## A.1. Holiness / Sanctification

- Ex 19:6 You shall be to me a kingdom of priests and a **holy nation**.
- 1 Pet 2:9 But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a **holy nation**, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.
- Lev 11:44-45 For I am the LORD your God. Consecrate yourselves therefore, and **be holy, for I am holy**... For I am the LORD who brought you up out of the land of Egypt to be your God. You shall therefore **be holy, for I am holy**.
- Lev 19:2 Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel and say to them, You shall be holy, for I the LORD your God am holy.
- Lev 20:7-8 You must **sanctify yourselves** and **be holy**, because I am the LORD your God. You must be sure to obey my statutes. I am the LORD (NET bible) **who sanctifies you**.
- Lev 20:26 You shall be holy to me, for I the LORD am holy and have separated you from the peoples, that you should be mine.
- 1 Pet 1:15-16 But as he who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, since it is written, "You shall be holy, for I am holy."
- Ex 15:11 Who is like you, O LORD, among the gods? Who is like you, majestic in holiness, awesome in glorious deeds, doing wonders?
- Isaiah 40:25 **To whom then will you compare me**, that I should be like him? says the **Holy One**.
- Isaiah 57:15 For thus says the One who is high and lifted up, who inhabits eternity, **whose name is Holy**: "I dwell in the high and holy place, and also with him who is of a contrite and lowly spirit, to revive the spirit of the lowly, and to revive the heart of the contrite.
- Lev 20:24-26 But I have said to you, 'You shall inherit their land, and I will give it to you to possess, a land flowing with milk and honey.' I am the LORD your God, who has **separated** you from the **peoples**. You shall therefore **separate** the clean beast **from the unclean**, and the unclean bird from the clean. You shall not make yourselves detestable by beast or by bird or by anything with which the ground crawls, which I have **set apart** for you to hold unclean. You shall be holy to me, for I the LORD am holy and have **separated** you from the **peoples**, that you should be **mine**.
- Lev 15:31 Thus you shall keep the people of Israel **separate from their uncleanness**, lest they die in their uncleanness by defiling my tabernacle that is in their midst.
- Ex 34:19 All that open the womb are mine, all your male livestock, the **firstborn** of cow and sheep.
- Num 3:13 All the **firstborn** are mine. On the day that I struck down all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, I consecrated for my own **all the firstborn** in Israel, **both of man and of beast**. They shall be mine: I am the LORD.
- Num 8:14-18 Thus you shall **separate** the **Levites** from among the people of Israel, and the Levites shall be mine. And after that the Levites shall go in to serve at the tent of meeting, when you have cleansed them and offered them as a wave offering. For they are wholly given to me from among the people of Israel. Instead of all who open the womb, the firstborn of all the people of Israel, I have taken them for myself. For all the firstborn among the people of Israel are mine, both of man and of beast. On the day that I struck down all the firstborn in the land of Egypt I consecrated them for myself, and I have taken the Levites instead of all the firstborn among the people of Israel.
- Heb 12:14 Strive for peace with everyone, and for the holiness without which no one will see the Lord.

## A.2. Dwelling With a Holy God in Our Midst

- Ex 40:34-35 Then the cloud covered the tent of meeting, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle. And Moses was not able to enter the tent of meeting because the cloud settled on it, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle.
- Ex 29:42-43 It shall be a regular burnt offering throughout your generations at the **entrance of the tent of meeting** before the LORD, where I will meet with you, to speak to you there. **There I will meet with the people of Israel**, and it shall be sanctified by my glory.
- Deut 12:5-7 But you shall seek the place that the LORD your God will choose out of all your tribes to put his name and make his habitation there. There you shall go, and there you shall bring your burnt offerings and your sacrifices, your tithes and the contribution that you present, your vow offerings, your freewill offerings, and the firstborn of your herd and of your flock. And there **you shall eat before the LORD your God**, and you shall rejoice, you and your households, in all that you undertake, in which the LORD your God has blessed you.
- Lev 15:31 Thus you shall keep the people of Israel separate from their uncleanness, **lest they die** in their uncleanness by **defiling my tabernacle** that is in their midst.
- Lev 26:11-12 I will make my dwelling among you, and my soul shall not abhor you. And I will walk among you and will be your God, and you shall be my people.

- Rev 2:1,5 To the angel of the church in Ephesus write: 'The words of him who holds the seven stars in his right hand, who **walks among** the seven golden lampstands. (Note: the seven golden lampstands are the seven churches. See Rev 1:20)
  - Remember therefore from where you have fallen; repent, and do the works you did at first. If not, I will come to you and **remove** your lampstand from its place, unless you repent.
- 2 Cor 6:16-18 What agreement has the temple of God with idols? For we are the temple of the living God; as God said, "I will make my dwelling among them and walk among them, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. Therefore go out from their midst, and be separate from them, says the Lord, and touch no unclean thing; then I will welcome you, and I will be a father to you, and you shall be sons and daughters to me, says the Lord Almighty."
- Lev 10:1-3 Now Nadab and Abihu, the sons of Aaron, each took his censer and put fire in it and laid incense on it and offered unauthorized fire before the LORD, which he had not commanded them. And fire came out from before the LORD and consumed them, and they died before the LORD. Then Moses said to Aaron, "This is what the LORD has said: 'Among those who are near me I will be sanctified, and before all the people I will be glorified.' And Aaron held his peace.
- 1 Cor 3:16-17 Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you? If anyone destroys God's temple, **God will destroy him**. For God's temple is holy, and you are that temple.
- 1 Cor 11:30-31 That is why many of you are weak and ill, and some have died. But if we judged ourselves truly, we would not be judged.

## **B. Our Challenge**

- Therefore, having these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all defilement of flesh and spirit, **perfecting holiness** in the (NASB) **fear of God**.
- Heb 12:10 For they **disciplined** us for a short time as it seemed best to them, but he disciplines us for our good, that we may **share his holiness**.
- Mat 5:48 You therefore must **be perfect**, as your heavenly Father is perfect.