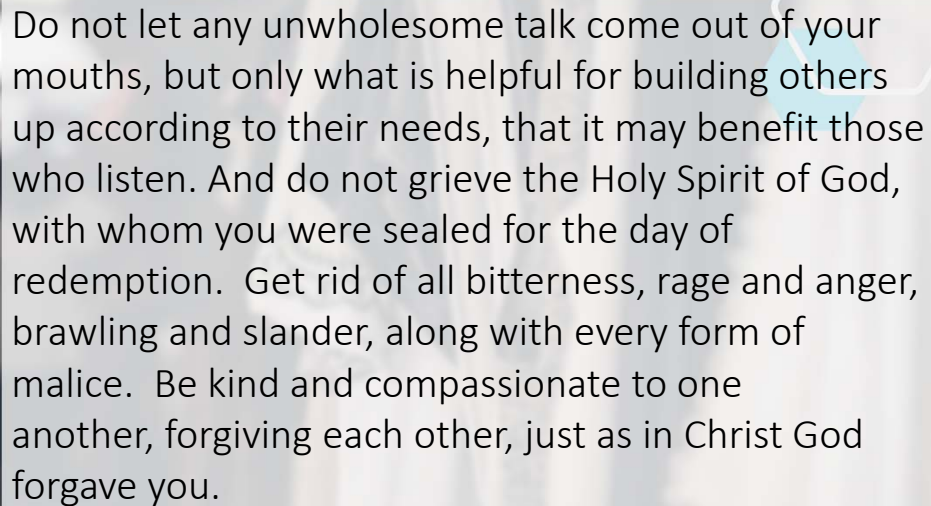
Ephesians 4:22-24

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Therefore each of you must put off falsehood and speak truthfully to your neighbor, for we are all members of one body. In your anger do not sin. Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry, and do not give the devil a foothold. Anyone who has been stealing must steal no longer, but must work, doing something useful with their own hands, that they may have something to share with those in need.

Ephesians 4:25-27

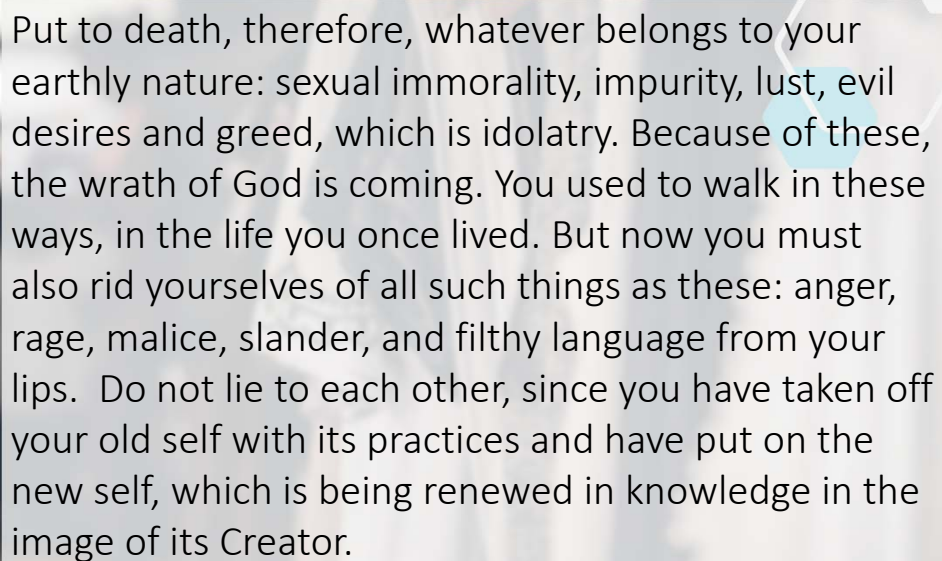
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Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice. Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.

-Ephesians 4:29-32

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Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed, which is idolatry. Because of these, the wrath of God is coming. You used to walk in these ways, in the life you once lived. But now you must also rid yourselves of all such things as these: anger, rage, malice, slander, and filthy language from your lips. Do not lie to each other, since you have taken off your old self with its practices and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator.

-Colossians 3:5-10

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Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts. And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

-Colossians 3:12-17

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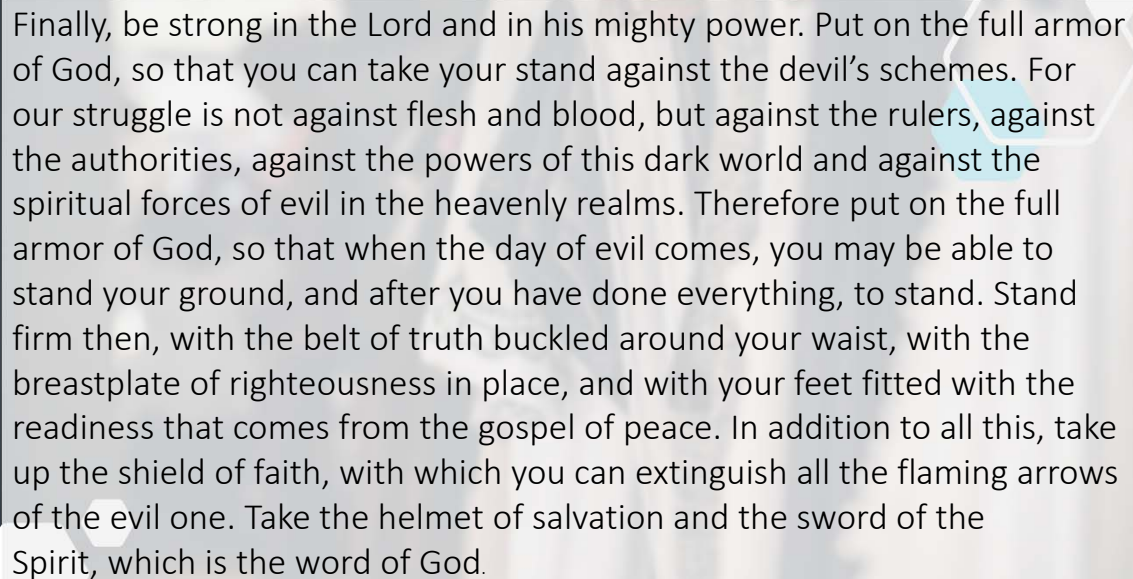
The acts of the flesh are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God.

-Galatians 5:19-21

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit. Let us not become conceited, provoking and envying each other.

-Galatians 5:22-25

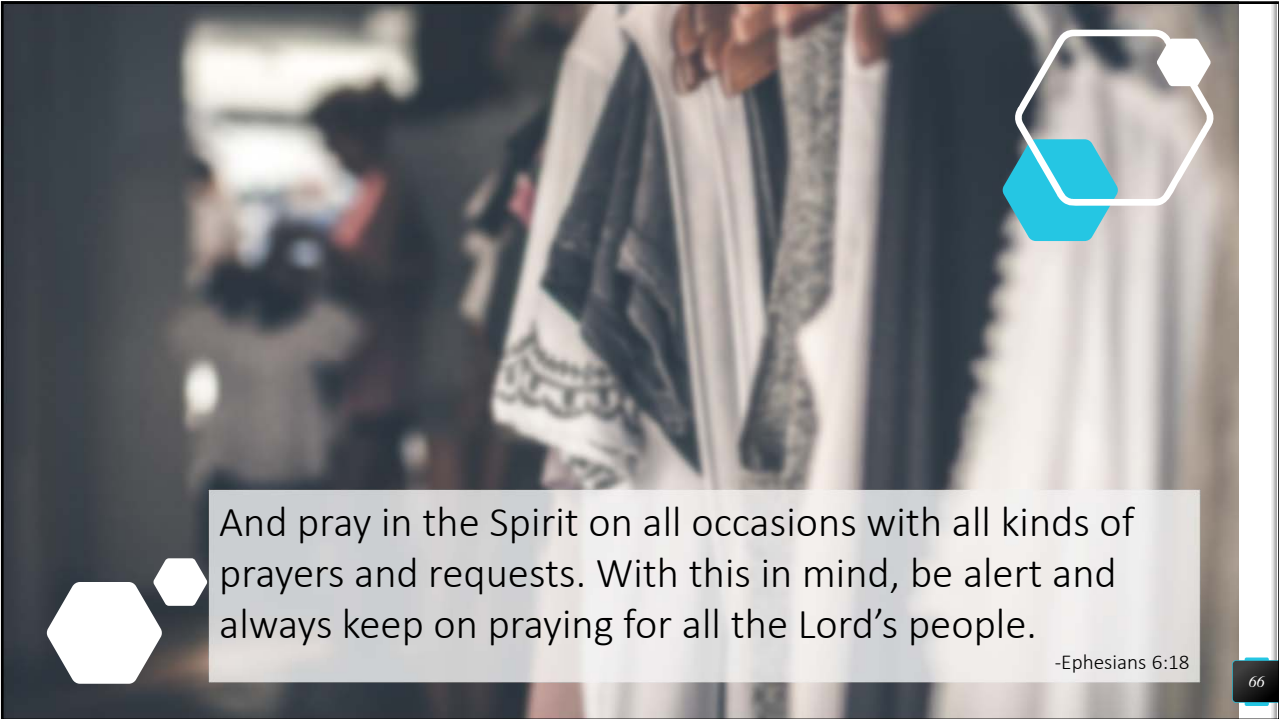
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Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

-Ephesians 6:10-17

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And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people.

-Ephesians 6:18

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That's some list!

Which do you struggle with?
Which do you need more of?
Which do you need less of?



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For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin, because anyone who has died has been freed from sin.



Romans 6:6-7

What can we do to encourage these good habits?



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1. Walk by the Holy Spirit He is our helper, counselor & guide

So I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. For the flesh desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the flesh. They are in conflict with each other, so that you are not to do whatever you want.

--Galatians 5:16-17



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2. Support Each Other

Accountability

And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

-Hebrews 10:24-25



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3. Recognize the Enemy

Take your stand!

Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour.

-1 Peter:5:8

Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.

-Ephesians 6:11-12



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4. Study the Bible

Keep listening & learning

For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.

-Hebrews 4:12



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5. Prayer & Confession

Connections with God and Others

Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective.

-James 5:16



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6. Worship

Focus on the Holy One

Exalt the LORD our God and worship at his footstool; he is holy.

-Psalm 99:5

Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts.

-Colossians 3:16



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Be holy as I am holy.

Personal Disciplines of Holiness

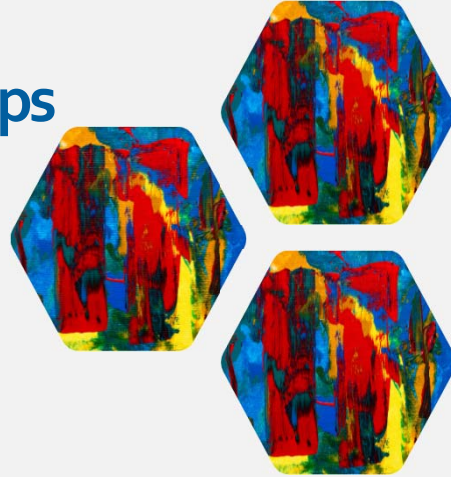
We must choose to join God in sanctification

- Prayer
- Bible Study
- Journaling
- Meditation
- Silence
- Fasting

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Next Session – Small Groups

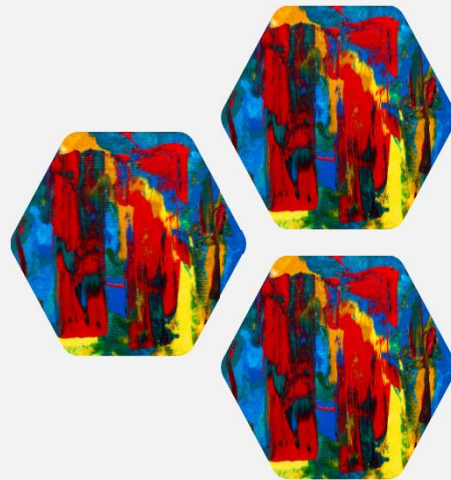
How can we support each other in these holy habits?



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Session 4 – Virtues 101

Becoming a woman of true virtue



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Virtues 101

The Holy War

Session 4

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How many songs have you thought of that mention holy or holiness?



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What does **virtuous** mean?



Who can find a virtuous woman?
for her price is far above rubies.

-Proverbs 31:10 (KJV)



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Who can find a **virtuous** woman?
for her price is far above rubies.

-Proverbs 31:10 (KJV)

Translated in other versions as *of noble character, excellent, truly good, capable, worthy*; older versions valiant, virtuous

חַיִל

Outline of Biblical Usage [?]

- I. strength, might, efficiency, wealth, army
 - A. strength
 - B. ability, efficiency
 - C. wealth
 - D. force, army

Strong's Definitions [?]

(Strong's Definitions Legend)

חַיִל **chayil**, khah'-yil: from H2342; probably a force, whether of men, means or other resources; an army, wealth, virtue, valor, strength;—able, activity, () army, band of men (soldiers), company, (great) forces, goods, host, might, power, riches, strength, strong, substance, train, () valiant(-ly), valour, virtuous(-ly), war, worthy(-ily).



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vir·tu·ous

/ˈvɜːtʃooəs/ ◀▶

adjective

having or showing high moral standards.

"she considered herself very virtuous because she neither drank nor smoked"

synonyms: righteous, good, pure, whiter than white, saintly, angelic, moral, ethical, upright, upstanding, high-minded, principled, exemplary; More

- **ARCHAIC**

(especially of a woman) chaste.

synonyms: righteous, good, pure, whiter than white, saintly, angelic, moral, ethical, upright, upstanding, high-minded, principled, exemplary; law-abiding, irreproachable, blameless, guiltless, unimpeachable, immaculate, honest, honorable, reputable, laudable, decent, respectable, noble, worthy, meritorious; *informal* squeaky clean
"they were entirely virtuous in their endeavors"

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vir·tue

/ˈvɜːtʃoo/ ◀▶

noun

noun: virtue; plural noun: virtues

1. behavior showing high moral standards.

"paragons of virtue"

synonyms: goodness, virtuousness, righteousness, morality, integrity, dignity, rectitude, honor, decency, respectability, nobility, worthiness, purity; More

antonyms: vice, iniquity

- a quality considered morally good or desirable in a person.

"patience is a virtue"

synonyms: strong point, good point, good quality, asset, forte, attribute, strength, talent, feature
"promptness was not one of his virtues"

antonyms: failing

- a good or useful quality of a thing.

"Mike was extolling the virtues of the car"

synonyms: merit, advantage, benefit, usefulness, strength, efficacy, plus, point
"I can see no virtue in this"

antonyms: disadvantage

- **ARCHAIC**

virginity or chastity, especially of a woman.

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Contemporary Thought

A **virtue** is a right inner disposition, and a disposition is a tendency to act in certain ways. Disposition is more basic, lasting and pervasive than the particular motive or intention behind a certain action. It differs from a sudden impulse in being a settled habit of mind, an internalized and often reflective trait. Virtues are general character traits that provide inner sanctions on our particular motives, intentions and outward conduct.

-Arthur F. Holmes



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Seven Heavenly Virtues

a habitual and firm disposition to do the good

Cardinal

- Prudence
- Justice
- Temperance
- Courage/Fortitude

Theological

- Faith
- Hope
- Love



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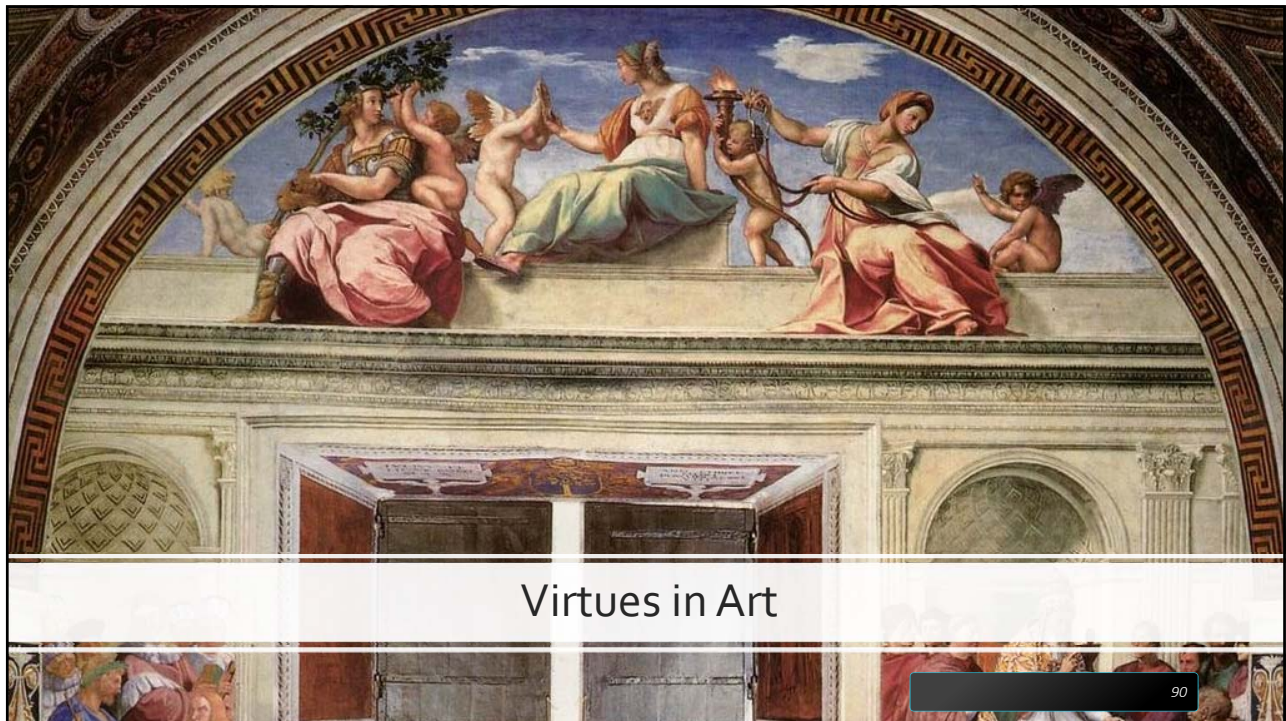
Pope Gregory, 590 AD

Practicing the virtues protects from temptation of deadly sins

Virtues	Vices
Chastity	Lust
Temperance	Gluttony
Charity	Greed
Diligence	Sloth
Patience	Wrath
Kindness	Envy
Humility	Pride



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Virtues in Art

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Virtues in Art



Faith

Hope

Charity



Temperance

Fortitude

Prudence

Justice

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Virtues in Art



Master of the Dominican Effigies (1328-1350)

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Virtues in Art



Sandro Botticelli, 1445-1510

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Seven Virtues in Art



Seven Virtues, from the church of Santa Maria Novella in Florence

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Seven Virtues and Seven Vices



Seven Virtues, Francesco Pisselino Workshop, Florence, 1400'

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Four Cardinal Virtues



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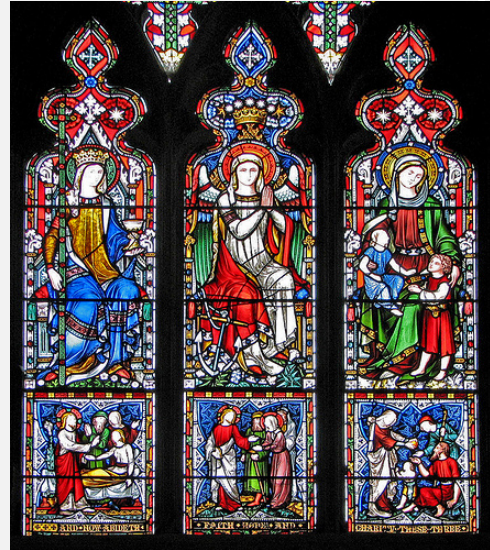
Virtues in Art



Four Cardinal Virtues



Theological Virtues: Faith, Hope and Charity



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In Literature



Psychomachia
Poet Prudentius
5th Century

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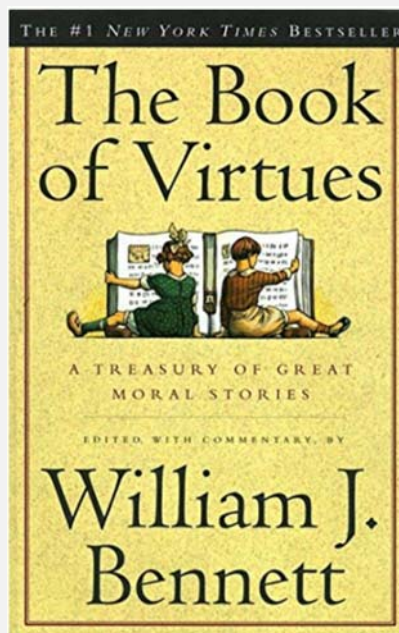
In Literature



The Holy War
John Bunyan
1682

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In Literature



The Book of Virtues
William Bennett
1993

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Virtues in the 21st Century?

If anything, we might be more puritanical and values-driven today than we were in 1993. We just adhere to different values. And boy, howdy, do we cling to them. People still believe in deep moral truths, you see. They simply apply those beliefs in the service of very different virtues.

- Freedom
- Convenience
- Progress
- Equality
- Authenticity
- Health
- Non-judgmentalism

These are the characteristics modern society most prizes and has begun to organize its strictures around. Often with nonsensical results.

Jonathan V. Last, *Virtues, Past & Present*, March 16, 2016, The Weekly Standard

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Concept of Virtues in the Bible

Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is worthy of respect, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if something is excellent or praiseworthy, think about these things.

-Philippians 4:8



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Concept of Virtues in the Bible

I can pray this because his divine power has bestowed on us everything necessary for life and godliness through the rich knowledge of the one who called us by his own glory and excellence. Through these things he has bestowed on us his precious and most magnificent promises, so that by means of what was promised you may become partakers of the divine nature, after escaping the worldly corruption that is produced by evil desire. For this very reason, make every effort to add to your faith excellence, to excellence, knowledge

-2 Peter 1:3-5



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Concept of Virtues in the Bible

Our theme verse

Likewise, teach the older women to be reverent in the way they live, not to be slanderers or addicted to much wine, but to teach what is good. Then they can urge the younger women to love their husbands and children, to be self-controlled and pure, to be busy at home, to be kind, and to be subject to their husbands, so that no one will malign the word of God.

-Titus 2:3-5







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So what? What will you do with what you have learned this weekend?

A collage of a rainy city street at night, likely in Japan, with people walking with umbrellas. The scene is illuminated by streetlights and neon signs. Overlaid on the right side of the collage is a dark grey box containing the text 'Thank You' and contact information for Jean Marrapodi.

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