

HOLINESS
Understanding 'Holy'
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*"For I, the Lord, am the one who brought you up from the land of Egypt, that I might be your God. Therefore, you must be holy because I am holy."*Leviticus 11:45 (NLT)

What does holy mean?

Greek word: qadowsh

Translation: sacred and set apart

Main idea: God is sacred and is set apart from anything else that we know.

"It was in the year King Uzziah died[a] that I (Isaiah) saw the Lord. He was sitting on a lofty throne, and the train of his robe filled the Temple. Attending him were mighty seraphim, each having six wings. With two wings they covered their faces, with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. They were calling out to each other,

"Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of Heaven's Armies!

The whole earth is filled with his glory!"

Isaiah 6:1-3 (NLT)

"There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a blazing fire from the middle of a bush. Moses stared in amazement. Though the bush was engulfed in flames, it didn't burn up. "This is amazing," Moses said to himself. "Why isn't that bush burning up? I must go see it."

Exodus 3:2-3 (NLT)

"Do not come any closer," the Lord warned. "Take off your sandals, for you are standing on holy ground."

Exodus 3:5 (NLT)

The bush was just a bush until God entered it and the ground was just dirt until God show up and changed everything.

"So prepare your minds for action and exercise self-control. Put all your hope in the gracious salvation that will come to you when Jesus Christ is revealed to the world. So you must live as God's obedient children. Don't slip back into your old ways of living to satisfy your own desires. You didn't know any better then. But now you must be holy in everything you do, just as God who chose you is holy. For the Scriptures say, "You must be holy because I am holy."

1 Peter 1:13-16 (NLT)

"For you know that God paid a ransom to save you from the empty life you inherited from your ancestors. And it was not paid with mere gold or silver, which lose their value. It was the precious blood of Christ, the sinless, spotless Lamb of God. God chose him as your ransom long before the world began"

1 Peter 1:18-20 (NLT)