

20) Is this possible? Why or why not?

2 Corinthians 7:1 (GW) ¹ Since we have these promises, dear friends, we need to cleanse ourselves from everything that contaminates body and spirit and live a holy life in the fear of God.

21) How do we cleanse ourselves from these things?

Philippians 2:13 (GW) ¹³ It is God who produces in you the desires and actions that please him.

22) Who works in you to be holy?

23) How does knowing how you are made holy and who works in you to be holy, help you to live in holiness?

Holy, Holy, Holy

Genesis 2:2-23 (GW) ² By the seventh day God had finished the work he had been doing. On the seventh day he stopped the work he had been doing. ³ Then God blessed the seventh day and set it apart as holy, because on that day he stopped all his work of creation.

1) What does it mean to be set apart as holy?

2) What does this passage tell us about what can be made holy?

Exodus 15:11 (GW) ¹¹ “Who is like you among the gods, O Lord? Who is like you? You are glorious because of your holiness and awe-inspiring because of your splendor. You perform miracles.

3) What do we learn about God’s holiness from this verse?

Revelation 15:4 (ESV) ⁴ Who will not fear, O Lord, and glorify your name? For you alone are holy. All nations will come and worship you, for your righteous acts have been revealed.”

4) What do we learn about God’s holiness from this verse?

Joshua 24:19 (GW) ¹⁹ But Joshua answered the people, “Since the Lord is a holy God, you can’t possibly serve him. He is a God who does not tolerate rivals. He will not forgive your rebellious acts and sins.

5) What do we learn about God’s holiness from this verse?

6) What do we learn about our relationship to God?

Proverbs 9:10 (GW) ¹⁰ The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom. The knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.

7) How do we start the process of becoming wise?

8) What does this mean?

How to Be Holy

Exodus 3:5 (GW) ⁵ God said, “Don’t come any closer! Take off your sandals because this place where you are standing is holy ground.

9) How was this ground holy?

10) Why did Moses need to take his sandals off?

11) What does this tell us about God’s holiness?

12) What does this tell us about our relationship to a Holy God?

Matthew 23:16-19 (GW) ¹⁶ “How horrible it will be for you, you blind guides! You say, ‘To swear an oath by the temple doesn’t mean a thing. But to swear an oath by the gold in the temple means a person must keep his oath.’ ¹⁷ You blind fools! What is more important, the gold or the temple that made the gold holy? ¹⁸ Again you say, ‘To swear an oath by the altar doesn’t mean a thing. But to swear an oath by the gift on the altar means a person must keep his oath.’ ¹⁹ You blind men! What is more important, the gift or the altar that makes the gift holy?

13) What was the problem Jesus was addressing?

14) What is the true source of holiness?

John 17:17-19 (GW) ¹⁷ “Use the truth to make them holy. Your words are truth. ¹⁸ I have sent them into the world the same way you sent me into the world. ¹⁹ I’m dedicating myself to this holy work I’m doing for them so that they, too, will use the truth to be holy.

15) What does Jesus ask the Father to do for His disciples?

16) What will the Father use to accomplish this?

17) What work is Jesus referring to in verse 19?

18) What is the end result of this work?

1 Peter 1:14-16 (GW) ¹⁴ Because you are children who obey God, don’t live the kind of lives you once lived. Once you lived to satisfy your desires because you didn’t know any better. ¹⁵ But because the God who called you is holy, you must be holy in every aspect of your life. ¹⁶ Scripture says, “Be holy, because I am holy.”

19) What does Peter call us to do?