

# HOLINESS SERIES

## THE REWARDS OF HOLINESS

Turn with me to the book of Leviticus. In the last message we talked about the garments of the priest. And we left off after we saw the final stage of the garment being placed on him. In this message we want to see the results of holiness.

*Lev. 8:7-9 And he put on him the coat, and girded him with the girdle, and clothed him with the robe, and put the ephod upon him, and girded him with the skillfully woven band of the ephod, binding it to him therewith. And he placed the breastplate on him, and in the breastplate he put the Urim and the Thummim. And he set the turban upon his head, and on the turban, in front, he set the golden plate, the holy crown, as the Lord had commanded Moses.*

According to Exodus 39 that when they put the ephod they also put on the shoulder 12 pieces of jewels bearing the names of all the 12 tribes of Israel, 6 on each side. And the breastplate contains all the 12 names of the tribes of Israel.

The turban that is worn by the priest with the crown, which says *Holiness onto the Lord*, speaks about authority. See the head is a symbol of authority. And when a crown is placed on the head it symbolizes the authority that functions from Aaron's life as a high priest.

And the breastplate that is placed there symbolized love. And inside the breastplate is placed the Urim and Thummim, which symbolizes the word of God and the Spirit of God. The translation in Hebrew for Urim and Thummim means light and perfection. So those two stones together represent the Word and the Spirit that needs to be in the depths of our heart.

And on the shoulders of the priest rest the pieces of jewel, bearing the six names of each one of the tribes of Israel. And the pieces of jewelry on the shoulders symbolized the work and the burden of the priest. See the shoulders are where they carry burdens. The shoulders carry the work of the Lord. The yoke of the Lord is placed on your shoulders. When there is work to be done God usually causes His Spirit or the hand of God to come upon some of the men in the bible. The hand of God symbolized the anointing and the power for the work of God.

So there are 3 areas that we see here, the authority, the love and the work, which speaks about power and the anointing of God. All these 3 are the finer clothing for the high priest.

Exodus 39 where we see some of the garments for the high priest.

*Exodus. 39:18-21 Two ends of the two cords they had attached the two settings of filigree; thus they attached it in front the shoulder pieces of the ephod. Then they made two rings of gold, and put them the two ends of the breastplate, on it's inside edge next to the ephod. And they made two rings of gold, and attached them in front to the lower part of the two shoulder pieces of the ephod, as its joining above the skillfully woven band of the ephod. And they bound the breastplate by its rings to the rings of the ephod with a lace of blue, so that it should lie upon the skillfully woven band of the ephod, and that the breastplate should not come loose from the ephod; as the Lord had commanded Moses.*

Then verse 30 and 31 *And they made the plate of the holy crown of pure gold, and wrote*

*upon it an inscription, like the engraving of a signet, "Holy to the Lord." And they tied to it a lace of blue, to fasten it on the turban above; as the Lord had commanded Moses.*

So we see the 3 pieces of the decorations that are placed are symbols. They are shadows of something else. We have connected the priestly garments with holiness in our earlier messages. Holiness will result in 3 things. Holiness will result in authority. Holiness will result in power and holiness will result in love. If you have holiness without love you become judgmental. So the true holiness of God flows with love. The breastplate is a symbol of love. Holiness will produce authority. If you try to exercise authority without holiness that authority is empty. Spiritual authority comes from holiness with the Lord. When you have walked a life that is righteous and holy before God, it results in spiritual authority that will be the crown upon you. And if you walk with God in holiness you will be anointed on the left and on the right. You will carry upon you the bestowal of God's power on your life. If you try to have spiritual power without holiness it is an empty authority. It will not work at all.

The ultimate results of holiness are authority, love and power. All these work together as the climax of the achievement of holiness. The Lord says, "Be holy as I am holy." Holiness is being like onto the nature of God. The beginning of holiness is freedom from sin. But that's only the primary stage. Holiness is not just freedom from sin. Holiness is being like God. Being like God in His love. Being like God in His power. Being like God in His authority. These are the results of holiness. He is not saying that holiness is just freedom from sin. He is asking us to be like Him. He says, "*Be holy because I am holy.*" God's nature is holiness. Holiness is being like God. Its important for us to understand that when we get into God's holiness it is not just something impractical. It's something that would be meaningful onto our life. As somebody once prayed, "God make us intensely spiritual but keep us thoroughly practical." That's the way holiness is. It's something practical that can be applied into our lives.

Lets see in the life of Jesus Christ the pattern for holiness and how we can flow with Him in holiness. Since holiness is being like God, "*Be holy for I the Lord your God am holy.*" "*Be holy as I am holy.*" What is God like? If you want to be like Him, you have to know what He is like. I can't be like somebody whom I don't know. I can't be in

the image of somebody whom I do not know. The bible does say something about God. It says God is light and God is love in the epistle of First John.

Holiness produces authority, power and it brings forth love. In your mind you can understand how holiness can produce authority. In your mind you can understand how holiness can produce power.

But how does holiness relate to love? If you see in your life there are some things that are unholy and unrighteous, sin is in your life. Your physical body lives in sin. Your mind is sinful. You have sinful desires. You can't really love somebody. You can't love somebody benevolently. You would be restrained by the selfish sin nature. That is why when you are cleansed from that you can move into righteousness and then you move into holiness, and only then can true love come forth. So true love can only come forth from holiness. Without holiness there is no true love. They are all fleshly, carnal, imitation of love. But there is no true love without holiness.

The reason why the Lord Jesus can love us to the extent of laying down His life is because He is holy. One of the results of holiness is pure undefiled love. Your ability to love another person can only come forth fully, unselfishly and in a benevolent way is when you are holy. If you have selfish desires like wanting something from others, then you get close to them because you are thinking about what you can benefit from them. You become friendly to that person but your motivation is selfishness. Although you seem to make friends with that person yet without holiness no love can come forth. It's all selfish lust. So holiness produces true love. We need to understand holiness and the nature of God involved.

Let me give another definition here. There is a place where God sanctifies you. And there is another place where you sanctify yourself. God sanctifies you and sets you apart. The other part of it is your sanctify yourself.

*Jn. 10:36 Do you say of Him whom the Father consecrated and sent into the world, "You are*

*blaspheming," because I said 'I am the Son of God'?* The Son has been set apart and sent into the world.

Then Jesus made this statement in Jn. 17:19 *And for their sake I consecrate myself.*

See there is a point when God sanctified Jesus and then there is another point when Jesus sanctifies Himself. And the final point is God accepts your sanctification. Let me repeat the 3 points again. There is a point when God sanctifies Jesus. There is a point when Jesus came into this world and all His whole life He sanctifies Himself. There is as point when God accepts the sanctification of Jesus.

And in our lives when you were born again God has set us apart. Believers have been called out of darkness into light. You are called sanctified. But let me assure you that there is the other part where we need to respond to God. God sanctifies us but the other part is we need to sanctify ourselves. What is the picture behind all these? What actually happened when God sanctifies Jesus? The Greek word *hargios* or sanctify means to be separated for a purpose and a task. That implies destiny; that implies a will; that implies a task; that implies a purpose. And that tell us this that when God sanctifies you or when you are involved in anything that we call sanctity or holiness there must be several revelations.

Firstly you must know your destiny. You can't separate yourself into something that you do not know. When Aaron was separated he knew his destiny. He was destined to be a priest. See he separated himself for a task. So No. 1 there must be a revelation of the will. And many people cannot sanctify themselves because they do not know the will of God. But even though you cannot sanctify yourself because of your lack of revelation, God has sanctified you and set you apart and He has a will written in heaven for you. He has His will. Even before you were born God has known you. He has chosen you. He has sanctified you before you were born. Sanctification implies the will of God.

And secondly it involves an anointing to do that will. We are examining the life of Jesus. Jesus was sanctified by the Father and sent into the world. Jesus knew His purpose. He knew the will of God. He knew His destiny. That is God's part. He has written it and has given it and Jesus Himself said that He was sanctified by the Father in Jn. 10:36.

Then Jesus said in Jn. 17:19 *And for their sake I have consecrated Myself that they also may also be sanctified in the truth.* He is talking about how He gave Himself fully to perform the will of God. And in performing the will of God His life will be a blessing to the disciples and so forth to others. With that in mind we see how at the end of it when Jesus sanctified again Himself utterly and fully God accepted Jesus' sanctification. The Father sanctified, the Son sanctified and the Father accepted. And He said let all the angels worship Him. Crown Him with many crowns. Let every knee bow and every tongue confess that He is Lord. The Father accepted the Son's sanctification.

So when God reveals Himself to you He always demands a greater sanctification, a higher realm of holiness. And the reason why people are not sanctifying themselves to God is because the will of God is undiscovered, unknown to them. You cannot sanctify yourself unless you know the will of God. Unless you know God's purpose and call for your life then you can sanctify yourself for that task. But far too many people do not know the will of God. You talk about the will of God and they say, "I don't even know the voice of God." And not only do they not know the will of God, not only do they not know the voice of God but they don't even know the Word of God. So how can people sanctify themselves?

Jesus said in Jn. 17 *Sanctify them through Thy Word.* You may say, "I do not know God's will; I do not know God's voice" but you do have God's Word. You start with God's Word. You start separating yourself through the Word. And you start giving yourself to the Word. And as the Word increases in your life, you will discover His voice. And with that voice comes specific instruction and destiny. Then you discover the specific will of God in your life. So Jesus prayed to God to sanctify His disciples through His Word.

And this aspect of sanctification that we look at how as we sanctify ourselves it is to receive the 3 areas to perform the will of God, authority, power and love. Some people go around with just a linen garment. Some go on to put on the blue ephod. That's not enough. They need to put on the crown. Put on the shoulders ephod, shoulder jewels, and put on the breastplate. Then you are ready for God's work. Too many are just half-dressed spiritually instead of going through all the 4 stages of dressing that Aaron put on.

First Aaron was washed. Then he was clothed with the white linen. Then the blue ephod and the garments were attached to him. And at the fourth stage that we are focusing on is that the Father has sanctified him. There is nothing you need to do about that. See sanctification is past tense but it is also present tense. We are helping you to understand a tremendous bible doctrine. It is past tense because God has already separated you apart. The word *church* means *the called out ones*. So God has sanctified us. You need not worry about it. Every believer is sanctified. I Cor. 7 say that if an unbelieving husband or wife is married to a believer, the believing one sanctifies him or her. See all believers are automatically sanctified past tense.

Then there is present tense sanctification and there is future tense sanctification. When Jesus came in the past God has set you free from the penalty of sin. Now in the present you are to be free from the power of sin. And in the future when Jesus comes again you will be free from the presence of sin. There will be no more sin in heaven. Purity and perfection prevail. So are these 3 stages of sanctification. Now the other sanctification in the future will be completed when Jesus comes again at His Second Coming. The other one is past where Jesus died and sanctified all of us objectively. And whoever believes in Him comes under His Blood and that sanctification that was redeemed for us. That is why when you study the bible it always speaks about sanctification in the past tense, sanctification in the present tense, sanctification in the future tense. That was for your spirit, that was for your body and this is where your soul is getting on.

Jesus sanctified Himself through the will of God. And Jesus sanctified Himself for the purpose of receiving authority, power and love to do the will of God. If you have only one of these 3 you will be incomplete. If you have authority but without

love you are a bully. If you have love but you don't have authority you can't help any one. You can only sympathize. And if you have power without authority it is like wild fire and useless. Power needs to be channeled through proper authority. So all these flow together.

The object and purpose of sanctifying yourself is to do the will of God. God may call you to the ministry or He may not. The will of God includes many things. There are many things in the kingdom to do. But God has a specific will for you to do. Your sanctification is to do the will of God. Then your sanctification is for receiving those aspects in fullness.

Jesus sanctified Himself for 30 years before He was anointed. How do we know because when Jesus came out from the waters of baptism the bible says that the heaven opened and the Holy Spirit in a form of a dove came and rested upon Him and there was a voice from heaven that says, "This is my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased." For 30 years Jesus pleased the Father. For 30 years there was no miracles. There was no healing, nothing but He was pleasing the Father. Pleasing God can mean doing the secret things that nobody sees. When the Messiah was the carpenter in Nazareth the people didn't notice Him. He looked like an ordinary person. When He was 25 they didn't notice Him. When He was 27 He was still the Son of God but He looks like a carpenter. Nobody knew that He was sanctifying Himself.

I am sure being in Nazareth in those times there would be many distractions. The historical record of Josephus, a Jewish historian indicates that the morality of the Roman Empire was terrible in Jesus' time: the corruption and immorality was prevalent. There was even prostitution in the temples.

So Jesus would have to make choices like we do. But for 30 years He sanctified Himself. What purpose was it for? It was for that crowning. See there should be a purpose in sanctification. Step one, Aaron was washed. Step two he was clothed with the linen. Step three he put on the blue ephod. Step four the pieces of ornaments were placed on him, and step five the anointing oil was placed on him.

God accepts sanctification. God has sanctified us but not many have sanctified themselves. We need to learn to sanctify ourselves onto God to receive the 3 things, authority, power and love to flow through our lives.

If you read Eph. 3 there is so much more to the love of God that after a certain point we have no comprehension. It talks about being rooted and grounded in love. It talks about being established in love. About love, greater things in love, the width, the breath, the depth. Jesus sanctified Himself and those things came on Him.

Heb. 1:8 *But of the Son he says, "Thy throne, O God, is forever and ever; A scepter of righteousness is the scepter of thy kingdom."*

The scepter represents authority. In the Old Testament the king has a scepter. The scepter represents the rod of authority of the king. What kind of rod was it called? It was the scepter of righteousness. Spiritual authority comes through righteousness and holiness.

So in Heb. 1:8 you have the authority given to Jesus. And Jesus came down to this planet earth and said to His disciples, "All authority in heaven and earth is given to Me." So Jesus sanctifies Himself. I want you to understand that the principles that Jesus lived by are the same principles we must live by. You cannot have the works of Jesus if you are not willing to live the principles Jesus lived by. Jesus received the works and the anointing by the principles that He had lived by. And for us to receive and do the works of Jesus did and the anointing that He had we had to live by the principles He lived by. And God is no respecter of person. If you choose to live by the same principles Jesus lived by the same works will come upon you. The same crowning will come upon you. So the first thing we see that when the Father accepted the sanctification and the sacrifice of the Son the Father gave Him the scepter of righteousness. Jesus proclaims all authority in heaven and earth is given onto to Me.

Heb 1: 9 *Thou hast loved righteousness and hated lawlessness.* Jesus has the crown on Him. Jesus has the breastplate, love. You have loved righteousness and its love is now made full. You have loved righteousness and hated lawlessness. It is the pure love that hates sin. In the book of Psalms when David said how he hates with perfect hatred, he is talking about hatred for sin. And Jesus loved righteousness. You remember when the ruler came to Him in Mk. 10 And the ruler said master what must I do to inherit eternal life. Jesus answered keep the commandments thou shall not kill etc. then the young man said I have kept all these things. And Jesus said one thing thou lack. Go and sell all and give to the poor and come and follow me. The young man went sadly away. But there is a phrase that I like you to notice. It says *and Jesus loved him.*

Jesus love righteousness. Jesus is attracted to righteousness. Why do you think God chose Joseph and Mary? Because the bible says Joseph was a righteous man. Why do you think God called Noah out of a generation of sinners? Because Noah was righteous and found grace in the eyes of God. If you ever want to attract the attention of God, be righteous. It attracts the attention of God when people love holiness. Heaven gives ear when a saint cries, "Lord I want to be holy like you." Love the breastplate of righteousness.

Verse 9 *Therefore God, thy God, has anointed thee with the oil of gladness beyond thy comrades.* The anointing, power on his shoulders. You have authority, love and power given when sanctification is complete. What Jesus imparts today is the blessing that He received the king of kings and the Lord of Lord.

Let me take a pattern from electricity to symbolize some of the works of holiness. Electrical current can produce 3 things, heat, magnetism and light. All these 3 are symbols of all the 3 aspects that we talked about, authority, power and love.

When a electrical current runs through a wire heat is produced. Heat represents the weight of authority applied to persons and situations.

Electricity also produces the forces of electromagnetism causing things to move. Power results.

Finally light is produced. I Jn. pictured light together with love. God is light and light is love. It tells you that he who hates his brother walks in darkness. So there you have light and love being related. Just for your information light comes from life. Jn. 1 mentioned that in Him was life and the life was the light of man. So the life of God produces light. And that light is the light of the love of God.

Why do I symbolize love with light? Humans do not see love and light as related. But in the spirit world it's related. When God's light shines on you He exposes every thing in you. Yet God does not condemn you for God loves you. Because His light is a loving light, He exposes you and yet He loves you. It's not a light that is condemning. The light of God is the love of God. Sometimes when the anointing is heavy it seems that every one you look at you could know their future. There seems to be a flow of this revelation that comes through. It is a spiritual light that shines.

John G. Lake mentioned about the spiritual light and how it wore off. I prayed to God, "Lord, if I tap into that area don't let it wear off." John G. Lake mentioned that at a certain point the anointing was so heavy in his life that he could just tell precisely that very organ and tissue that was sick and all the details of the person's life.

So I noticed that and I asked the Lord, "Why is that?" And the scriptures came to me "The spiritual man judges all things." There is a judgement that flows when the light of God flows through your life. It is not a condemning light. It's a loving light that goes forth. Your perspective is positive; it's not negative. It is not like some one going about condemning people. It's just like a by-product of your relationship with God. And people who walk closely with God and walking in God's holiness will find the by-product in their life.

When Kathryn Khulman was moving in the anointing she could tell people what

God wants them to do in their life. It was because she walked in the light of God. When you walk in the holiness of God, holiness results in authority, power and love. Your crown is put on your head and on your shoulders and on your chest. So you are crowned in those 3 realms.

One of the final discoveries that will come in these last days or when people began to discover the principles of the Spirit, they will realize that the things of the Spirit are systematic and are not in confusion. There are things in the laws of God to tap on. As we learn to tap on them we could harness the different aspects of God's working.

And there are different times that you need different manifestation to come forth. We need to understand how this work of holiness on your life produces a spiritual authority and crowning on your life or produces a power into your life, a greater anointing. Or produces a greater manner of love in your life. I am not talking about the love that you have when you are saved.

You cannot separate heat from electricity or magnetism or light. You cannot separate the three. Wherever they go the 3 forces always flow together. In the same way you cannot separate the 3 results of holiness. They always flow together. We need to understand how to flow with the 3 results of holiness.

In the natural man has understood electrical laws to a certain extend. When Thomas Edison invented the first light bulb he experimented with thousand of materials to get the right filament. And it did not last very long. The early light bulb lasted just a few hours. But as man began to grow and increase in knowledge, man learnt to tap on electricity so that they could make electricity produce light more than heat.

In the realm of holiness people can tap on different principles as they learn to flow with the things of God. Sometimes men of God have tapped on one area but not the other. They produced a lot of light but not much magnetism and heat. But what

God wants us to produce is the authority, power and love to flow in equal portion to your life. Some people have grown in the spiritual realm but you know what they do. They put on a huge breastplate. But they are without their crown. So they discovered one aspect of holiness. Other has discovered another aspect of holiness and they put on huge power. They are lopsided. But on Aaron it is perfect. Every thing fitted perfectly: the breastplate, the shoulder blade and the crown. They fitted perfectly.

For example when I confront a demon case I want to exercise authority. We are not supposed to show love to demons. I want the authority of God to flow out. We need to learn in that realm. When the demons saw Jesus. Do you know what strike the demons most? What were the words the demon cried out when they saw Him? The demon said in Mk. 1 *Thou Holy One of God*. What impress the demons? Holiness. Holiness produces spiritual authority. That is why if your life is unholy, you are not sanctified to a purpose and to a task. You will have no spiritual authority over demon power. It is holiness that strikes them most.

Do know what all demons try to do? They always try to get you to get into sin. What is their objective? A Christian potentially has the authority of Jesus Christ, but when a Christian sins, he or she actually surrenders the spiritual authority he or she has. And you will be ineffective against the kingdom of darkness.

So we have to value holiness, preserve it and let it grow into your life in all those levels continually. So we understand holiness and power. You can see holiness and anointing in the life of Jesus. When Jesus sanctified Himself the anointing came upon Him. *Thou have loved righteousness and hated lawlessness. Therefore thy God has anointed you.* (Heb 1: 9) He was anointed when He was on this earth and He was anointed up there and crowned King of Kings and Lord of Lords. The anointing came after holiness and not before.

People think the power produces holiness. It does not, its holiness that produces power. People think that operating spiritual gifts will make them holy. It will not but holiness will help you to operate the spiritual gifts better and more powerfully.

And that's how love helps you to operate the spiritual gifts better. When they have love their gifts will be more powerful operating in their life.

The 3 results of holiness cannot be understated. Love all that should help you to live a holy life. See the basic fact about this life is that when you become like God every thing you do comes out of a heart of love. Whenever you are not sure of some thing you always flow with the most loving area. You always flow in a channel where love is most. If you have to make choices, the choice that God will always be pleased with is the choice that is filled with God's love. If you are not sure of God's will in an area always flow with the most loving act possible. And you find that when you find love God is there. For God is love. Walking in love is walking in light. They flow together.

And the crown is the result of holiness. Every man of God will have to pass the test of sanctification before the crowning comes. Joseph went through this test. When Pharaoh promoted him he received the signet ring, which symbolized authority. And he received the garment, which symbolized anointing. And he had a change of heart towards his brothers. Now he has authority for he is the right hand man of Pharaoh. When he saw his brothers he could have ordered them killed. But he forgave them. Do you know he is a different Joseph? The old Joseph in Genesis 37 was the Joseph that didn't tell good things about his brothers. That was what brought him into trouble in the first place. But the new Joseph that was crowned by Pharaoh was a changed person. He had learned authority by now. He learned holiness; remember he was tempted by Potiphar's wife to sin. Nobody was there but God was there.

God will give you choices. There will be opportunities to choose. And if you keep making the right choice to sanctify and live a holy life, you will meet God somewhere along the line. But you know why people don't meet God? It is because they don't make the right choices. Many a Potiphar's wife is tempting people. And many in their secret chambers are falling for it.

If you want to see God there is a simple principle. *Without holiness no man can see the*

*Lord. Blessed are the pure in heart for they shall see God.* The path that leads to God is the path that you keep choosing holiness. And I am helping you to choose holiness. See holiness is also love. You keep walking in love and you keep on making choices. There will be many choices that come in your life.

Businessman you will have a choice to go the wrong way or the right way. If you choose the right way blessed are you for God is one day going to crown you. Minister of God you have choices. Man and woman, Christians, soldiers of God you have choices. God gives you the freedom to choose. But God wants to see those who choose Him and choose holiness. I just bring forth the rewards of holiness to you so that you can be encouraged to choose holiness. Sometimes when we see and understand the rewards and the consequences, you are motivated to choose the right choices. If you want more spiritual power in your life and authority you know what to do now, holiness. If you want more love flowing through your life you know what to do now, holiness. You want to increase the anointing of God in your life. You know what to do now, holiness.

God has always never at any time failed to reward those who choose holiness. Always at some point in their life God crowns them. I am not talking about the crown in heaven, which we will have. But right now on this earth God attaches upon you the breastplate. He attaches upon you the shoulder blade. And He attaches upon you the crown on your forehead. If our Lord Jesus Christ had to sanctify Himself how much more must the bride of Christ sanctify herself? If Jesus had to pay the price before the anointing came on Him, how much more must we who are lesser than Him?

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