

Holy and Set Apart (1/15/23)

Main Verses: Leviticus 19:1-2

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'Takeaway': When God calls us to be holy as he is holy, he is calling us to live a life set apart for him and from the world.

Getting Started: Have you ever had something so precious that you couldn't wait to share it with others?



READ: Leviticus 19:1-2 (or have older kids help read).

Some **QUESTIONS** to consider:

Toddler/PreK:

- What does it mean to be holy?
- In what ways does God want us to be different from the world?
- How is loving others related to the holiness of God (cf. 19:18)?

Elementary:

- What does it mean to be holy?
- In what ways does God want us to be different from the world (cf. 19:18)?
- What are the most important ways we can be holy like God is holy?
- What does God provide for us to be able to live this holy, set apart life for him?

Here are some **IMPORTANT IDEAS** we discover in these verses :

Toddler/PreK:

- God is holy. It is who he is - always.
- We are unclean, or sinful. God calls us to be like him.
- God calls us to live a holy life, one set apart for him.
- Being holy means being different from the world in every way it's unlike God.
- God redeemed sinners and sets us apart thru Jesus' death and resurrection.
- The good news of Jesus fuels our love for God & others—that's how we can live with a heart of holiness—by believing in Jesus & following him with our whole hearts.

Elementary:

- God is holy, it is who he is, a part of his essential nature.
- We are sinful; God calls us to be holy—to be set apart, unique, & distinct for him. We are set apart for service to him.
- Being holy means being different from the world in every way it's unlike God.
- The heart of a life set apart for service to God is **love**. Love for God first because he has redeemed us & set us apart thru Jesus' death & resurrection. This good news, & faith in Jesus teaches us to love others. We love others because we have been loved by God.
- Human holiness is the imitation of God— becoming & acting like him— in every part of our lives. We can do this by loving God & loving others.

An **ENCOURAGEMENT** in light of God's word:

(Toddler/PreK) Talk to God. Thank him for redeeming us & setting us apart for himself thru Jesus' death & resurrection. Thank God that, thru Jesus, we can live a holy life of loving God & loving others (because he loves us). Ask God to help you love him & follow him more each day.

(Elementary) Talk to God. Thank him that thru Jesus' death and resurrection, he has redeemed us & set us apart for himself. Thank God that, thru Jesus, we can live a holy life of loving God & loving others (because he has loved us). Think about your life, & your relationship to God. **Admit** you are guilty of living a me-centered life instead of a God-centered one. **Believe** that Jesus is your only hope for forgiveness, freedom, & forever with God. With your whole heart & being, **commit** yourself to following Jesus' loving leadership. If you pray this, or have questions about what it means, talk to a trusted adult in your life about it.