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INTRODUCTION:

The above scripture shows the nature of the God that we serve. It is sad to know that today, holiness is becoming a lost art among Christians. Much of churchianity and less of Christianity is clear evidence to prove this. Carnality and nominal Christianity are everywhere. Sins have been coated with diverse names.

Many of our altars are stinking — which is the reason why we are producing stinking, sinking, and sinning people. The truth of the matter is that a sinning Christian is a stinking, sinking, sickly, and sleeping Christian. Without holiness, we cannot see God (Hebrews 12:14). Without holiness, our getting to heaven is at stake. Without holiness, we stand the risk of going to hell fire. That's the more reason why the subject of holiness must be seriously emphasised in the Church of Jesus Christ.

Scripture Focus: Exodus 15:11; 1 Samuel 6:20; Isaiah 6:3; Ezekiel 39:7; Hebrews 1:13; Revelation 15:4

BIBLICAL DEFINITION OF HOLINESS:

There are different definitions that the Bible gives to the term holiness. In the Old Testament, we have this striking statement in Leviticus 20:7–8. Holiness is presented as sanctification. In 1 Thessalonians 5:23, it is clear that God is the sanctifier. It is also clear that sanctification must involve the totality of man — spirit, soul, and body.

The Holy Spirit helped Apostle Paul to arrange it in divine order: spirit, soul (will, intellect, and emotion), and body. But many Christians have misplaced this divine order. We now have people who believe in holiness as: body–soul–spirit or soul–body–spirit. We spend more on our body and soul than we do on our spirit — which is the main reason for weak spiritual life.

Holiness is not man-made rules and regulations that create bigoted, self-righteous people instead of true men of God.

WHAT HOLINESS IS NOT:

- It is not just a moral standard of life.
- It is not self-righteousness.
- It is not just the ability to avoid sin but rather the ability to defeat sin.
- It is not man-pleasing or a Pharisaic attitude.
- It is not a “holier-than-thou” attitude.
- It is not necessarily a life of a monk or nun, but a life of making contact without contamination.
- It is not a life of abiding by church rules and traditions which break the laws of God.

BENEFITS OF HOLINESS – Isaiah 35:8–10

1 Timothy 4:8 – For bodily exercise profiteth little, but godliness is profitable unto all things, having promise of the life that now is, and of that which is to come.

- Holiness has earthly and heavenly profit or benefit – Proverbs 14:34 – Righteousness exalteth a nation: but sin is a reproach to any people.
- Holiness is the express way to God's throne – Psalm 24:3; Hebrews 12:14
- Holiness is the power that energises our prayers for quick answers – Psalm 24:3

A sinner cannot pray. A prayerful man cannot sin.

- Holiness is the secret of higher anointing – Hebrews 1:9
- Holiness is the secret of revelation – Psalm 25:14; Amos 3:7
- Holiness is the mother of saviours – Matthew 1:20–21; Luke 1:11, 60
- Holiness is the true way for God and man

IS HOLINESS POSSIBLE IN OUR TIME?

Luke 1:37 – For with God nothing shall be impossible.

There have been terrible and corrupt times like ours, and people lived in those times with a record of holiness –
Matthew 24:36–39

- Lot lived in a corrupt nation — Sodom and Gomorrah — yet he refused to be corrupted.
- The young rich ruler lived in the days of hypocrisy and wickedness under the Pharisees and Sadducees, but he had a record of moral living.
- Cornelius lived in a Gentile land, yet he had a record of righteousness – Acts 10:1–3

Holiness is possible. That is why God commanded it in the Scriptures.

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