

# THE HOLY ONES

“Consecrate yourselves therefore, and be holy, for I am holy.”

Leviticus 11:44

## Be Ye Holy

God frequently exhorted His people to be holy, as He is holy. The Apostles addressed their brethren as saints or holy ones, *kedoshim*. This derived from their Torah culture. Why does this matter? What value is this on our walk with God?

The value is that ***we are called to a great destination***, a noble goal for our character and spiritual fiber. To be holy is our greatest God destiny. It is an invitation, not a requirement. It is a free will choice to choose to go as high as possible in oneness with God. Jesus Christ expounded on this invitation in the Beatitudes in Matthew Chapter 5. The Beautitudes are in fact, an instructional manual on how to become holy.

## The Assembly of Saints

The concept of saints and the assembly of saints spans from the Torah to the Prophets to the Gospel.

The Holy Ones are referred to in the Old Testament from God’s exhortation to “*Be ye holy as I AM holy.*” If it were not possible, would God have repeatedly exhorted His people to be holy? Why do we aim so low, when God has created us for holiness in Him?

Apostle Paul was a Torah scholar and knew of this deep and oft-overlooked aspect of God’s heart for His people. His letter to the Ephesians 1:1-4 opens with a greeting to the saints, holy ones.

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*“Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God,  
To the saints (the holy ones) who are at Ephesus  
and are faithful in Christ Jesus:*

*Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.  
Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing  
in the heavenly places in Christ,  
just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world,  
that we would be holy and blameless in His sight.”*

When St. Paul uses the word "saints", he does not mean they are already perfect. He is coming from the Hebrew qadosh, which means 'set aside for God', or coming under the covenant. It also infers that they are called to moral perfection. Whomever has been set aside is also chosen by God.

### **Chosen as Holy Ones**

May this profound exhortation from our Lord Jesus inspire you to holiness:

*“You have not chosen Me, but I have chosen you  
and I have appointed and placed and purposefully planted you,  
so that you would go and bear fruit and keep on bearing,  
and that your fruit will remain and be lasting,  
so that whatever you ask of the Father in My name He may give to you.  
This I command you:  
that you love and unselfishly seek the best for one another.”*

John 15:16-17

### **The Called Out Ones**

In today's church culture, we use the word "Ekklesia" to convey a gathering of believers, often in home church groups. "Ekklesia" comes from Ek-Kaleo, meaning an assembly, a religious congregation, those who have been invited, bidden to come. Kaleo means 'I call, summon, invite, name'. Ek means 'from'. So, Ekklesia means "From those I have invited."

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Knowing this meaning of the word “Ekklesia” gives Matthew 16:18 deeper meaning.

*“And I also say to you that you are Peter,  
and upon this rock I will build My church (Ekklesia);  
and the gates of Hades will not overpower it.”*

What if it read “*I will build with my invited ones*”? Jesus makes it clear the night before His crucifixion that His chosen brothers and sisters will establish a means, a structure, process and culture through which to bring His salvation gift to the world. Jesus makes it clear that HE has chosen the ones who will bear fruit from the seed of His Passion gift to humanity.

Are these not the very same as those called ‘saints’? If we have answered the voice of our Shepherd Jesus, are we not called to be holy as He is holy?

***How would this change your walk with God,  
change your life and life choices if you took this to heart?***

## **Throne of Grace Answering the Call to Be Holy as God is Holy.**

This is a protocol going before God’s Throne of Grace to ask God to bear witness to our commitment to be holy as He is Holy.

### **1. Going Before God’s Throne of Grace**

Dear Heavenly Father, I put on the robe of Jesus Yeshua’s righteousness according to Isaiah 61 and I loose the Blood of Jesus Yeshua over myself to enter into Your Court of Grace sanctified, in praise and thanksgiving, in love and gratitude.

I come before Your Throne of Grace to pour out to You my heart’s desire and sincere commitment to be holy as You are holy. I give over to You my negative-ego doubts and insecurities, that question whether I can indeed achieve this goal, whether I’m worthy, if this is truly Your heart’s desire for

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me. I give over to You my selfish desires that conflict with YOUR desires for me and my life. Truly, if You had not asked and asked repeatedly, for me to be holy as You are holy, it would not be possible. So I know that any negative thoughts trying to talk me out of this pursuit are from the adversary and I rebuke and reject them now and for all time. I repent of laziness and sloth, for choosing lusts, habits and desires of my flesh mind and body over being in oneness with You.

### **2. Commitments to be Holy.**

Dear Heavenly Father, please be a witness to my commitment to answer Your call to be holy as You are holy. Help me in this walk and way of being.

#### ***Holy & Blameless is Our Destiny & Destination***

- ◆ Dear Heavenly Father, to be holy is our greatest destiny and our most glorious spiritual destination. Surely this is confirmed in Ephesians 1:2-4 which says: *“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ, just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we would be holy and blameless in His sight.”*
- ◆ Dear Abba Father, I understand that all of this is out of love, for love; not some obligation or command. Ephesians 1:4-6 continues: *“In love He predestined us for adoption to sonship through Jesus Christ, in accordance with His pleasure and will—to the praise of His glorious grace, which He has freely given us in the One He loves.”*
- ◆ Dear Abba Father, I want to fulfill my destiny, the purpose for which You created me; which is to return to You the way that You created me to be: holy and blameless as perfect love. If it were not possible, neither You or Your Son Jesus would have called us to this destination, returning to You in wholeness, returning to You holy, and as love incarnate.

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## ***I Am Answering the Call***

- ◆ Dear Heavenly Father, I am answering Your call to be holy, predestined to be conformed to the image of Your Son, according to Romans 8:28-30 which exhorts: *“And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. For those God foreknew He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters. And those He predestined, He also called; those He called, He also justified; those He justified, He also glorified.”*

## ***I Relinquish My Attachments***

- ◆ Dear Heavenly Father, I now understand that to be holy as You are holy requires me to align my will, desires and my desire nature with Yours. So I relinquish, give over to You, my attachments to my own desires, my own ambitions, my own ego-mind limitations. None of them are more important than my love for You and my desire to be one with Your heart. So I take hold of 1 Peter 1:13-16, *therefore, I prepare my mind for action, and being sober-minded, set my hope fully on the grace that will be brought to me at the revelation of Jesus Christ. As an obedient child of God, I shall not be conformed to the passions of my former ignorance, but as You who called me are holy, I also choose to be holy in all of my conduct, since it is written, “You shall be holy, for I am holy.”*
- ◆ Dear Father God, discipline, self-control, renunciation of worldly appetites is essential to be holy as You are Holy. Titus 2:11-14 confirms this: *“For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works.”*

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### ***I Water the Virtue of Reverence***

- ◆ Dear Heavenly Father, I commit to the virtue of reverence, which is a virtue of holy ones, as Psalm 89:5-7 confirms: *“The heavens will praise Your wonders, Lord; Your faithfulness also in the assembly of the holy ones. For who in the skies is comparable to the Lord? Who among the sons of the mighty is like the Lord, a God greatly feared in the council of the holy ones, and awesome above all those who are around Him?”*
- ◆ Father God, I recognize that true reverence for You is putting You first. It contains within it a deep and true love, gratitude and devotion. It is the abnegation of my own self, as it dissolves into oneness with You.
- ◆ How Abba, can I not have great love for someone who has born me from love, and not given up on me in spite of all of my mistakes and shortcomings? I proclaim Psalm 89:1-2 that *I will sing of the Lord’s great love forever; with my mouth I will make your faithfulness known through all generations. I will declare that your love stands firm forever, that you have established your faithfulness in heaven itself.*

### ***The Highway to Holiness***

- ◆ Dear Heavenly Father, by His life, teachings and sin sacrifice, Your Son Jesus has provided for us a template for holiness, the Way to be holy as You are holy. The night before Jesus was offered up for the sins of humanity, He revealed Himself as the Way, the Truth and the Life. (John 14:6)
- ◆ Isaiah 35:8 presaged the coming of Jesus and His mantle: *“And a highway will be there; it will be called the Way of Holiness; it will be for those who walk on that Way.”* Jesus IS that Way!
- ◆ Dear Father God, just as the early Christians were called followers of the Way, I choose the Way to Holiness. I ask You to help me and bring me supports to stay firmly on this Way of Holiness, to grow and mature on this Way of Holiness; and to guide me to help others do the same.
- ◆ Dear Heavenly Father, help me to be clean and remain clean in purity of mind, body and soul. Make me wise as a serpent, discerning, in the spirit of revelation; as Isaiah 35:8 says: *“And a highway will be there; it*

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*will be called the Way of Holiness; it will be for those who walk on that Way. The unclean will not journey on it; wicked fools will not go about on it.”*

- ◆ Dear Lord God, I commit to walking in my redeemed life, not taking this holy redemption for granted; for Isaiah 35:9-10 says: *“But only the redeemed will walk there, and those the Lord has rescued will return.”*

### ***The Sin Payment for Our Righteousness***

- ◆ Dear Heavenly Father, it has always been a great struggle for humanity to return to You, to be holy as You are Holy. You gave us a cheat sheet , a ‘hack’, in Jesus Christ, because He became the sin payment on our behalf to facilitate our return to You. I repent for all the times and ways I and Your people have taken this sin payment gift for granted.
- ◆ Indeed 2 Corinthians 5:21 says: *“He made Him who knew no sin to be sin in our behalf, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.”*
- ◆ Dear Father God, I accept this sin payment as the purchase for my righteousness. I commit to guarding and nurturing this gift of righteousness that has been so generously offered to me.

### ***Holy Ones Perfect Love***

- ◆ Dear Heavenly Father, we have been exhorted by Your son Jesus to *“Be ye perfect as Your Father in Heaven is perfect.”* This was taught in the context of His instruction: *“Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be children of your Father in heaven.”*
- ◆ Father God, when Jesus instructed His disciples to *“Love one another as I have loved you”*, He was referring to perfect love, because He himself loves perfectly and is the very embodiment of perfect love.
- ◆ Father God, 1 John 4:18 tells us that *“perfect love casts out fear.”* Since it is possible for a human being to love perfectly, as Jesus as Son of Man demonstrated, Your version of love, perfect love, can overcome all fear, anxieties, worries, doubts and lies from the adversary. I choose

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Your truth over all of the lies that target my vulnerabilities. I commit to the discipline required to daily and minute-by-minute, choose love over fear; and in so doing, perfect love in me.

### ***I Shall Serve You Without Fear in Holiness and Righteousness***

- ◆ Dear Heavenly Father, I pray and petition You from Zechariah's Song from Luke 1:67-75, given to John the Baptist's father Zechariah who became filled with the Holy Spirit: *"Praise be to You Lord God of Israel, because You have come to Your people and redeemed us. You have raised up a horn of salvation for us in the house of Your servant David (as he said through his holy prophets of long ago), salvation from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us— to show mercy to our ancestors and to remember Your holy covenant, the oath You swore to our father Abraham: to rescue us from the hand of our enemies, and **to enable us to serve You without fear in holiness and righteousness before You all of our days.**"*
- ◆ Help me Father God, to serve You without fear, always and ever in holiness and righteousness, before You, all of my days.

### ***Holy Destination***

- ◆ Dear Heavenly Father, Daniel 7:27 provides an exquisite vision of our holy destination: *"Then the kingdom and the dominion and the greatness of all the kingdoms under the whole heaven will be given to the people of the saints of the Most High; His kingdom will be an everlasting kingdom, and all the dominions will serve and obey Him."*
- ◆ Father God, I understand that part of the purpose of being holy is to set a course for future generations; to establish and plant righteousness in the earth, as it is in Heaven. Not everything that I do is for my own personal gain; very little if any, in fact. MOST of what a holy person does is for YOU, for Your kingdom come on earth as it is in Heaven, across time and space. Make me an instrument of Your peace, Your shalom, Your love, peace and joy.



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- ◆ Dear Father God, Isaiah 35:8 & 10 confirms: *“For those who walk on that Way....they will enter Zion with singing; everlasting joy will crown their heads. Gladness and joy will overtake them, and sorrow and sighing will flee away.”* THIS is my hope and inspiration! Thank you Lord God!
- ◆ Halleluia! Amen and Amen!

### 3. Thanks and Gratitude.

- ◆ Thank you Abba Father for receiving me before Your Throne of Grace and bearing witness to my devotion to be holy as You are holy.
- ◆ To You alone be all the glory in Heaven and Earth forever and ever! Amen!

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### Sealing Prayer

*“Hallelujah Praise the Lord! Sing to the Lord a new song,  
And His praise in the assembly of saints.  
Let them praise His name with the dance;  
Let them sing praises to Him with the timbrel and harp.  
For the Lord takes pleasure in His people;  
He will beautify the humble with salvation.  
Let the saints be joyful in glory;  
Let them sing aloud on their beds.”*

Psalm 149:1, 3-5