

## **Be Ye Holy for He is Holy - 08 May 2005**

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Leviticus 14<sup>th</sup> chapter: We are told that god requires holiness. Now before we go there let us begin with 19<sup>th</sup> chapter and the second verse: Speak unto all the congregation of the children of Israel and say unto them ye shall be holy: for I the LORD your god am holy.

You know it is just normal for any child to look at it's daddy and say hey I want to be like my daddy. Not that the daddy is the best example or the best specimen of fatherhood, not at all. But somehow a child says I want to be like daddy. So if daddy plays tennis, boy plays tennis. If daddy has a crooked gate the boy also thinks that's the best way to walk and most of those Jeans both physical and spiritual enter into the child. So if the daddy has sown wild oats in the days of his youth, very often the poor child at some time in it's life has to fight against that liability. It is a terrible liability. Unfortunately I do not have a firsthand experience of too much of that. Apart from my own fallen nature which was a considerable weight dragging me down, my own dad did not leave me a legacy of uncleanness. Unfortunately today most families have a legacy of uncleanness. And it is an uphill task for a child both to overcome it's own fallen nature as well as to contend with this weight of this evil legacy. See some of our families have no missionary lineage of any sort. You know in other words, we never applied the word of god in action. We never said I shall love my neighbor as myself. You know my dear friends, when you go to heathen society, what you see is, acquisition of earthly possessions and those that have been exploited in the process of acquiring these possessions. Two classes of people, haves and have not's. And you know you cannot correct this. Communism can't do it, socialism can't do it. Only the gospel can lift people and give them a work ethic. The blessing of god upon hard work. I notice that when people turn to the lord from awful backgrounds of indolence, laziness, knavery, robbery and all sorts of evil and when they are re-generated by the spirit of god, what happens? Not all their children may be immediately converted but that process begins to take hold. The spirit of god begins to work. And to begin with, some of the children acquire the by-products of regenerating power of god. One of these by-products is hard workingness, industry. Now when the children get industrious and hardworking naturally they begin to shine, they begin to outshine others in places of work. With the result of that, money is conserved, not wasted. Wasteful habits do not take hold and with the result there is a little pile, beginning to grow. And you know when you look at a pile of money it always fills you with great delight to see it grow. You know folks, and as this pile begins to grow the objectives shift what were once spiritual objectives slowly decline into other goals. Now this takes place so imperceptibly that many people are unaware of this. So one fine morning they wake up to find them-selves pretty well placed in life but without any real touch with god. They have not given the essential heritage of faith to their children. Now let me tell you, it is not an easy heritage to give faith

because we may see a lot of works of god around us and yet our hearts can be hardened. The heritage of faith comes by personal application. At some point you have to say hey this is what I really need and if I don't have this I am going to be a loser. So my dear friends, depending upon how early you get this understanding the usefulness your life will be. Some people will get it very late and oh it is so tragic. I remember a man who was a teacher, he was so gifted, as soon as he got converted, he began to write hymns, songs, lyrics really and he would sing those lyrics with tears streaming down. Most of those lyrics depicted what were his former years, wasted in hypocrisy and as he sang those songs, multitudes would be moved, not entertained, not at all entertained. They would be moved, broken and revival would spread. Now when a man realizes late of the years lost, or a woman, it is very traumatic because milk spilled on a sandy soil or anywhere cannot be retrieved but I often say, yes milk lost or poured out on the ground cannot be really retrieved but our god is the god who promises the years which the locusts, and the canker worm, and the palmer worm, and the caterpillar have eaten. Nobody can do that. But the lord promises it and that is the only ray of hope. For a person who has lost time, lost years. You know folks, the consciousness of the preciousness of time only daunts upon you when you are really spiritual. Otherwise you know, today, we are lost in luxury. Believe it. I am a man that has lived out of a suitcase and a tinier and tinier suitcase as the years go by and I have missed nothing. You know how it is. Out luxuries grow, our love of ease grows and our selfishness increases. All these are fatal to the soul. A spiritual person can never gloat on these things. Much less be subservient to these things. A spiritual person can never. It is a different world. It's the world which makes eternity. It's not a perishing world. But unfortunately we focus on the perishing world. And when we do open our eyes, ah we cannot retrace our steps. Then what is the place of repentance? Be you holy even as I am holy. It is the purpose of God remake us in his own image. Therefore glorify god in your body. And in your spirit which are God's. They are God's vehicle, you are just a keeper of it. The vehicle is the Lord's, he will keep it in good repair. My dear people, there are inexhaustible riches in holiness. And I say to myself, Lord, please help me to be faithful to the end. I don't want to let you down. Help me to be clean and faithful to the end. How important that is.