"Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ."

1 Thessalonians 5:23

The season of separating the wheat from the chaff has begun. It does not look or feel like many of us expected. There are people we believe are surely 'wheat' and others surely 'chaff'. Only God knows the true hearts of men and women. Only God knows what is their true relationship with Him. God looks on the hearts of men not the outer. Regardless, the separation is God's business. Our call is to "be ye holy as Your Father is Holy."

"But the Lord said to Samuel,

"Do not look at his appearance or at his physical stature,
because I have refused him. For the Lord does not see as man sees; for
man looks at the outward appearance,
but the Lord looks at the heart."

1 Samuel 16:7

The concept of holy and holiness is first introduced in Exodus, but we find its New Covenant expression in Romans Chapter 1, which provides us a roadmap for pursuing holiness.

What is Holiness

Holiness in Hebrew is qodesh, meaning set apart, apartness, sacredness. It is the antithesis of things created from man's ego and flesh desires. It is a voluntary separation from things of this world that are not Godly. It is sacrificial. It is giving up things that satisfy the flesh nature but inhibit or compromise our connection with God and Jesus. This includes most current media and entertainment.

Holiness is embracing your nature created in God's image. It is an intention and sincere desire to allow your divine nature to shine forth and to be your core operating system.

We have been given the dubious gift of free will. Holiness does not come to us. If we want it, we must pursue it. It is not an arranged or forced marriage. It is a love match.

For I am the Lord your God. Consecrate yourselves therefore, and be holy, for I am holy.

And you shall not make yourselves unclean with any of the swarming things that swarm on the earth.

Leviticus 11:44

Why Pursue Holiness?

The value in pursuing holiness is that it is a means to being in a true and deep relationship with God the Father, His Son Jesus Yeshua and the Holy Spirit. "We worship Him in Spirit and in Truth." God is Spirit. To pursue holiness is to activate the indwelling spirit of God as our core operating system, and by so doing, enable our ability to connect spirit to Spirit. Holiness is living in the language of God and the Holy Trinity.

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It is not possible to be in a true and deep relationship with God and His Son without a measure of holiness. A little bit of holiness, a little bit of relationship, an acquaintanceship. Most people are happy with just a superficial acquaintance with God and His Son. It's good enough. Why settle for just enough? Why not luxuriate in your relationship with God the

Father, His Son and Holy Spirit? Why not experience the fullness of life and being? "For in Him we live and move and have our being." 1

If we truly live and move and have our being in Him, are we not living in His Goshen? Are we not less likely to be tossed about by the whims and wiles of this fallen realm? Holiness syncs us up to the very heart and core of God the Father, His Son and the Holy Spirit.

Holiness syncs us up to the Father's Heart.

Throne of Grace Protocol to Pursue Holiness.

This is a protocol going before God's Throne of Grace to consecrate ourselves to God, to fulfill His exhortation to be holy as He is holy.

1. Going Before God's Throne of Grace.

Lord God Adonai, I come before Your Throne of Grace to consecrate myself to Your holiness, to fulfill Your exhortation to be holy as You are holy. I put on the robe of Yeshua's righteousness according to Isaiah 61. I loose the Blood of Jesus Yeshua over myself so that satan and his minions and cohorts have no access to me.

Lord God Adonai, as Your Word in 1 Peter 1:13-16 exhorts: Therefore I gird up the loins of my mind, I am sober, and I rest my hope fully upon the grace that is to be brought to me at the revelation of Jesus Christ; as an obedient child of God, not conforming myself to former lusts, in my previous ignorance; but as He who called me is holy, I also shall be holy in all of my conduct, because it is written, "Be holy, for I am holy."

2. Consecration of Holiness.

Lord God Adonai, I consecrate myself to Your holiness, as You have called me to do so in Your Word.

¹ Acts 17:28

I Consecrate Myself to Your Truth.

- ◆ Lord God Adonai, sanctify me by Your truth and in Your truth. Your Word is truth, according to John 17:17.
- ◆ John 17:18-19 says: "Just as You sent Me into the world, I sent them into the world and I consecrate Myself to You on their behalf so that they would also have been consecrated by the truth."
- ◆ Lord God Adonai, let Your Spirit of Truth consecrate me in Truth, Your Holy Truth.

I Commit to Being Blameless.

◆ Lord God Adonai, according to Ephesians 1:4, just as You chose me in Christ before the foundation of the world, so that I would be holy [consecrated, set apart for You] and blameless in Your sight, I commit to being blameless. I lay at the feet of the Cross any remains of earthly ego and programs, anything in me that would compete with or conflict with Your will for me and my life.

Cleanse Every Defilement.

- ◆ Leviticus 11:44 declares: "For I am the Lord your God. Consecrate yourselves therefore, and be holy, for I am holy. And you shall not make yourselves unclean with any of the swarming things that swarm on the earth."
- ◆ Lord God Adonai, I commit to cleansing myself of all of the "swarming things that swarm the earth." Bring me the revelation of all of these things, that I may remove and release them from myself and from my life.
- ◆ Since I have these promises, according to 2 Corinthians 7:1, I commit to cleansing myself from every defilement of body and spirit, bringing holiness to completion in the fear of God.
- ◆ Lord God Adonai, I now understand that continually self-examining to remove and release defilements brings me into a true experience and expression of holiness. I now recognize that defilement is anything that keeps me separate or at a distance from You, including fears, anxiety,

lack of faith, worry, grudges, offense, anger, envy, resentment. I commit to releasing these to the foot of the Cross whenever I become aware of them overtaking my thoughts and emotions.

Holiness Accompanies Deliverance from Captivity.

- ◆ Lord God Adonai, I now understand that holiness, that is, being set apart, purified and sanctified, accompanies being delivered from captivity; and we are now in a season of being delivered from Egypt, Babylonian and mammon bondage. I now understand how being cleansed of leaven, becoming a 'spotless bride' is such a vital predecessor to being delivered from ALL bondage.
- ◆ Leviticus 11:45 says: "For I am the Lord who brought you up from the land of Egypt to be your God; thus you shall be holy, for I am holy."
- ◆ Lord God Adonai, I want to be holy because You are holy; and because You have called me to be holy. I release to You all of my leaven of doubt, resistance, unworthiness, rebelliousness, immaturity, anything that would have me resist the idea that I can be holy, that it is possible for me to be holy as You are holy. If it were not possible, You would not have called me to it throughout Your Word, from the Torah to the Gospel.

Be Holy in Conduct.

- ◆ 1 Peter 1:15-16 says: "But as he who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, since it is written, 'You shall be holy, for I am holy.'"
- ◆ Leviticus 20:26 exhorts: "Thus you are to be holy to Me, for I the Lord am holy; and I have set you apart from the peoples to be Mine."
- ◆ Lord God Adonai, I commit to being holy in all of my conduct. Help me. Send Your angels before me as in Psalm 91. Let Your Spirit of Holiness fill me and guide me to be holy in all of my conduct. I ask for Your help to be disciplined, dedicated and unwavering in my commitment to holy conduct; and that this extends to all of my thoughts, words and speech.

Set Apart

Holy Ground

- ◆ From Exodus 3:5 comes: "You are standing on holy ground." In full, "Then God said, "Do not come near; take your sandals off your feet [out of respect], because the place on which you are standing is holy ground."
- ◆ Lord God Adonai, bring me deeper, more mature discernment of Your holiness. This includes discerning when Your Holy Spirit is speaking to me even through a total stranger. I also re-commit to keeping my home sanctified, cleansed of any demonic and occult activities and objects. I re-commit to keeping my home and property cleansed and sanctified, so that nothing in my environment will be able to compromise my commitment to holiness.

Holy Assembly

- ◆ From Exodus 12:16 comes: "You shall have a holy assembly." In full, "On the first day [of the feast] you shall have a holy and solemn assembly, and on the seventh day there shall be another holy and solemn assembly; no work of any kind shall be done on those days, except for the preparation of food which every person must eat—only that may be done by you."
- ◆ Lord God Adonai, I re-commit to keeping holy the Sabbath. I repent for all the times and ways I have 'cheated', broken my Sabbath vows, and have not allowed You Your full day of my heart and my attention.

Holy Habitation

- → From Exodus 15:13 comes: "You have guided them to holy habitation." In full, "You in Your lovingkindness and goodness have led the people whom You have redeemed; in Your strength You have guided them with care to Your holy habitation."
- ◆ Lord God Adonai, I seek and ask You for holy habitation. Reveal to me what that is, what it looks like and how it expresses in my life. Help me

to embrace holy habitation, living *in* Christ Jesus Yeshua, in every thought, word, action and deed.

A Sanctified Church.

- ◆ Ephesians 5:25-27 instructs: "Husbands, love your wives [seek the highest good for her and surround her with a caring, unselfish love], just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself up for her, so that He might sanctify the church, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the Word of God, so that He might present the church to Himself in glorious splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing; but that she would be holy [set apart for God] and blameless."
- ◆ Lord God Adonai, I commit to loving as Your Son loves me, as You love me — truly, deeply, unconditionally. I ask You to sanctify Your Church, Your ekklesia. Touch their hearts and convict them to choose You over the swarm of earthly things. Visit them in the secret place El Shaddai. Let them experience the richness and fruits of being set apart for You.

A Holy Nation.

- ◆ Exodus 19:4-6 says: "You have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I carried you on eagles' wings, and brought you to Myself. Now therefore, if you will in fact obey My voice and keep My covenant, then you shall be My own special possession and treasure from amongst all peoples of the world, for all the earth is Mine; and you shall be to Me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation [set apart for My purpose]."
- ◆ Lord God Adonai, I now understand that to be a holy nation requires:
 - ♦ Obeying, heeding God's voice, which also presumes seeking God's voice before any action.
 - ★ Keeping God's Covenant; every component of the Covenant. Open the ears and hearts of Your people, the people of America to hear and heed Your heart, to receive Your love, forgiveness and grace.
- ◆ Lord God Adonai, I claim Zechariah 2:10-13 for my country, America. We, Your remnant, sing and rejoice that You are coming and shall dwell in our midst. May it soon be that many nations shall join themselves to

You Lord God Adonai and shall be Your people. Dwell in our midst, and we shall know that the Lord of hosts has sent You to us; and that You have not forsaken Your covenant America.

- ◆ Lord God Adonai, take possession of America as Your portion. Rouse from Your holy habitation for Your persecuted people. Have mercy on us!
- ◆ Lord God Adonai, I proclaim Isaiah 61:3-4, 6-8, that I shall be called a tree of righteousness [strong and magnificent, distinguished for integrity, justice, and right standing with God], the planting of the Lord, that YOU may be glorified. We Your righteous remnant shall rebuild the ancient ruins, and raise up and restore the former desolations. We shall renew the ruined cities, the desolations of many generations. We shall be called the priests of the Lord, ministers of our God. We shall eat the wealth of nations and boast of their riches. Instead of my former shame I will have a double portion; instead of humiliation I will shout for joy over my portion and possess double what was forfeited. Everlasting joy shall be mine. For YOU, the LORD God Most High, loves justice!

The Fruits of Holiness.

- ◆ Lord God Adonai, I proclaim and take hold of the fruits of holiness so expressed in 1 Peter 1:3-5: I thank you God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to Your abundant and boundless mercy has caused me to be born again [spiritually transformed, renewed, and set apart for Your purpose], into an inheritance which is imperishable and undefiled and unfading, reserved in heaven for me, protected and shielded by the power of God through my faith for salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time.
- ◆ Lord God Adonai, abiding in Zechariah 2:6-9, I declare that I am fleeing from Babylon. I am escaping from the sons and daughters of Babylon! Thank you for sending Your Lord of hosts against the nations which plunder America, Your remnant and me; for he who touches us, touches the apple of Your eye. Thank you for waving Your hand over them, that they shall become plunder for their own slaves. Then they will know (recognize, understand fully) that the Lord of hosts has sent You.

◆ Lord God Adonai, I thank you for Your mercy and grace in providing Your supernatural protection, provision and favor. I thank you for plundering the wicked as justice and mercy for the righteous.

Oneness with the Trinity.

- ◆ Lord God Adonai, Your Son Jesus Yeshua prayed for us to be in oneness with the Holy Trinity: God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit.
- ◆ John 17:15 says: "I do not ask that You would take them out of the world, but that You would protect them from the evil one."
- ◆ John 17:16 continues: "They are not of this world just as I AM not of the world."
- ◆ John 17:17 concludes: "You must now make them holy by means of the truth: Your Word is truth."
- ◆ Lord God Adonai, immerse me in Your Word, Your Truth. Bring me ever deeper revelations, experiences and fulfillment of Your Word. Make me to walk as Your living word, demonstrating that I am made in Your image. Make me holy by means of Your Word.
- ◆ I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me.²

3. Thanks and Gratitude.

- ◆ Thank you Lord God Adonai for receiving me before Your Throne of Grace and receiving my sincere consecration to holiness.
- ◆ To You alone be all the glory in Heaven and Earth forever and ever! Amen!

Beloved of God, Set Apart for a Sanctified Life

"To all who are beloved of God in Rome, called to be saints (God's people) and set apart for a sanctified life: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ."

Romans 1:7

² Galatians 2:20