

*“Wherefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and hope to the End for the Grace that is to be brought unto you at the Revelation of Jesus Christ; As obedient children, not fashioning yourselves according to the former lusts in your ignorance: But as He which hath called you is Holy (Perfect, Pure), so be ye Holy in all manner of conversation (lifestyle); Because it is written, ‘**Be Ye Holy; For I Am Holy.**’” 1 Peter 1:13-16 KJV*



Holiness is pure, unadulterated, perfection! Holiness is the single defining attribute of God! All of His other characteristics rest firmly in this fact: **GOD IS HOLY!** Angels cry continuously around His Throne, *“Holy! Holy! Holy!”* All of His Promises are conditional upon His Holiness. His Holiness is His Glory! *“Even every one that is called by My Name: for I have created him for My Glory, I have formed him; yea, I have made him. For Mine Own Sake, even for Mine Own Sake, will I do it: for how should My Name be polluted? and I will not give My Glory unto another!”* God cannot nor will not compromise His Holiness! God’s Word IS His Blessing! Obedience to it is the pathway of Provision and Promise! If you refuse to acknowledge AND obey God’s Word, He will refuse to acknowledge you! If you disobey, **STOP! REPENT! OBEY!** No matter how many times a day you must, return to obedience, not out of duty, but because you know and acknowledge God is your Father and He has commanded you, **“BE YE HOLY!”** He wants to protect and provide for your every need, but disobedience puts a barrier betwixt us and our Loving Father that can only be removed through repentance. Repentance is the return to believing and obeying God! If you want His Provision, you must meet His condition! His Mercy, Grace, and Love you have for the asking if you believe. *“For by Grace are ye saved through Faith; and that NOT of yourselves: it is the GIFT of God: Not of works (good deeds), lest any man should boast. Faith cometh by...the Word of God. Not by works of Righteousness which we have done, but according to His Mercy He Saved us.”* You cant “good deed” your way to Heaven, because the only thing God will accept from you is the GIFT OF FAITH He has given you by His Word! *“Without Faith it is IMPOSSIBLE to please [God]!”* So, you can do it YOUR way with YOUR reason, or you can do it God’s Way through Faith! *“Come now, and let us reason together,’ saith the LORD: ‘though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool. If ye be willing and obedient, ye shall eat the good of the land: But if ye refuse and rebel, ye shall be devoured with the sword: for the Mouth of the LORD hath spoken it.”* God’s intention is that we be like Him, but He will be Glorified by you one way or the other!

Take time to be Holy, speak oft with thy Lord; abide in Him always, and feed on His Word.
Make friends of God’s children; help those who are weak, forgetting in nothing His blessing to seek.
Take time to be Holy, the world rushes on; spend much time in secret, with Jesus alone.
By looking to Jesus, like Him thou shalt be; thy friends in thy conduct His likeness shall see.
Take time to be holy, let Him be thy Guide; and run not before Him, whatever betide.
In joy or in sorrow, still follow the Lord, and, looking to Jesus, still trust in His Word.
Take time to be Holy, be calm in thy soul, each thought and each motive beneath His control.
Thus led by His Spirit to fountains of Love, thou soon shalt be fitted for service above.
~William D. Longstaff, 1882

“BE YE HOLY” is not a suggestion: It is the heart’s desire of your Father for you!

“For whom He did foreknow (all believers), He also did predestinate to be conformed to the Image of His Son, that He might be the Firstborn among many brethren.” Romans 8:29 KJV