

THIS WEEK

SERMON SERIES

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ABOUT WORSHIP!**

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LESSON PLAN / SERMON SUMMARY

OBEDIENCE....THE PATH TO HOLINESS

1 Peter 1:13-16 (v. 16)

¹³ 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; ¹⁴ As **obedient** children, not fashioning yourselves according to the former lusts in your ignorance: ¹⁵ But as he which hath called you is holy, so **be ye holy** in all manner of conversation; ¹⁶ Because it is written, **Be ye holy; for I am holy.**

LEVITICUS 11:44-45

⁴⁴ For I am the LORD your God: ye shall therefore sanctify yourselves, and ye shall Be HOLY: for I AM HOLY: neither shall ye defile yourselves with any manner of creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth. ⁴⁵ For I am the LORD that bringeth you up out of the land of Egypt, to be your God: ye shall therefore Be HOLY, for I AM HOLY.

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2 CORINTHIANS 7:1

Having therefore these **promises**, dearly beloved, let us **cleans**e ourselves from all filthiness of the **flesh** and **spirit**, **perfecting** holiness in the **fear** of God.

Teaching Purpose

Answers the question, “HOW should I understand this verse?” Is the passage dealing with a:

S	P	E	C	S
<u>Sin</u> to confess and forsake?	<u>Promise</u> to claim? John 4:23	<u>Example</u> to follow? 2 Cor. 7:1	<u>Command</u> to obey? 1 Peter 1:16	<u>Situation</u> or <u>State of mind</u> to avoid before it develops into a sin?

2 Corinthians 7:1 (AMP)

THEREFORE, SINCE these [great] promises are ours, beloved, let us cleanse Ourselves from everything that contaminates and defiles body and spirit, and Bring [our] consecration to completeness in the (reverential) fear of God.

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Sermonic Principle(s)

Answers the question, “WHAT’S in it or what’s the take away for me?”

- 1) **GOD’S CALL** to TRUE WORSHIP is
 - a **CALL TO RELATIONSHIP** (SALVATION)
 - a **CALL TO CHANGE**
 - a **CALL TO A CHANGED LIFE**
 - a **CALL TO COSTLY LIVING**
 - a **CALL TO HOLY LIVING**
 - a **CALL TO HOLINESS** (SANCTIFICATION)
 - a **CALL TO CHRISTLIKENESS**

- 2) **GOD HAS CALLED US** to HIMSELF!
- 3) **HE IS HOLY** therefore **WE** should **BE HOLY**

JOHN 17:17 / 19

17 **SANCTIFY** them through thy truth: thy word is truth.

19 And for their sakes I **SANCTIFY** myself, that they also might be **SANCTIFIED** through the truth.

- 4) **SANCTIFICATION** is a **process** in the **Christian Life**
and a **doctrine** of the **Christian Faith**
- 5) **SANCTIFICATION** means that (**In Christ**) we have been **set apart** to
belong to God and to **serve** God
- 6) **SANCTIFICATION** has to do with your everyday life

7) **SANCTIFICATION** has three (3) aspects

a) **Positional SANCTIFICATION** (1 Corinthians 1:2)

Unto the church of God which is at Corinth, to them that are **sanctified** in Christ Jesus, called to be **saints**, the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, both theirs and ours.

b) **Practical SANCTIFICATION**

(John 3:30) - He must increase, but I must decrease.

(John 17:17) – **Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.**

c) **Perfect SANCTIFICATION** (1 John 3:2)

Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, **we shall be like him**; for we shall see him as he is.

8) **Practical** SANCTIFICATION is Where we live **TODAY** and is How we live **TODAY**

***MORE** like Christ and

***LESS** like the Culture and the Christian that we used to be....because we are growing in **HOLINESS!**

9) **Practical** SANCTIFICATION is **Dual Dimensional!**

a) There is a **Dual Dimension** to **Sin**

- Sins of the Flesh

- Sins of the Spirit

10) **Practical** **SANCTIFICATION** is **Dual Dimensional!**

SIN

a) Sins of the **Flesh** ...

- are sins of action

- are those sins found in **Galatians 5:19-21**

- are the sins of **actions** that we observed in the **record** of the

Prodigal Son ... **The Younger Son of THE FATHER - Luke 15:11-18**

b) Sins of the **Spirit** ...

- are sins of **attitude** observed in the **record** of the **Prodigal Son....**

The Elder Son of **THE FATHER** - Luke 15:25-32 ... anger, resentment, jealousy, envy, and rejection

c) As children of THE FATHER, both the **younger and elder sons** are alive in us ... today!

d) As children of THE FATHER, we are called to **Separate** from both

- the sins of the Flesh (younger son)

- the sins of the Spirit (elder son)

11) Practical **SANCTIFICATION** is **Dual Dimensional**

Cleanse Ourselves

Perfecting HOLINESS

HOLINESS

a) Let us **cleanse ourselves** ... this is the **negative** aspect of **HOLINESS**

2 Corinthians 6:14-18

¹⁴ Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness? ¹⁵ And what concord hath Christ with Belial? or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel? ¹⁶ And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ¹⁷ Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you, ¹⁸ And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, said the Lord Almighty.

b) **Perfecting HOLINESS** in the **FEAR OF GOD**

This is the **positive** aspect of **HOLINESS**.

We are continuously **pursuing** **HOLINESS**.

We **practice HOLINESS** toward a **finish** or **completion** of our **growth**.

c) We **continue** our **pursuit** of **HOLINESS** with the goal of becoming **more** and **more like The LORD JESUS CHRIST!**

12) **Practical** **SANCTIFICATION** is **Dual Dimensional**

LOVE OF GOD

FEAR OF GOD

LOVE OF GOD

- a) “Having therefore these promises, dearly **beloved**, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God. **2 Corinthians 7:1**”

- b) THE FATHER'S **LOVE** for us is the first aspect of and motivation for our **OBEDIENCE** to HIM

JOHN 14:21-23

²¹ He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him. ²² Judas saith unto him, not Iscariot, Lord, how is it that thou wilt manifest thyself unto us, and not unto the world? ²³ Jesus answered and said unto him, If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him.

FEAR OF GOD

a) “perfecting **HOLINESS** in the fear of God” **2 Corinthians 7:1**

b) **THE FATHER’S DISCIPLINE** of us is the second aspect of and
motivation for our **OBEDIENCE** to HIM

HEBREWS 12:6-7

⁶ For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son
whom he receiveth. ⁷ If he endure chastening, God dealeth with you
as with sons; for what son is he whom the father chasteneth not?

13) **SANCTIFICATION** is **THE JOURNEY!**
HOLINESS is **THE DESTINATION!**
OBEDIENCE is **THE PATH!**

14) **OBEDIENCE** is in **THE MIND**

OBEDIENCE is a **Conscious Act of THE WILL**

MIND WORK is **MANDATORY** to **OBEDIENT** **BEHAVIOR** - 1 Peter 1:13-16

15) Go **FORWARD IN THE JOURNEY** Toward **HOLINESS...**
 Go **BY WAY OF THE PATH OF OBEDIENCE!**

16) **OBEDIENCE** is the **PRODUCT** of.....

A **GIRDED-UP MIND**.....

A **SOBER MIND**.....

A **HOPE-FILLED MIND**.....

WHAT IS THE **POINT TEACHER?** HERE IS THE **POINT PEOPLE!**

Action Point

Having heard and understood this teaching, answers the question, “WHAT should I do?”

1) If you are a **CHRISTIAN**, THEN you are a **WORSHIPPER!**

3) BE A TRUE **WORSHIPPER!**

5) **WORSHIP** THE FATHER IN **SPIRIT** AND IN **TRUTH** AND IN **HOLINESS!**

4) REALIZE / REMEMBER / AND NEVER FORGET that
THE GREATEST Expression of WORSHIP
IS
THE SMALLEST Act of OBEDIENCE !

JOHN 4:23-24

23 But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the father seeketh such to worship him.

24 God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.

THE **HIGHEST** Expression of **PRAISE**
IS
THE **HUMBLEST** Act of **OBEDIENCE** !

MATTHEW 15:8-9

⁸This people draweth nigh unto me with their mouth, and honoureth me with their lips; but their heart is far from me.

⁹But in vain they do worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men.

THE **DEEPEST** Expression of **LOVE**

IS

THE **DAILYEST** Act of **OBEDIENCE** !

JOHN 14:15 / 21

15 If ye love me, keep my commandments.

21 He that hath my commandments, and keepth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him.

LIVE LIKE IT!!!