

**Title: A standard of holiness**  
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**ISIAH 6 : 1 – 3 (esv)** <sup>1</sup>"in the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of His robe filled the temple.<sup>2</sup> Above Him stood the seraphim. Each had six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew.<sup>3</sup> And one called to another and said: "**holy, holy, HOLY is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of His glory!**"

**Revelation. 4 : 6 – 11 (esv)** <sup>6</sup> "... and before the throne there was as it were a sea of glass, like crystal. And around the throne, on each side of the throne, are four living creatures, full of eyes in front and behind...<sup>7</sup> the first living creature like a lion, the second living creature like an ox, the third living creature with the face of a man, and the fourth living creature like an eagle in flight. <sup>8</sup> And the four living creatures, each of them with six wings, are full of eyes all around and within, and day and night they never cease to say, "holy, holy HOLY is the Lord God Almighty, Who Was and Is and Is To Come!" <sup>9</sup> And whenever the living creatures give glory and honour and thanks to Him Who is seated on the throne, Who lives forever and ever, <sup>10</sup> the **twenty-four elders fall down before Him Who is seated on the throne and worship Him** Who lives forever and ever. "they cast their crowns before the throne, saying, <sup>11</sup>"worthy are You , our Lord and God, to receive glory and honour and power, for You created all things, and by Your will they existed and were created."

**Leviticus. 11 : 44 (esv)** "For I Am the Lord your God. Consecrate yourselves therefore, and be holy, for I Am Holy."

**1 Peter 1 : 14 – 16 (esv)** <sup>14</sup>" As obedient children, do not be conformed to the passions of your former ignorance, <sup>15</sup> but as he who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, <sup>16</sup> since it is written, "You shall be holy, for I am holy."

#### **What is Holiness:**

##### **In relation to God**

- Transcendently above us (*surpassing ordinary*)
- Incomparable / Unique
- **Perfect**

##### **In relation to us**

- Set-apart
- Dedicated to

##### **Consecrated**

**Tim Keller** "To be holy doesn't mean to be perfectly obedient; to be holy means to **give your life completely and wholly to Him**, because

**He gave Himself completely and wholly to you.**

...it means **you belong to God** and this applies everywhere, even places **where there are no moral rules**. That is true holiness."

**Romans. 12 : 1 – 2 amp** <sup>1</sup>“I appeal to you therefore, brethren, and beg of you in view of [all] the mercies of God, to make a decisive dedication of your bodies [presenting all your members and faculties] as a living sacrifice, holy (devoted, consecrated) and well pleasing to God, which is your reasonable (rational, intelligent) service and spiritual worship.<sup>2</sup> Do not be conformed to this world [fashioned after and adapted to its external, superficial customs], but be transformed (changed) by the [entire] renewal of your mind [by its new ideals and its new attitude], so that you may prove (discern) [for yourselves] what is the good and acceptable and perfect will of God, even the thing which is good and acceptable and perfect [in His sight for you].

**1 Peter 1 : 13 – 16 (msg)** “so roll up your sleeves, put your mind in gear, be totally ready to receive the gift that’s coming when Jesus arrives. Don’t lazily slip back into those old grooves of evil, doing just what you feel like doing. You didn’t know any better then; you do now.<sup>14</sup> As obedient children, let yourselves be pulled into a way of life shaped by God’s life, a life energetic and blazing with holiness. God said, “I Am Holy; you be holy”

**1 Peter 1 : 15 – 21 msg** You call out to God for help and He helps – He’s a good Father that way. But don’t forget, He’s also a responsible Father, and won’t let you get by with sloppy living. Your life is a journey you must travel with a deep consciousness of God. It cost God plenty to get you out of that dead-end, empty-headed life you grew up in. He paid with Christ’s sacred blood. He died like an unblemished , sacrificial lamb. And this was no afterthought. Even though it has only lately – at the end of the ages – become public knowledge, God always knew He was going to do this for you.

**It’s because of this sacrifice Messiah, whom God then raised from the dead and glorified, that you trust God, that you know you have a future in God.”**

**Tim Keller** “To the degree that you see Him giving Himself away for you, to that degree you give yourself away to live for Him.

**Mediate on this, look at Him, until it makes you holy.”**