A Christian’s Holiness

Intro: *Holy* (and its different forms) deals with that which pertains to God. This is because God’s intrinsic nature is that of holiness. The contrast to holy is profane. Those things which pertained to God were holy, while everything else was profane. Thus, those items which were dedicated to God were not to be used in any other way. Let us notice this, then make some applications.

I. **God Is Holy**

   A. **More Scriptures speak of His holiness than any other part of His character.**
      1. Exo. 15:11 “Who is like unto thee, O LORD, among the gods? who is like thee, glorious in holiness, fearful in praises, doing wonders?”
      2. Psa. 111:9 “He sent redemption unto his people: he hath commanded his covenant for ever: holy and reverend is his name.”
      3. Psa. 145:17 “The LORD is righteous in all his ways, and holy in all his works.”
      4. Isa. 6:3 “And one cried unto another, and said, Holy, holy, holy, is the LORD of hosts: the whole earth is full of his glory.”
      5. Rev. 4:8 “And the four beasts had each of them six wings about him; and they were full of eyes within: and they rest not day and night, saying, Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, which was, and is, and is to come.”

   B. **That which comes into His presence must be holy.**
      1. First time English *holy* is used; Exo. 3:5 “And he said, Draw not nigh hither: put off thy shoes from off thy feet, for the place whereon thou standest is holy ground.”
      2. There were holy objects which were not to be used for anything else.
         a. 1 Kings 8:4 “And they brought up the ark of the LORD, and the tabernacle of the congregation, and all the holy vessels that were in the tabernacle, even those did the priests and the Levites bring up.”
         b. Ezra 8:28 “And I said unto them, Ye are holy unto the LORD; the vessels are holy also; and the silver and the gold are a freewill offering unto the LORD God of your fathers.”

II. **Man Must Become Holy**

   A. **We are to be holy.**
      1. Those who would come into God’s presence must also be holy; Exo. 19:22 “And let the priests also, which come near to the LORD, sanctify themselves, lest the LORD break forth upon them.”
      2. 1 Pet. 1:15-16 “But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation; 16Because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy.”
      3. Our bodies dedicated to God; Rom. 12:1-2 “I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. 2And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.”

   B. **In his thoughts**
      1. Pro. 23:7 “For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he: Eat and drink, saith he to thee; but his heart is not with thee.”
      2. We must keep our thoughts dedicated to God
         a. Phi. 4:8 “Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things.”
b. Many things try to divert our minds from Him.
   (1) Pornography
   (2) Immoral Music
   (3) Many of the movies and television shows

C. In his speech
   1. Mat. 12:36-37 “But I say unto you, That every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment. 37 For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned.”
   2. Eph. 4:29 “Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers.”
   3. Col. 3:8 “But now ye also put off all these; anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy communication out of your mouth.”

D. In his actions
   1. Our bodies are to living examples of service to God
      a. 1 Tim. 4:12 “Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity.”
      b. You are the only Bible that some will see; 2 Cor. 3:2 “Ye are our epistle written in our hearts, known and read of all men;”
   2. What one wears (clothing).
      a. 1 Tim. 2:9 “In like manner also, that women adorn themselves in modest apparel, with shamefacedness and sobriety; not with broided hair, or gold, or pearls, or costly array;”
      b. 1 Pet. 3:3-4 “Whose adorning let it not be that outward adorning of plaiting the hair, and of wearing of gold, or of putting on of apparel; 4 But let it be the hidden man of the heart, in that which is not corruptible, even the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price.”
      c. To low at top, to high hem, to tight, see-thru, showing mid-drift, etc.
   3. Where one goes
      a. Swimming pool, beaches because of the immodesty.
      b. Dancing
         (1) Gal. 5:19-21 “Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, 20 Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, 21 Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.”
            (a) lasciviousness
            (b) Revellings
            (c) And such like
         (2) 1 Pet. 4:3-4 “For the time past of our life may suffice us to have wrought the will of the Gentiles, when we walked in lasciviousness, lusts, excess of wine, revellings, banquetings, and abominable idolatries: ‘Wherein they think it strange that ye run not with them to the same excess of riot, speaking evil of you;”
      c. Bars — Alcohol
         (1) Eph. 5:18 “And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit;”
         (2) Pro. 23:29-35 “Who hath woe? who hath sorrow? who hath contentions? who hath babblings? who hath wounds without cause? who hath redness of eyes? 30 They that tarry long at the wine; they that go to seek mixed wine. 31 Look not thou upon the wine when it is red, when it giveth his colour in the cup, when it moveth itself aright. 32 At the last it biteth like a serpent, and stingeth like an adder. 33 Thine eyes shall behold strange women, and thine
heart shall utter perverse things. 34 Yea, thou shalt be as he that lieth down in the midst of the sea, or as he that lieth upon the top of a mast. 35 They have stricken me, shalt thou say, and I was not sick; they have beaten me, and I felt it not: when shall I awake? I will seek it yet again.”

4. What one does
   a. Fornication
      (1) 1 Cor. 6:18 “Flee fornication. Every sin that a man doeth is without the body; but he that committeth fornication sinneth against his own body.”
      (2) Do not go to places or put yourself in situations where you will be tempted.
   b. Smoking and Drugs
      (1) 1 Cor. 6:19-20 “What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? 20 For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God’s.”
   c. Gambling

Conclusion: 2 Cor. 6:17-7:1 “Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you, 18 And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty. 19 Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.”