

# The Concept of Holiness



**Qadosh – קָדוֹשׁ**  
**Holy (Set-Apart)**

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**Walking the Ancient Path of Torah Obedience  
Calling out Deception – Calling out Truth**

*Consecrate yourselves therefore, and be holy, for I am YHWH your God. (Lev. 20:7)*

*This is not merely a call to avoid what is common. It is an invitation to walk the Ancient Sacred Path — one that winds through surrender, purity, and reverence, until it leads to the heart of the One who called us.*

*As Roots Nourish the Tree ~ So Torah Nourishes the Soul*

## The Concept of Holiness

### Being Set-Apart in a World That Blurs the Lines

#### Introduction – What Is Holiness?

In Hebrew, the word for holiness is קָדוֹשׁ (qadosh), meaning set apart, sacred, or consecrated. Holiness is not a mystical aura nor a religious emotion — it is a status of distinction, a way of life marked by obedience to YHWH's instructions.

YHWH is holy — utterly unique, completely pure, and morally perfect. And He has called His people to reflect His nature by being holy as He is holy.

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*Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel and say to them, You shall be holy, for I YHWH your Elohim am holy.*  
*(Leviticus 19:2)*

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#### Obedience to YHWH's Commandments

Holiness begins with obedience. To be holy is to live in alignment with the Covenant — walking according to the Torah, which includes moral, ceremonial, and lifestyle instructions.

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*Now therefore, if you will indeed obey My voice and keep My covenant, you shall be My treasured possession among all peoples... and you shall be to Me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.* (Exodus 19:5–6)

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*You shall be holy to Me, for I YHWH am holy and have separated you from the peoples, that you should be Mine.* (Leviticus 20:26)

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#### Ritual Purity and Reverence

YHWH established rituals and offerings not as empty acts, but as means to approach Him with honor and to remain ritually clean in His presence.

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*For on this day shall atonement be made for you to cleanse you. You shall be clean before YHWH from all your sins.*  
*(Leviticus 16:30)*

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*For the life of the flesh is in the blood, and I have given it to you on the altar to make atonement for your souls, for it is the blood that makes atonement by the life.* (Leviticus 17:11)

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### Separation from Sin and Pagan Practices

Holiness demands separation — not isolation from the world, but a distinctness from the sins and customs of the nations.

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*Depart, depart, go out from there; touch no unclean thing; go out from the midst of her; purify yourselves, you who bear the vessels of YHWH. (Isaiah 52:11)*

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*You shall not do as they do in the land of Egypt... and you shall not walk in their statutes. (Leviticus 18:3)*

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### The Presence of YHWH Is Holy

Wherever YHWH dwells, the ground is holy. His nearness requires reverence. The Tabernacle and Temple were not holy because of the structure — they were holy because He was there.

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*And let them make Me a Sanctuary, that I may dwell in their midst. (Exodus 25:8)*

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*And when the priests came out of the Holy Place, a cloud filled the House of YHWH, so that the priests could not stand to minister because of the cloud, for the glory of YHWH filled the House. (I Kings 8:10–11)*

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### What Holiness Is Not

YHWH does not delight in rituals divorced from righteousness. He has warned against adding to His commands or replacing His ways with human systems.

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*Everything that I command you, you shall be careful to do. You shall not add to it or take from it. (Deut. 12:32)*

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*Do not add to the word that I command you, nor take from it, that you may keep the commandments of YHWH your Elohim that I command you. (Deut. 4:2)*

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*Every word of God proves true... Do not add to His words, lest He rebuke you and you be found a liar. (Pro. 30:5–6)*

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*Because this people draw near with their mouth and honor Me with their lips, while their hearts are far from Me, and their fear of Me is a commandment taught by men. (Is. 29:13)*

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### **Walking in Holiness Today**

Holiness is not a costume. It is not external rules made by men. It is Torah lived out — modesty, purity, justice, mercy, clean distinctions, reverence, and worship.

YHWH is still holy. His Standards have not changed. And He is still calling out for a remnant to walk in His ways — to return to the Covenant, to reflect His light in the darkness, and to be a set-apart people in a profane world.

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*But this command I gave them: Obey My voice, and I will be your God, and you shall be My people. And walk in all the way that I command you, that it may be well with you. (Jer. 7:23)*

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### **Questions to Ponder**

**Have I set myself apart from the world—or have I merely changed my behavior without changing my allegiance?**

► Holiness is not about blending in with religious culture. It's about walking in Covenant distinction with YHWH.

**Am I obeying the actual Commandments of YHWH—or man-made traditions taught as truth?**

► Deuteronomy 4:2 warns against adding or subtracting. Am I walking in His Word... or someone else's version of it?

**Do I approach the presence of YHWH with reverence—or with routine and familiarity?**

► Holiness demands awe. Have I treated sacred things casually?

**Do I know what YHWH considers clean and unclean—or have I let culture or the church to decide for me?**

- Holiness involves clear boundaries. Am I honoring them?

**Is my outward modesty matched by inward purity and humility?**

- Holiness is not just seen in clothing or behavior—but in motive, intention, and heart posture.

**If someone watched my life, would they recognize a person who is set apart for YHWH?**

- Does my life reflect His light, His ways, and His name?

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*Holiness is not about perfection — it's about devotion.  
Return to the set-apart path. The Ancient Way is still open*

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*As Blood is to the Body – So Torah is to the Soul*