

Lesson 1 – Be Holy As Christ is Holy

Take Time To Be Holy

The Israelites were once again on the way to Canaan, the Promise Land. God had given them the laws (commandments). To teach the Israelites what they were to do or not do. They were God's special people, his treasure, (Exodus 19:3-6). God promised to be with them if the people obeyed Him. God wanted them to be holy as He is holy.

What does it mean to be holy? We see the word "holy" on the front of our Bible. The Bible is holy because it is God's Word and God is holy.

"Holy" means to be set apart and different. God is set apart from people. God is always good and right and perfect. God is the greatest and awesome creator and king.

When God is in a place, He makes it holy. Do you remember what God told Moses at the burning bush?

He said, "Take off your sandals, for you are standing on holy ground." (Exodus 3:3). God was there, and he made it a holy ground.

God told the Israelites that they must be holy. They must not be like the evil people where they were going. They must not worship idols, but only worship and obey God. Because of the sins of the Canaanites, God was going to send them out of their land. The Israelites would take over their land. They were to be holy by living right and obeying God's laws.

Long ago the Israelites were God's special, holy people. Today Christians are his special people. They obey God's laws and worship God as He wants. God sent His son Jesus to die for the sins of the world. Today we have the Bible to teach us God's will. God's holy people are those who believe and obey God and Jesus.

MEMORY VERSE – "I am the Lord your God. Be holy because I am Holy. Leviticus 11:44

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QUESTIONS

- T F 1. God gave the people laws to obey.
- T F 2. God is holy.
- T. F 3. God wanted His people to be holy.
- T F 4. Holy means having holes in your clothes..
- T F 5. Holy means to be set apart.
- T F 6. A place cannot be holy.
- T F 7. Moses stood on holy ground.
- T F 8. We must not worship idols.
- T F 9. Today Christians are God's special people.
- T F 10. The Canaanite people loved God.
- T F 11. God punished them by taking away their land.
- T F 12. Today we do not have to obey.