

Sunday Message - March 15, 2026

Theme: The Kingdom Ordered

Message Title: *A Holy Kingdom - "Be ye holy"*

Text: Leviticus 19:1–2; 20:26 (KJV)

Introduction

“Speak unto all the congregation of the children of Israel, and say unto them, Ye shall be holy: for I the LORD your God am holy” (Lev 19:2)

Beloved, today we gather under the banner of God’s Kingdom, a Kingdom not merely of rules, but of **divine order and holiness. Holiness is not optional**; it is the essence of God’s nature and the foundation of His covenant. As God commanded Israel, He commands us: ***Be ye holy, for I am holy.***

Evangelist Myles Munroe reminds us, “The Kingdom of God is not a democracy; it is a monarchy. God’s authority is absolute, and His will is perfect. To enter His Kingdom is to submit to His order and live according to His standard.” Likewise, Kathryn Kuhlman often declared, “Holiness is not the absence of temptation; it is the presence of God in our lives, shaping our thoughts, words, and actions.”

Today, we will explore holiness through **three key alliterative points: Calling, Conduct, and Consecration.**

I. CALLING - “You Are Set Apart”

Scripture: Lev 20:26 “And ye shall be unto me a kingdom of priests, and an holy nation.”

Exo 19:6 “And ye shall be unto me a kingdom of priests, and an holy nation. These *are* the words which thou shalt speak unto the children of Israel.”

1. Recognition of Position:

- God calls His people to reflect His character. You are chosen, not by your merit, but by His grace.
- Illustration: Just as a diamond is valuable not for its color but for its cutting, so are we valued by God for our sanctification, not our perfection.

2. Responsibility of the Called:

- Holiness is an assigned responsibility; it is the mark of God’s Kingdom citizens.
- David Wilkerson emphasized, “God does not call you to a comfortable life; He calls you to a consecrated life.”

3. Result of Recognition:

- A holy life demonstrates God’s glory to the world (Matt 5:16). It separates us from worldly corruption and positions us as a light.

Reflection Question: Are you embracing your calling as one set apart for God’s Kingdom, or have you settled for familiarity over faithfulness?

II. CONDUCT - “Live a Life of Separation”

Scripture: Lev 19:2 “Ye shall be holy: for I the LORD your God am holy.”

1. **Guarding the Heart and Mind:**

- Holiness starts internally. Guard your thoughts, for your heart determines your conduct (Prov 4:23).
- Illustration: Kathryn Kuhlman often said, “If you want God to dwell in you, He must first cleanse the temple of your heart.”

2. **Choosing Righteousness Over Compromise:**

- Daily decisions reflect your allegiance. Avoiding sin is active, not passive.
- Example: Joseph in Genesis 39 fled temptation, showing that holiness requires action.

3. **Impact of Godly Conduct:**

- A holy life draws others to God’s Kingdom. It produces influence, testimony, and transformation in your community (1 Pet 2:12).

Reflection Question: Are your daily choices lifting God’s name or lowering your witness?

III. CONSECRATION - “Dedicated to Divine Purposes”

Scripture: Lev 20:7 “Sanctify yourselves therefore, and be ye holy: for I am the LORD your God.”

1. **Commitment to God’s Word:**

- Consecration requires obedience and submission to Scripture. Holiness cannot exist apart from God’s law.

2. **Consistency in Worship and Prayer:**

- Consecration involves devotion, spending time with God, aligning your desires with His.
- Illustration: Eastwood Anaba emphasizes that the believer’s altar is the place of transformation. Worship is not just music; it is surrender.

3. **Calling Others to Kingdom Standards:**

- A consecrated life inspires a holy community. Holiness is contagious when lived authentically (Heb 12:14).

Reflection Question: Is your life fully consecrated to God’s purposes, or are there areas still surrendered to the world?

Conclusion: Living in a Holy Kingdom

Holiness is both a **position** and a **practice**. God calls us to reflect His character, live in separation from sin, and consecrate our lives to His divine purposes. To be holy is to participate in God’s Kingdom order, to be a priest, a witness, and a steward of His glory.

“You cannot remain neutral in a Kingdom reality. Either you walk in holiness and obedience, or you walk in compromise and confusion.”

Beloved, the call remains: **Be ye holy, for I am holy.**

Seven Prayer Points for Kingdom Holiness

1. **Prayer for Purity of Heart:**

- *Psalms 51:10* Lord, create in me a clean heart and renew a right spirit within me.

2. **Prayer for Strength Against Temptation:**

- *1 Corinthians 10:13* Father, lead me not into temptation, but deliver me from the evil one.

3. **Prayer for Obedience to God's Word:**

- *James 1:22* Help me to be a doer of Your Word, not just a hearer.

4. **Prayer for Consistency in Worship:**

- *John 4:24* Lord, teach me to worship You in spirit and in truth daily.

5. **Prayer for Godly Influence:**

- *Matthew 5:16* Let my life reflect Your light so others may glorify You.

6. **Prayer for Holiness in Community:**

- *Hebrews 10:24–25* God, help us build a holy fellowship that encourages one another.

7. **Prayer for Complete Consecration:**

- *Romans 12:1* Lord, I present my body, mind, and spirit as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable unto You.