

HOLINESS (HAGIOSYNE)
Biblical Words
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| מִי־כְמוֹתָ בְּאֵלִים יְהוָה מִי כְמוֹתָ נֶאֱדָר בְּקִדְשׁ נִרְאָה תְהַלַּל עֲשֵׂה פְלֵא | Exodus 15:11 "Who is like you, O LORD, among the gods? Who is like you, <u>majestic in holiness</u> , awesome in glorious deeds, doing wonders?" |
| ἀποθέσθαι ὑμᾶς, κατὰ τὴν προτέραν ἀναστροφὴν, τὸν παλαιὸν ἄνθρωπον, τὸν φθειρόμενον κατὰ τὰς ἐπιθυμίας τῆς ἀπάτης· ²³ ἀνανεοῦσθαι δὲ τῷ πνεύματι τοῦ νοῦς ὑμῶν, ²⁴ καὶ ἐνδύσασθαι τὸν καινὸν ἄνθρωπον, τὸν κατὰ θεὸν κτισθέντα ἐν δικαιοσύνῃ καὶ ὁσιότητι τῆς ἀληθείας. | Ephesians 4:22-24 to put off your old self, which belongs to your former manner of life and is corrupt through deceitful desires, ²³ and to be renewed in the spirit of your minds, ²⁴ and to put on the new self, created after the <u>likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness</u> . |
| כִּי אֲנִי יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵיכֶם וְהִתְקַדְשַׁתֶּם וְהִייתֶם קְדוֹשִׁים כִּי קְדוֹשׁ אֲנִי | Leviticus 11:44 For I am the LORD your God. Consecrate yourselves therefore, and be holy, for I am holy. |
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| דַּבֵּר אֶל־כָּל־עֵדֻת בְּנֵי־יִשְׂרָאֵל וְאָמַרְתָּ אֲלֵהֶם קְדוֹשִׁים תְּהִיוּ כִּי קְדוֹשׁ אֲנִי יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵיכֶם | 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 |
| וְהִתְקַדְשַׁתֶּם וְהִייתֶם קְדוֹשִׁים כִּי אֲנִי יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵיכֶם | Leviticus 20:7 Consecrate yourselves, therefore, and be holy, for I am the LORD your God. |
| ἀλλὰ κατὰ τὸν καλέσαντα ὑμᾶς ἅγιον καὶ αὐτοὶ ἅγιοι ἐν πάσῃ ἀναστροφῇ γενήθητε· ¹⁶ διότι γέγραπται, "Ἅγιοι γίνεσθε, ὅτι ἐγὼ ἅγιός εἰμι. | 1 Peter 1:15-16 but as he who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, ¹⁶ since it is written, "You shall be holy, for I am holy. |

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0. INTRODUCTION

Past topics: (1) Scripture; (2) Law; (3) Gospel; (4) Sin; (5) Repentance; (6) Faith; (7) Hope; (8) Love; (9) Kingdom of God; (10) Church; (11) Covenant; (12) "The LORD" [Yahweh]; (13) Hell; (14) Redemption; (15) the World; (16) Judgment; (17) Offence; (18) Wisdom; (19) Lust/Desire; (20) Holiness;

0.1. ABBOTT-SMITH

† ἀγιασύνη (cf. ἀγαθωσύνη), -ης, ἡ (< ἅγιος), [in LXX: Ps 29 (30)¹ 96 (97)¹² (שׁוֹרֵת), 95 (96)⁶ (עֵץ), 144 (145)⁵ (דִּי), II Mac 3¹² *;] *holiness*, the state in man resulting from ἀγιασμός, q.v.: Ro 1⁴, II Co 7¹, I Th 3¹³ (Cremer, 52; MM, VGT, s.v.).†

† ἀγιασμός, -οῦ, ὁ (< ἀγιάζω), [in LXX: Ez 45¹ (שׁוֹרֵת), Si 7³¹, etc.;] as an active verbal noun in -μός, it signifies properly the process τὸ ἀγιάζειν, rather than the resultant state, ἀγιοσύνη, hence, 1. *consecration*; 2. *sanctification*: so strictly in Ro 6^{13, 22} (but v. Meyer), I Co 1³⁰, I Th 4^{3, 7}, II Th 2¹³, He 12¹⁴, I Pe 1². Elsewhere it perhaps (Ellic.; but v. Milligan, *Th.*, 48) inclines to the resultant state: I Th 4⁴, I Ti 2¹⁵ (Cremer, 55, 602).†

**† ἀγιότης, -ητος, ἡ (< ἅγιος), [in LXX: II Mac 15² *;] *sanctity*, *holiness*, regarded, properly, as an abstract quality (v. next word, and cf. Ift., *Notes*, 49; MM, VGT, s.v.): II Co 1¹², He 12¹⁰.†

ἅγιος, -α, -ον (< τὸ ἅγιος, *religious awe*; ἄζω, *to venerate*), [in LXX chiefly for שׁוֹרֵת;] primarily, *dedicated to the gods, sacred* (Hdt.; rare in Att., never in Hom., Hes. and Trag., who use ἅγιος), hence, *holy*, characteristic of God, separated to God, worthy of veneration. 1. Its highest application is to God himself, in his purity, majesty, and glory: Lk 1⁴⁹, Jo 17¹¹, Re 4⁸. Hence (a) of things and places which have a claim to reverence as sacred to God, e.g. the Temple: Mt 24¹³, He 9¹; (b) of persons employed by him, as angels: I Th 3¹³; prophets, Lk 1⁷⁰; apostles, Eph 3⁵. 2. Applied to persons as separated to God's service: (a) of Christ, Mk 1²⁴, Jo 6⁶⁹, Ac 4³⁰; (b) of Christians, Ac 9¹³, Ro 1⁷, He 6¹⁰, Re 5⁸. 3. In the moral sense of sharing God's purity: Mk 6²⁰, Jo 17¹¹, Ac 3¹⁴, Re 3⁷. 4. Of pure, clean sacrifices and offerings: I Co 7¹⁴, Eph 1⁴.

SYN.: ἅγιος, *pure*, both in ceremonial and spiritual sense; ἱερός (*sacer*), *sacred*, that which is inviolable because of its (external) relation to God; ὁσιος (*sanctus* as opp. to *nefas*), that which is based on everlasting ordinances of right. (Cf. Tr., *Syn.*, §lxxxviii; DB, ii, 399 f.; Cremer, 34, 594-601; MM, VGT, s.v.)

0.2. USAGE

- (1) adjective, (2) verb, (3) substantive
- Ps 99:3 Let them praise your great and awesome name! Holy is he! (גָּדוֹל וְנֹרָא קְדוֹשׁ הוּא)
- Exodus 29:42-43 It shall be a regular burnt offering throughout your generations at the entrance of the tent of meeting before the LORD, where I will meet with you, to speak to you there. ⁴³ There I will meet with the people of Israel, and it shall be sanctified by my glory.
- 1Chr 16:29 Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; bring an offering and come before him! Worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness;

- (1) Of God - primary usage (Isa 6:3) [LACOSTE] the majesty and activating power of the divinity.
- (2) Of humans
 - popular meaning: impractical; otherworldly; joyless; weak;
 - biblical: beauty; power; joy; normality; perfection
- (3) Of things - temple utensils
- (4) Of places

1. FALSE CONCEPTS

1.1. NEGATIVE

- NOT doing certain things
- **Col 2:20-21** If with Christ you died to the elemental spirits of the world, why, as if you were still alive in the world, do you submit to regulations- ²¹ "Do not handle, Do not taste, Do not touch"

1.2. FORMAL

- **Matthew 23:29-31** Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you build the tombs of the prophets and decorate the monuments of the righteous, ³⁰ saying, 'If we had lived in the days of our fathers, we would not have taken part with them in shedding the blood of the prophets.' ³¹ Thus you witness against yourselves that you are sons of those who murdered the prophets
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1.3. EXTERNAL

- ritual
- **Mt 23:25-26** "Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you clean the outside of the cup and the plate, but inside they are full of greed and self-indulgence. **26** You blind Pharisee! First clean the inside of the cup and the plate, that the outside also may be clean.

1.4. HUMAN INVENTIONS

- **Dt 12:32** "Whatever I command you, you shall be careful to do; you shall not add to nor take away from it.
- **Mk 7:7** in vain do they worship me, teaching as doctrines the commandments of men.
 - **Isa 29:13** ...this people draw near with their mouth and honor me with their lips, while their hearts are far from me, and their fear of me is a commandment taught by men,
 - **Mk 7:8** You leave the commandment of God and hold to the tradition of men.
- **Mk 7:3-4** (For the Pharisees and all the Jews do not eat unless they wash their hands, holding to the tradition of the elders, ⁴ and when they come from the marketplace, they do not eat unless they wash. And there are many other traditions that they observe, such as the washing of cups and pots and copper vessels and dining couches.)

1.5. SACRAMENTAL/MAGICAL

- **Jer 7:3-5** Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: Amend your ways and your deeds, and I will let you dwell in this place. ⁴ Do not trust in these deceptive words: 'This is the temple of the LORD, the temple of the LORD, the temple of the LORD.' ⁵ "For if you truly amend your ways and your deeds, if you truly execute justice one with another,

2. BIBLICAL HOLINESS

2.1. GOD'S ATTRIBUTE

- **Isa 6:1-5** In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of his robe filled the temple. ² Above him stood the seraphim. Each had six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. ³ And one called to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory!" ⁴ And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke. ⁵ And I said: "Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell

in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!"

- **Isaiah 33:14-16** The sinners in Zion are afraid; trembling has seized the godless: "Who among us can dwell with the consuming fire? Who among us can dwell with everlasting burnings?" ¹⁵ He who walks righteously and speaks uprightly, who despises the gain of oppressions, who shakes his hands, lest they hold a bribe, who stops his ears from hearing of bloodshed and shuts his eyes from looking on evil, ¹⁶ he will dwell on the heights; his place of defense will be the fortresses of rocks; his bread will be given him; his water will be sure.

2.2. JESUS CHRIST

- **John 8:46** Which one of you convicts me of sin? If I tell the truth, why do you not believe me? [CHAMBERS, O. *The Psychology of Redemption*] The glory of Jesus was not an external thing; He effaced the Godhead in Himself so effectually that men without the Spirit of God despised Him. His glory was the glory of actual holiness. What is holiness? Transfigured morality blazing with in dwelling God. Any other kind of holiness is fictitious and dangerous. One of the dangers of dealing too much with the Higher Christian Life is that it is apt to fizzle off into abstractions. But when we see holiness in the Lord Jesus, we do know what it means, it means an unsullied walk with the feet, unsullied talk with the tongue, unsullied thinking of the mind, unsullied transactions of the bodily organs, unsullied life of the heart, unsullied dreams of the imagination—that is the actual holiness Jesus says He has given them. This is the meaning of sanctification. Paul says, and no wonder, "My little children, of whom I travail in birth again until Christ be formed in you." The holiness of the Son of God is to be actually manifested in our ordinary bodily lives. This is the actual experience of sanctification working out in each detail.

2.3. SEPARATION

- **Heb 7:26** For it was indeed fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, innocent, unstained, separated from sinners (ὁσίος, ἄκακος, ἀμίαντος, κεχωρισμένος ἀπὸ τῶν ἁμαρτωλῶν), and exalted above the heavens

2.4. OLD TESTAMENT WORSHIP

Hebrews 9:1-8 Now even the first covenant had regulations for worship and an earthly place of holiness. ² For a tent was prepared, the first section, in which were the lampstand and the table and the bread of the Presence. It is called the Holy Place. ³ Behind the second curtain was a second section called the Most Holy Place, ⁴ having the golden altar of incense and the ark of the covenant covered on all sides with gold, in which was a golden urn holding the manna, and Aaron's staff that budded, and the tablets of the covenant. ⁵ Above it were the cherubim of glory overshadowing the mercy seat. Of these things we cannot now speak in detail. ⁶ These preparations having thus been made, the priests go regularly into the first section, performing their ritual duties, ⁷ but into the second only the high priest goes, and he but once a year, and not without taking blood, which he offers for himself and for the unintentional sins of the people. ⁸ By this the Holy Spirit indicates that the way into the holy places is not yet opened as long as the first section is still standing

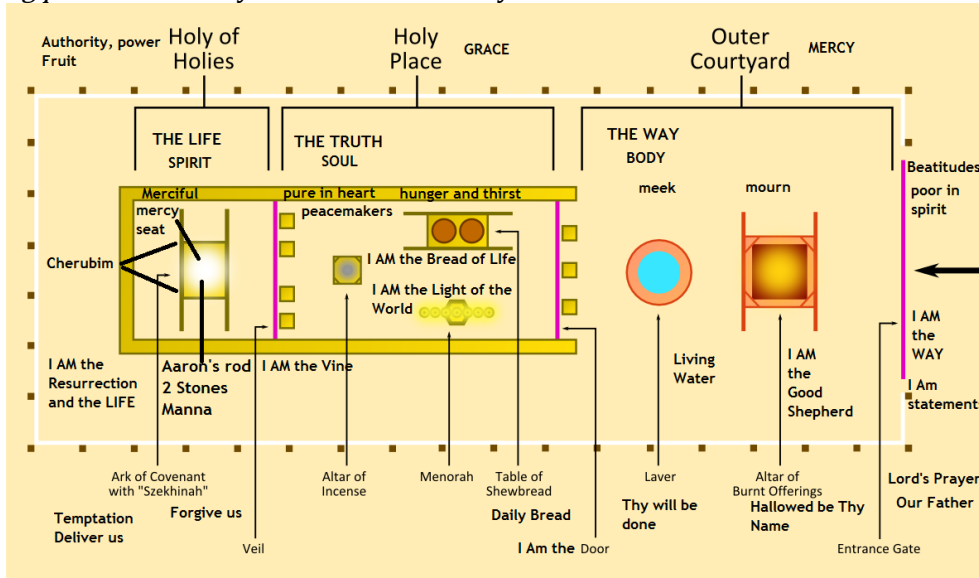
2.4.1. SACRIFICES

- the unholy cannot approach the holy
- the blood of clean animals...
 - **Heb 9:21-22** And in the same way he sprinkled with the blood both the tent and all the vessels used in worship. ²² Indeed, under the law almost everything is purified with blood, and without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness of sins.

2.4.2. PLACES/THE TEMPLE

- The tabernacle
- **Exodus 3:2-5** And the angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush. He looked, and behold, the bush was burning, yet it was not consumed. ³ And Moses said, "I will turn aside to see this great sight, why the bush is not burned." ⁴ When the LORD saw that he turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." ⁵ Then he said, "Do not come near; take your sandals off your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground."

- the *meeting place* of the Holy God with the unholy man



- Brazen Altar (Altar of Burnt Offerings).** The priests sacrificed animals to atone for the people's sins at the brazen altar. Under the new covenant, the altar represents Christ's sacrifice on the cross.
- Brazen Laver.** The priests washed their hands and feet at the large basin known as the brazen laver.
- the Holy Place → (1) Menorah, (2) the bread of the Presence, (3) the altar of incense
- the Holy of Holies

3. SANCTIFICATION

- 1Tim 6:12-16** Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called and about which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. ¹³ I charge you in the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, ¹⁴ to keep the commandment unstained and free from reproach until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁵ which he will display at the proper time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords, ¹⁶ who alone has immortality, who dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see. To him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.
- 1Thes 5:23** Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ
- Heb 12:14** Strive for peace with everyone, and for the holiness without which no one will see the Lord (καὶ τὸν ἁγιασμόν, οὐ χωρὶς οὐδεὶς ὄψεται τὸν κύριον).

3.1. A GIFT FROM JESUS

- 1Cor 1:30-31** He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, whom God made our wisdom and our righteousness and sanctification and redemption (σοφία ἀπὸ θεοῦ, δικαιοσύνη τε καὶ ἁγιασμός, καὶ ἀπολύτρωσις). ³¹ Therefore, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."
- 2Cor 6:14-18** Do not be unequally yoked with unbelievers. For what partnership has righteousness with lawlessness? Or what fellowship has light with darkness? ¹⁵ What accord has Christ with Belial? Or what portion does a believer share with an unbeliever? ¹⁶ What agreement has the temple of God with idols? For we are the temple of the living God; as God said, "I will make my dwelling among them and walk among them, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ¹⁷ Therefore go out from their midst, and be separate from them, says the Lord, and touch no unclean thing; then I will welcome you, ¹⁸ and I will be a father to you, and you shall be sons and daughters to me, says the Lord Almighty."

3.2. RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS

3.2.1. THE MIND

- simplicity
- **2Cor 11:2-4** I feel a divine jealousy for you, for I betrothed you to one husband, to present you as a pure virgin to Christ. ³ But I am afraid that as the serpent deceived Eve by his cunning, your thoughts will be led astray from a sincere and pure devotion to Christ. ⁴ For if someone comes and proclaims another Jesus than the one we proclaimed, or if you receive a different spirit from the one you received, or if you accept a different gospel from the one you accepted, you put up with it readily enough.

3.2.2. THE HEART

- purity
- **1Thes 3:12-13** ...may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, as we do for you, ¹³ so that he may establish your hearts blameless in holiness (ἀμέμπτους ἐν ἀγιωσύῃ) before our God and Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.
- **Psalm 86:11** Teach me your way, O LORD, that I may walk in your truth; unite my heart to fear your name

3.2.3. THE WILL

- singleness of purpose
- **Psalm 27:4** One thing have I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to inquire in his temple

4. TO REMEMBER

- Heaven and holiness are inseparable.
- We cannot love God and not to love holiness.
- Our holiness is Jesus' life shared with us through faith and love.