

Mt. Lebanon Church/ Big Isaac Community Church

Sunday School Lesson

2.8.2026

Please look up and read all verses in their entirety. I have only written partial verses.

Make your own notes, write down other scriptures that you run across while studying, write down questions that you may have or comments as well. Allow the Holy Spirit to reveal to you what he would have you to see through the study of God's word.

Holy as I am Holy

Leviticus 19: 1 – 4, 9 - 18

As believers, how important is it for us to respond to God's call to be holy. When God calls us as believers to be holy, he is calling us to be set apart from the ways of the world, and to become specifically dedicated unto his purpose. It involves becoming more like Christ, incorporating his love, his righteousness, and his truth, reflecting his characteristics everyday in our life through the power of the Holy Spirit that is working within us. It serves as an invitation to represent God's divine nature here on earth, which is vital, for it fulfills the ultimate purpose of our existence and our union with him. Now, man was created in the image and in the likeness of God, intentionally designed for his holiness. As believers, we were created to resemble God, both morally and spiritually, mirroring a reflection of his glory. Responding to God's call to be holy, means fulfilling our life's purpose, which requires faith, for it is ultimately a gift from God. Therefore, by responding to his call, we move beyond the ordinary and align ourselves with his divine purpose.

1 Peter 1: 15 – 16,....as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation, because it is written, be ye holy, for I am holy....

So, as believers, we are to align our entire lifestyle with Gods' holy nature, rather than conforming ourselves to our former, worldly, lustful passions and desires. Gods' holiness is not limited to just our spiritual behaviors, but it must extend to every aspect of our life. It is our call to action, which requires a willing desire to be led by the spirit of God, reflecting his divine nature, by living differently from the rest of the world. This lifestyle is impossible to live by human strength, but is made possible by the grace of God, rooted and grounded in his word, which is a consistent, eternal requirement as a child of God.

Leviticus 19: 1 – 4,....the Lord spake....saying....speak unto all the congregation....and say unto them, ye shall be holy, for I the lord your God am holy....I am the Lord your God....

Like Moses, we as believers are called into dedication and spiritual transformation, and obedience is the key, along with reflecting the very divine nature of God in every aspect of our life. To be holy means to be set apart, for people need to see that there is a difference between our life in Christ and a life lived in the behaviors of the different cultures that surround us. Now, since God is holy, as believers we are to reflect his character daily in our conduct. We are to act accordingly to the spiritual status that we have received through our salvation, and we are to demonstrate those characteristics to everyone around us. We are to be kindly affectionate unto our loyalties in Christ, turning away from such things as worldly powers and status, and self-centered pursuits, which means that we are to reject anything and everything in our life that is taking precedence over our obedience to God. Therefore, we are to flee from idolatry and maintain spiritual purity.

Leviticus 19: 9,....when ye reap the harvest of your land, thou shalt not wholly reap the corners of thy field, neither shalt thou gather the gleanings of the harvest....

As believers, we are commanded by God to trust in his promises in our life, recognizing that all resources are provided by him for the benefit of the entirety of the body of Christ, it is not for individual profit. This establishes compassion, and the responsibility to provide for others, while trusting that God will provide enough for all, which helps us to overcome the fear of our insufficiency in our spiritual life. Therefore, the command is to share in all resources, so that the greatness of every member of the body might be upheld.

1 Corinthians 12: 25 – 26,....that there should be no division in the body, but that members should have the same care one for another....whether one member suffers, all members suffer with it....or one member be honored, all members rejoice with it....

Every member within the body of Christ must have equal, mutual concern for one another, ensuring that no part is neglected or made to feel less important than another. This in turn creates a fully functioning unity within the body of Christ. Therefore, mutual care and concern is prioritized over personal ambition and recognition. No one person is self-sufficient, every member needs others in order to function properly, for believers are one entity in Christ.

Leviticus 19: 10 – 18,....thou shalt not glean....thou shalt leave them for the poor and the stranger, I am the Lord your God....ye shall not swear by my name falsely....I am the Lord....thou shalt not defraud....nor put a stumbling block....but shall fear thy God, I am the Lord....thou shalt not hate thy brother....and not suffer sin upon him....thou shalt not avenge, nor bear any grudge....but thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself, I am the Lord....

The word of God shows unto us that holiness is not just an action, or a ritual, or a concept, but it is a daily commitment to do justice, and to show God's love. Holiness is compassion, it shows that our spiritual life represents a godly reverence for all of mankind. It is extending the same compassion and care unto others that we would normally seek for ourselves. It requires a labor of love to ensure that others have the same opportunities to mature and to succeed in a life in Christ. It challenges us to see others by recognizing and valuing the need in their life. As believers, we are to recognize all others as being the same as ourselves in deserving God's love and respect, showing kindness, without unfairness, loving others as part of his creation.

The commands given and set forth unto us in the word of God encourages the believer to surrender to God's plan, trusting only in him, even when we do not immediately understand, for this signifies that God is in control. Therefore, he establishes his authority, and his faithfulness by stating I am the Lord. This is a reminder to us that his instructions are grounded in his character and purpose. Every promise made, and every commandment given, comes directly from God, and is used to build a trusting relationship between him and his people, and even if we fail to keep his promises and commandments, he will remain faithful.

2 Timothy 2: 7, 13,....consider what I say, and the lord give thee understanding in all things....if we believe not, yet he abideth faithful, he cannot deny himself....

Gods character is unchangeable, he is consistent and remains steadfast, offering the assurance, that even when we struggle, he remains steadfast unto us. Therefore, we are called to align our thinking with his truthfulness, so that we might live a life that reflects his character and his promises, to serve as a compassionate, and faithful witness unto him. Prioritizing Gods will in our life, and demonstrating his unconditional love to others will help us to reflect his holiness, so that we might become obedient to his command to be holy as I am holy.

Let us Pray.

If anyone has any questions, comments or would just like to discuss any of the scriptures, feel free to call, text or email me. Keep praying for each other and all the God lays upon your heart. Hope to see everyone soon. God Bless.

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