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## **Holiness - Is it Important?**

Holiness is defined as a wholly consecrated or dedicated person or thing to God, which indicates it means 'morally pure'. However, it seems that in the modern era holiness was and is deemed extreme, too much. We play with God. It is seldom taught, or even mentioned, as though with the Old Testament it has passed away. Yet it is the great theme throughout the Bible. Without holiness there would be no need to forgive sin or for a redeemer! God is jealous for his holiness, his moral purity, and requires an atonement to cleanse anyone who wants to approach Him. Time after time He said in judgment: they have profaned my holiness!

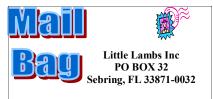
Holiness, as in "worship the Lord in the beauty of (your )holiness", that is in the beauty of a wholly dedicated or consecrated and morally pure person to Him, to be used for his purpose alone. Jehoshaphat had singers to praise about the beauty of holiness, wholly dedicated people to the Lord in 2 Chr. 16:29 and 2 Chr. 20:21. Psalms 96 and 29 say "Give unto the Lord the glory due his name; worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness. Psa. 47 says, God sits on a throne of holiness, consecrated to his holy purpose. Psa. 60, God speaks in holiness, Psa. 89, he swears by his holiness to David. "There is a highway and a way and it shall be called The way of holiness; the unclean shall not pass over it, but it shall be for those the wayfaring men, though fools, shall not err therein, no lion shall be there, nor any ravenous beast shall go up thereon, it shall no be found there; but the redeemed shall walk there and the ransomed of the Lord shall return and come to Zion with songs and everlasting joy upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow ad sighing shall flee away." Isa 35:8-10 Yes, there is power in holiness! There are the courts of His holiness, His habitation of holiness, people of His holiness, and the mountain of His holiness. Undoubtedly a great theme of the Old Testament and very important to God.

And in the New Testament we also hear the same message as Paul said in Romans 6: 'Yield your members servants to righteousness unto holiness' and produce 'fruit unto holiness and the end everlasting life.' Then in 2 Cor. 7, he tells us, 'Having therefore these promises dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of flesh and spirit perfecting holiness in the fear of God, (because) you put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness, (so that) to the end he may establish your hearts unblameable in holiness before God, our Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ with all his saints.' And in Hebrews Paul tells us, "He chastens us that we might be partakers of his holiness."

The last mention of holiness is this warning: Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see God. Psalm 101 is a commitment to holy living or to holiness: I will sing of mercy and judgment: unto you, O Lord, will I sing. I will behave myself wisely in a perfect way. O when will you come to me (us)? I will walk within my house with a perfect heart. I will set no wicked thing before my eyes: I hate the work of them that turn aside; it shall not cleave to me. A forward (wicked, perverse) heart shall depart from me: I will not know a wicked person. Whoso privately slanders his neighbor, him will I cut off: him that has a high look and a proud heart will I not suffer. But my eyes shall be upon the faithful of the land, that they may dwell with me: he that walks in a perfect way, he shall serve me. He that works deceit shall not dwell within my house: he that tells lies shall not tarry in my sight. I will early destroy all the wicked of the land: that I may cut off all wicked doers from the city of the Lord.

Beloved, let us strive for God's standard in our lives as we continue to pray for the healing of our nation and the church.

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**Essay on Sexual Holiness, Lesson 4-1** This is the best information I've ever gotten, Thank God, Thank you. I needed this in my life. To me, my purity means everything. At one time, I would have done any thing, said anything, thought anything. My last 3 years have been a change for me. This area has been my struggle but even my wife at visit has noticed the change. I tell

her at the end of email's, "Your Faithful Husband in Christ" and it means so much to her and me to be able to say that honestly now! I tell her of my studies, Chapel and books I read. Also this bible study I'm doing and she is so happy about it! I feel like I can truly come to God now that I've changed. I don't have to hide or be sad and ashamed when I go to Him. I feel not just forgiven but now that I'm thinking right, I AM faithful to Him. Amen.

## Little Lambs Inc.,

Boy! It was really good to hear from you. All of these lessons I've completed has made me feel closer to the Lord. The wisdom and knowledge, also the understanding that I have received is unreal and not speaking of all the Blessings I have been getting. I owe it all to you guys! I pray that out of His Glorious Riches He may Strengthen you with Power Through His Spirit in your Inner Being. Bill

Hi, my name is Brian and I am a new believer. I want to draw close to God and I want to get to know him better. I want to join your school and do Bible Studies. I want to be filled with the Holy Ghost, because I am tired of dealing with the same stuff over and over. I am ready for a change and I see some of the inmates here have done a complete 180 and now they are happy and full of joy. That's the joy that I want and the love. I have been writing down things from the Bible to help me. So, yeah, please may I join your school and start my new life with Jesus Christ. Of course! Don't you just love such an open hunger for the Lord. We hope to help him meet this need.

Dear John & Eileen, Hello in Christ's love! I hope and pray this letter finds you all at Little Lambs well and safe. By the way. I'm E.M. I have already enjoyed completing all your bible courses but wanted to let you guys know you all and this ministry are in my prayers and I pray that God is keeping you all healthy and safe out there. I am blessed to be at a prison that has no contact with the virus and I know it's all "God's divine protection!" I pray that same protection over you all and thank you.

I have a praise report. I have been lowered to a medium level prison and just waiting for the transport buses to start back up again. But I thank God I have not moved yet since the prison I was/am designated to go to has the virus bad. So I thank God for His protection over that in His timing. Also I am still in the process to try to move to Romania and if it's God's will, He will make the way and use me for ministry there to family and friends and neighbors. Please pray that this works out. God bless you all and thank you for all you do in leading souls to our Savior! I love you all. EM *Another little missionary being sent to Romania! Pray for him and his mission.* 

Dear Brethren, God bless you all Real! Real! Real! Good!!! I love you all! Only God love you more! I write these word out of a pure heart. Enclosed you will find my lesson 1-2. I'm really enjoying these lessons; they are very refreshing. I want to thank you all for allowing me to study with Little Lambs. I want my life to always be where God can use me. I used to feel like a lot of my previous life was wasted, but I came to know and understand that God was using everything that He allowed in my past in order to mold and shape me into a vessel fit for His use. And when this trial is over, I shall come forth as GOLD! Glory to God! The past had to be in order for me to experience His Grace, Mercy and His Unconditional Love. I'm embracing His love daily. I'm a student of the Word, and I strive daily <u>to</u> <u>know intimately</u> and understand God more and more and to sanctify Him in my heart, as I'm ready daily to always give an answer to every one that asks me a reason of the HOPE that is in me. Glory Hallelujah!

Due to this covid19 pandemic, I'm cautious and use wisdom in my goings daily, but this has drawn me closer to God in intimacy, has increased my prayer life and has increased the love and compassion in my heart for others. I've learned that <u>True Compassion Puts Love Into Action.</u>! I've learned to live by the premise that "Well Done!" is far better than "well said" or "well thought". Can you say Amen! May God bless and keep you always in my prayer. VW

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## A Note from Robert, Chapel Clerk for Avon Park CI

Ms. Sala, how are you doing? I pray God bless you every day. Here I am writing you a little testimony about our life in prison during the COVID-19 Pandemic. One thing that we missed other than our loved ones is the volunteers. Because of this situation we don't have a place to congregate together in one mind and one spirit, only individually. At least some of us have created little groups for prayer and bible study, also we talked one with one with different guys according to their needs. We are going through a hard time because we worry about our loved ones and their conditions outside with this disease. Not to be able to congregate in church sometimes created a kind of stress that only Jesus can take from our minds. And I know its not only inside these walls, its also in the outside world. But we keep fighting the good fight no matter the situation, we trust in the Lord.

If I shut up heaven (FIRES IN AUSTRALIA) that there be no rain or if I command the locust to devour the land (LOCUSTS IN AFRICA), or if I send pestilence (COVID-19 IN THE WORLD) among my people, if my people which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways than will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land. Now mine eyes shall be open, and my ears attend unto the prayer that is made in this place." 2 Chr 7 13-15

Well, I see this times as "End of Times" also God asking us to humble ourselves and pray to Him. I told my wife that the reason that I have a beautiful relationship with her is because I daily talked and listened to her, so something like that is having a relationship with God. Before this pandemic we got so caught up with the worldly things and now we got time and opportunity to talk with God and really listen to Him.

My wife and son said that they know now how I feel here in prison. They also are using this time to be closer to God. Thanks to Little Lambs Ministries because you never forgot about us in blues, in moments like this we are one, we are together in this. Robert Santiago, Avon Park.

Please continue to pray for the inmates and their families. They are without many of the resources that help them to cope and even thrive in prison.

What are your thoughts about Satan? Essay. Before I put myself in this state prison, I knew of Satan and the devils that follow him, but never gave it a lot of thought. If I was asked this question 4 years ago, I would have said that he is out there deep in evil men's hearts. Since I have been in here about 3 years now, I watch daily what Satan does to men's hearts. The building where I am at houses about 40 men per tier. On my tier, I can say that there are 10 that truly have a black heart. The rest had made mistakes and are paying for it.

I watch Satan beat those men down in their hearts, telling them that they are not worthy of repentance and forgiveness. Daily beating them down to serve him, from false beliefs to outright saying that Jesus cannot or will not help them. In a short time they become what Satan is!

Satan is everything evil in this world. He is everything that the Bible says he is. It is so not only because the good book says, I watch it grow every day. Mike, De

My Dad is Chester and he is bragging on the program. I also want to learn about what's in the bible and I want to fix my life the right way. Please help me anyway you can. I would like to start bible study if its possible. I am only 25 years old. My birthday was last month and I was locked up. Please pray for me and help me become more knowledgeable. My name is W.A. Both in prison but father is leading his son to the Lord through the lessons!

Greetings to you two. I am very grateful to you guys and the service that you provide. It means a lot to me that you guys give me love without even knowing me. Anyhow I know it's all part of God's ultimate plan that we love each other, but I've been a part of quite a few bible studies and none of the ministers make it a point to say to us that they love us like you guys do. That makes me feel good in my heart and in my soul. So thank you for loving me. I love you guys too. Series 1-1 was a fun, interactive way for me to learn not only what God's word is all about, which is great, but also the books and where they are. I'm not saying I know all the books in order and by heart, but thanks to you guys, I am a little more accustomed to it's order. I know that your ministry must be huge and don't expect a response back with this letter. I just wanted you guys to know I appreciate you and love you al too! Brother A.



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Dear Partners,

As you can see, we are the recipients of a beautiful new sign. Mike Young did all the leg work over a few months of pandemic for design and production, then he and Roe McAdams put it up for us a few weeks ago. We love it. Our last sign was a full 17 yeas old! So we were in need a something new.

As with our sign, very much needed work is getting in place to be done on our building itself. The chimney, was separated from the building itself before we bought in 2003, has moved further away and is about a handbreadth away now. Bill Daily has agreed to help as con-

> tractor and the Bible Fellowship Tuesday Group has agreed to give us the labor, to demolish the chimney and do the repair on





the roof and the wall. The windows will need to be replaced and the fireplace inside. Actually we are looking forward to this because as Jan's desk is directly behind the front window, the air leaks are so great we need a small heater for her feet in winter. It's a good thing winters are short here! Mike will serve as liaison for us and will help us move the furniture around to accommodate the work to be done.

It was also noted that we seem to have ground termites and will be looking into treatment for that as well this summer. And a further note, our rear deck has suffered a lot of rot due to total exposure to the sun and rain the past 16 years. Not many remember but this current deck was built by a crew of roving missionaries who came out from the north, Robert Clark and Ed Ross, who worked with our late friend Ted Tinberg, to put that up for us. The rear entrance has become our main entrance for all the volunteers as we must park in the rear of the building to accommodate the church next to us. The deck will have to be replaced, and redesigned perhaps. If you can help us with these costs, we would deeply appreciate it. We appreciate all the free labor and services these men are providing and ask you to thank them if you should see them.

We did gain a lovely new volunteer couple during the lockdown. Actually they started the week after we locked down. We'll have more on Sandra and Roger Gingerich next month. Our office has steadily acquired more and more students as the months go by. These new ones seem so interested and are eager to study. Our graders at the SIM Missionary Village are back to work grading and we are very relieved. They did

| Schedule June 2020                    |
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| Prison and Overcomers meetings are on |
| hold until further notice.            |
| TueOvercomers Avon Park Prison        |
| TueMarriage & Family/Biblical         |
| Boundaries Avon Park Prison           |
| Wed Overcomers Bible Fellowship       |
| Church @ 6 pm                         |
| Thurs Marriage & Family/Biblical      |
| Boundaries @ Avon Park Prison         |
| <b>Open with Guidelines</b>           |
| ThursReleased to Love, Women          |
| Codependent recovery @ 6:00 pm        |
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very well with no infections of the virus as well as all the rest of our volunteers. We are thanking God for His gracious protection. Of course everyone did their best to limit exposure.

Our mail volume has increased quite a bit and everyone is working hard to keep us prepared for the student inmates. Jan has mailed out 137 new student lessons this month, May. Even if 50% return a lesson this is a big increase. PTL.

We are all thanking God that all our families are unscathed during this pestilence. We pray that all of you have been blessed too. Please pray for the prisoners and their families. This is a tense time for them. Doing time alone is one of the hardest things to do. God bless you for all you do for us at Little Lambs!

> Your servant Eileen Sala