

## The Beginning of Something New in Holiness

### I. Previous Sermons on Sanctification

- A. Sanctification – Dying to Self: Romans 6:7-8, 12-14
- B. Sanctification – God consecrating a people for this time (1 Sam. 3 and Gen. 3:6-7)
- C. Sanctification – Sacrifice: God longing for His people to sacrifice themselves to Him in the Old Testament (Lev. 5:1-10)
- D. Sanctification – the importance of your sacrifice (Mark. 14:3-9)
- E. TODAY – Sanctification in Pentecost through holiness
  - 1. What is holiness
  - 2. Expectations in holiness
    - a. Righteous vs. unrighteous
    - b. Just vs. unjust

### II. Sanctification Defined

- A. Generic Definition – *The state of proper functioning*
- B. Verb form – *to set apart or consecrate*
- C. Hebrew verb form – *qadhash*, meaning sanctified
- D. Greek word for sanctification – *hagiasmos* (root from the verb *hagoazo*)
  - 1. Only the root form is found in the New Testament 10 times, but not sanctification

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2. Whenever the root is used, you will find the translation to be “**holy**,” “hallow,” “hallowed,” “**holiness**,” “consecrate,” “saint,” and “sanctify.”

**E. Alternative Definition - *Making holy or made holy* – the designer allows the object to be purified or made holy**

### **III. God’s Attributes to Holiness and Its Definition**

#### A. Holiness attributed to God

1. Psalm 99:3,5,9 – He is holy
2. Psalm 11:9 – His name is holy
3. Psalm 22:3 – He is called the Holy One of Israel
4. Psalm 47:8 – His throne is holy
5. Exodus 15:11 – He is majestic in holiness
6. 1 Chron. 16:29 – His holiness has splendor
7. Isaiah 6:3 – He is surrounded by holiness
8. 1 Sam. 2:2 – He is unique in His holiness
9. Amos 4:2 – He swears by His holiness
10. Isaiah 5:16 – He will show Himself holy
11. Jer. 23:9 – His words are holy
12. Isaiah 52:10 – His arm is holy
13. Matt. 6:9; John 17:11 – The Father is holy
14. Luke 1:35 – The Son is holy
15. Isaiah 63:10 & Romans 1:4 – His Spirit is holy

#### B. Holiness Defined

1. Being set apart from sin
2. Purity
3. Perfect moral integrity

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4. The state of being hallowed
  - a. **Personal holiness – gradual moral, purified, and spiritual development and attainment**

### IV. Acts 2: 1-13 – What holiness looks like on Pentecost

#### A. One accord (verse 1)

##### 1. Feast of Weeks

- a. Deut. 16:9 – You shall count **seven weeks** for yourself; you shall begin to count seven weeks from the time you first put the sickle to the standing grain.
- b. Lev. 23: 15-16 – <sup>15</sup> You shall count from **the day after the Sabbath**, from the day when you brought in the sheaf of the wave offering; there shall be **seven Sabbaths**. <sup>16</sup> You shall count **fifty days** to the day after the seventh Sabbath; then, you shall present a new grain offering to the Lord.
- c. Occurred right after Passover (March-April)
- d. 50 days that run until May-June
- e. Also known as Festival of Harvest and when Pentecost occurred

##### 2. Acts 1: 14

- a. All these with **one mind** and **one purpose** were **continually devoting themselves to prayer**, along with the women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with His brothers

##### 3. Acts 2: 1

- a. When the day of Pentecost had come, they were **all together in one place**

#### B. Preparation

##### 1. Acts 1:20-26

- a. Fulfillment in replacing Judas, scripturally (Psalm 69:25)

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### C. Anticipation/Expectation (verses 2-4)

1. Manifestation of God's presence
  - a. Wind (verse 2)
  - b. Vision (verse 3)
  - c. Spirit (verse 4)

### D. God's Power Enabled and Witnessed (verses 5-12)

1. God-fearing Jewish men (verse 5)
2. Crowd of various nations (verse 6-11)
  - a. God knows how to gain your attention (tongues)
  - b. God will display His power for His glory
  - c. God's power will leave an imprint on the minds and hearts in the crowd
3. God's power causes mental and heart change (verse 12)

### E. God's Power Exposes Those in Darkness (verse 13)

1. Scoffers
2. Mockers
3. Skeptics
4. Intellectual superiors