

HOLY LIVING

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INTRODUCTION

- ✘ Christian faith is unique because our God is unique.
- ✘ The God of Israel is different from all other gods and goddess of the universe.
- ✘ He sets the standards of morality and ethics.
- ✘ God is Holy means that God is completely upright, fair, just and righteous in His dealings.

GOD IS HOLY

- ✘ He alone said Be Holy because I am Holy: Lev: 11:44, 45.
- ✘ Prophet Isaiah in His vision saw the glory of God. “*I saw the Lord seated on the throne high and exalted... and the seraphim calling each other and proclaiming Holy.....* Isa: 6:3-4.
- ✘ Apostle John in the island of Patmos saw the glory of God.. Rev.4:8 *Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord God Almighty, who was, and is and is to come*

GOD DEMANDS HOLINESS

- ✘ God wanted His people to be Holy set apart, different, unique.
- ✘ As they live and enjoy the blessings of Canaan, they should keep up their identity as the children of God. He knows that they had only two options.
- ✘ Firstly to be separate and Holy: secondly to compromise with their pagan neighbors and live in corruption.

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- ✘ This is why he called them out of Egypt and set them apart as unique nation, dedicated to worship him alone and leading moral lives. So God gave them rules regulations, restrictions so that they will remain a separate nation both socially and spiritually.

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- ✘ In the Book of Daniel we see the firm decision of Young , vibrant Daniel. Daniel was in a different culture, he decided to honor God's law.
- ✘ He resolved not to defile himself with royal food
- ✘ The king found none equal to Daniel.

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- ✘ Jesus condemned the religious leaders of His time; they failed to keep up the standards of God
- ✘ Neglected the important matters of the law such as justice, mercy and faithfulness Mt: 23: 23-28
- ✘ They entertained greed and self indulgence
- ✘ Nurtured Hypocrisy and wickedness
- ✘ Our present time is not different from the Biblical times, we face the challenges of our multicultural society every day, and we live in the midst of wickedness, perversion and unrighteousness

APPLICATION

- ✘ Be self controlled
- ✘ Do not conform to the evil desires
- ✘ Set your hope fully on Jesus, because the Holy one is coming soon, be ready to receive Him.
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- ✘ The imminent return of Jesus should motivate us to live for Him, this means being mentally alert, self disciplined and focused.