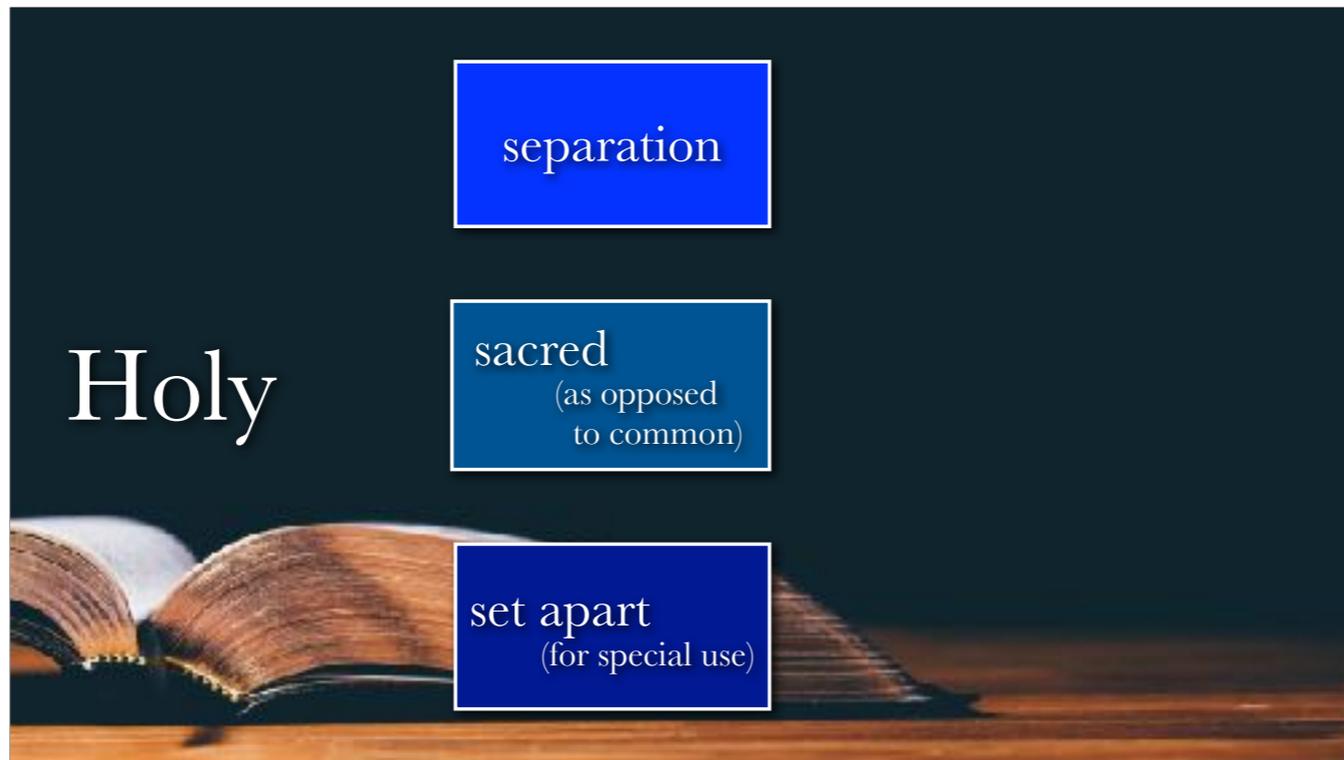
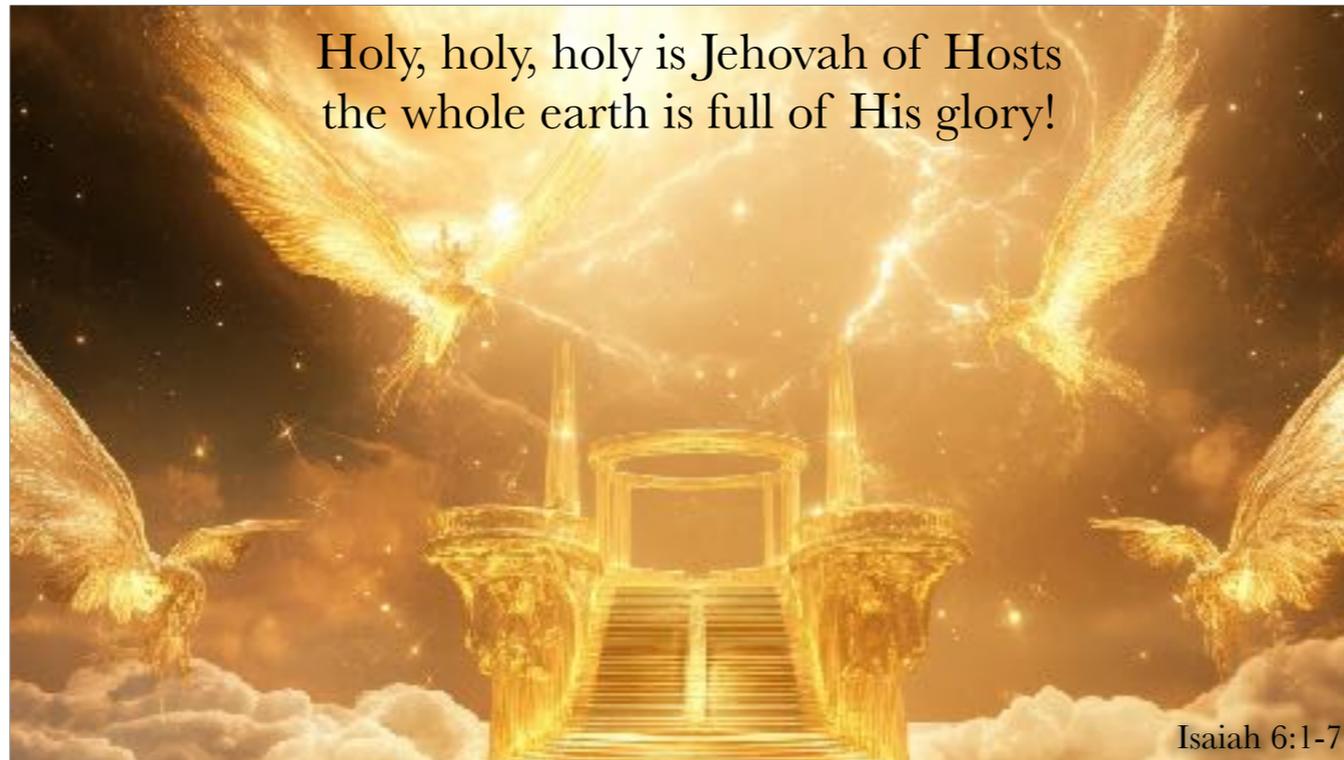




- Isaiah 6:1-7
- Defining “holy”



- Holy: Really mean?
 - Most lexicons give us three ways the word is used
 - Separation
 - Sacred (verses common, profane)
 - Set apart (for special use, dedicated)



- Isaiah 6:3
 - “Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts;
 - the whole earth is full of his glory!”



- Holy One of Israel: Isaiah 1:4
- Holy God: Isaiah 5:16 -
 - and the Holy God shows himself holy in righteousness.
- The Holy One: Isaiah 40:25 - cannot be compared to any
- Name is Holy: Isaiah 57:15
 - Isaiah 57:15 — For thus says the One who is high and lifted up, who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy: “I dwell in the high and holy place, and also with him who is of a contrite and lowly spirit, to revive the spirit of the lowly, and to revive the heart of the contrite.



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The Holy One of Israel
Isaiah 1:4

Holy Father
John 17:11

Isaiah 6:1-7

- Holy Father: John 17:11
 - And I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, keep them in your name, which you have given me, that they may be one, even as we are one.



- Holy Jesus:

- The Child to be born will be called holy — the son of God: Luke 1:35
- The Holy One of God: Luke 4:34
- The Holy and Righteous One: Acts 3:14



- Holy Servant Jesus: Acts 4:27, 30
- Holy One: Acts 13:35; Revelation 3:7
- John 12:41 Isaiah said these things because he saw his glory and spoke of him.



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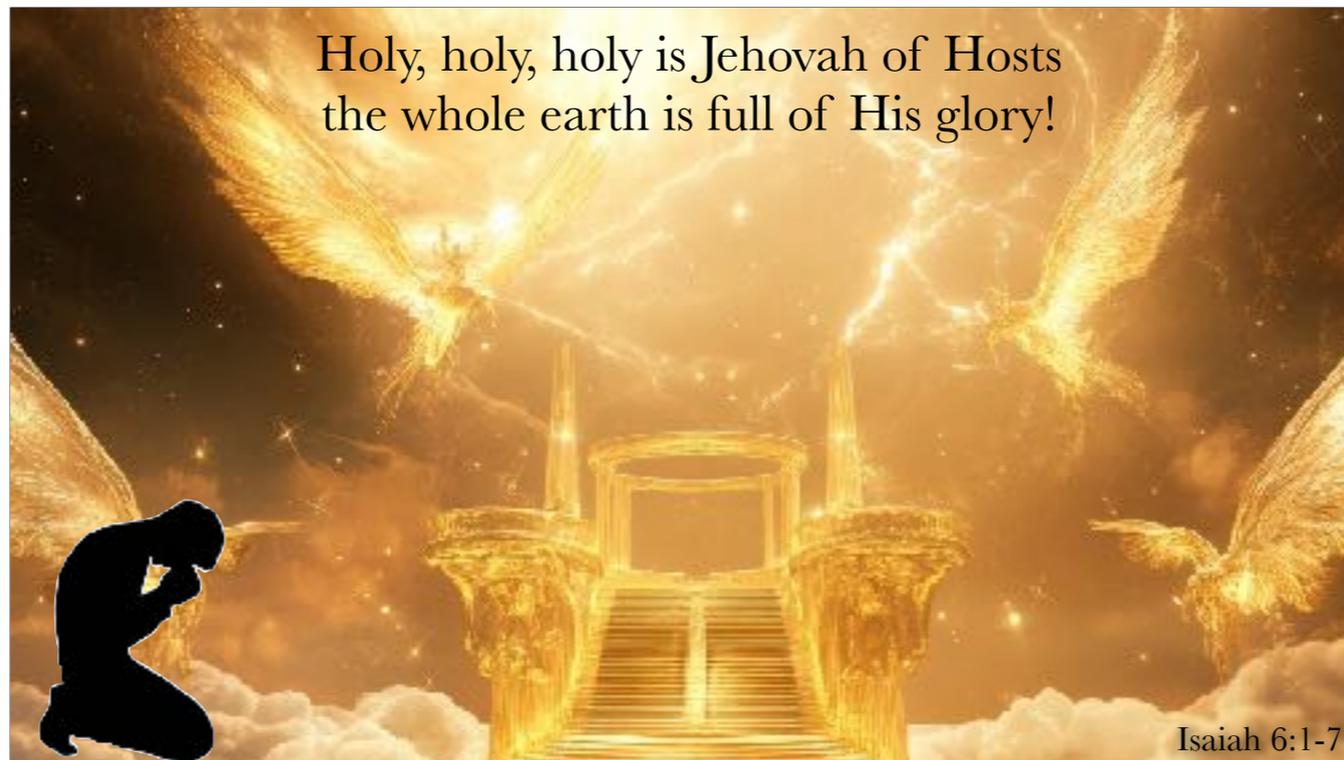
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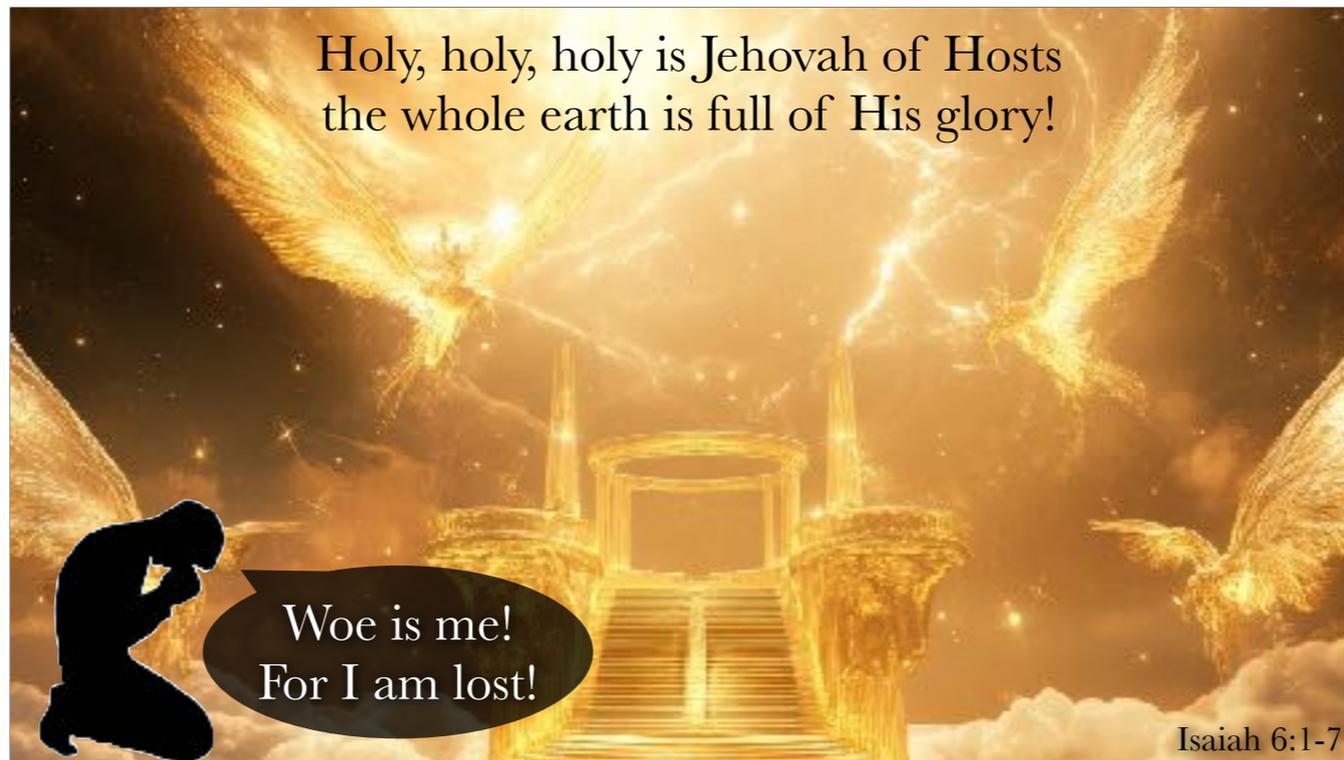
Holy Spirit
Acts 5:3, 4

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- Holy Spirit
- Acts 5:3-4: Holy Spirit / God



- Isaiah sees this vision of Jehovah on His throne.
- HOLY!
- How react?

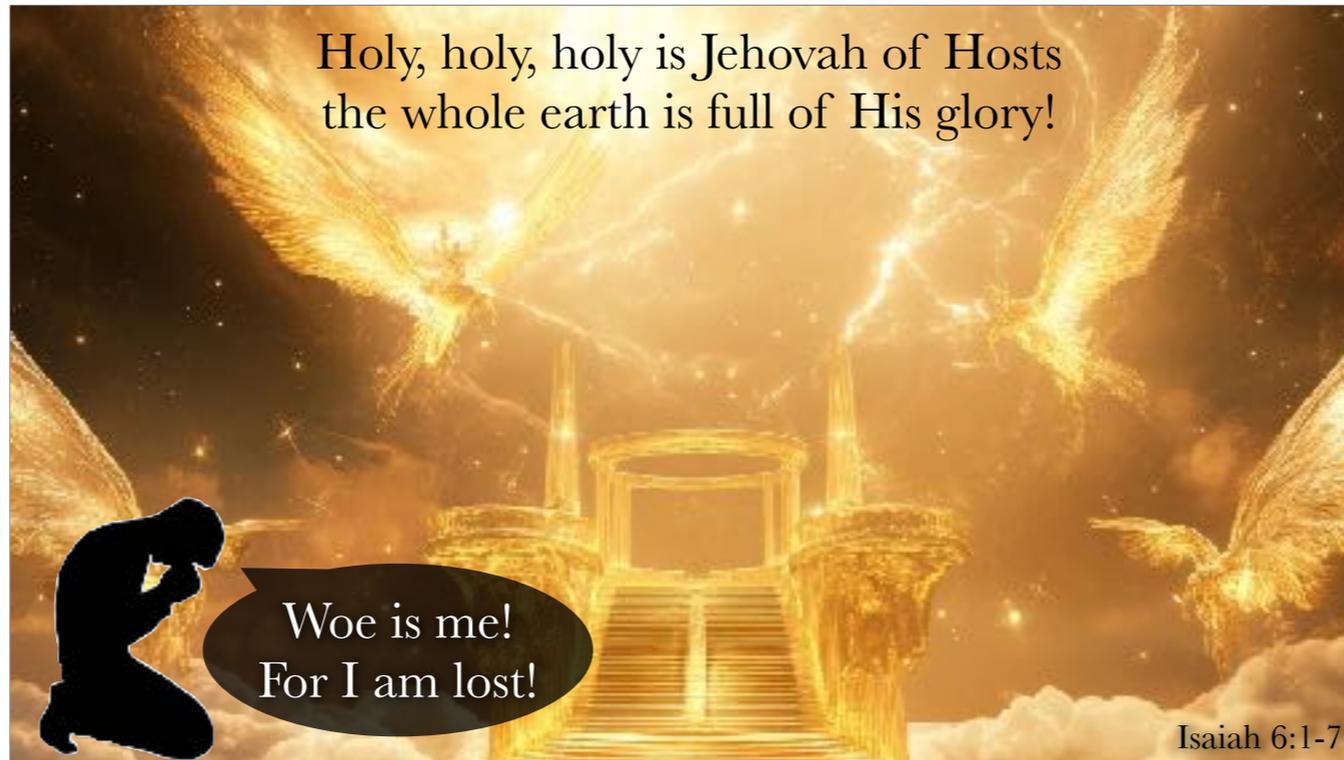


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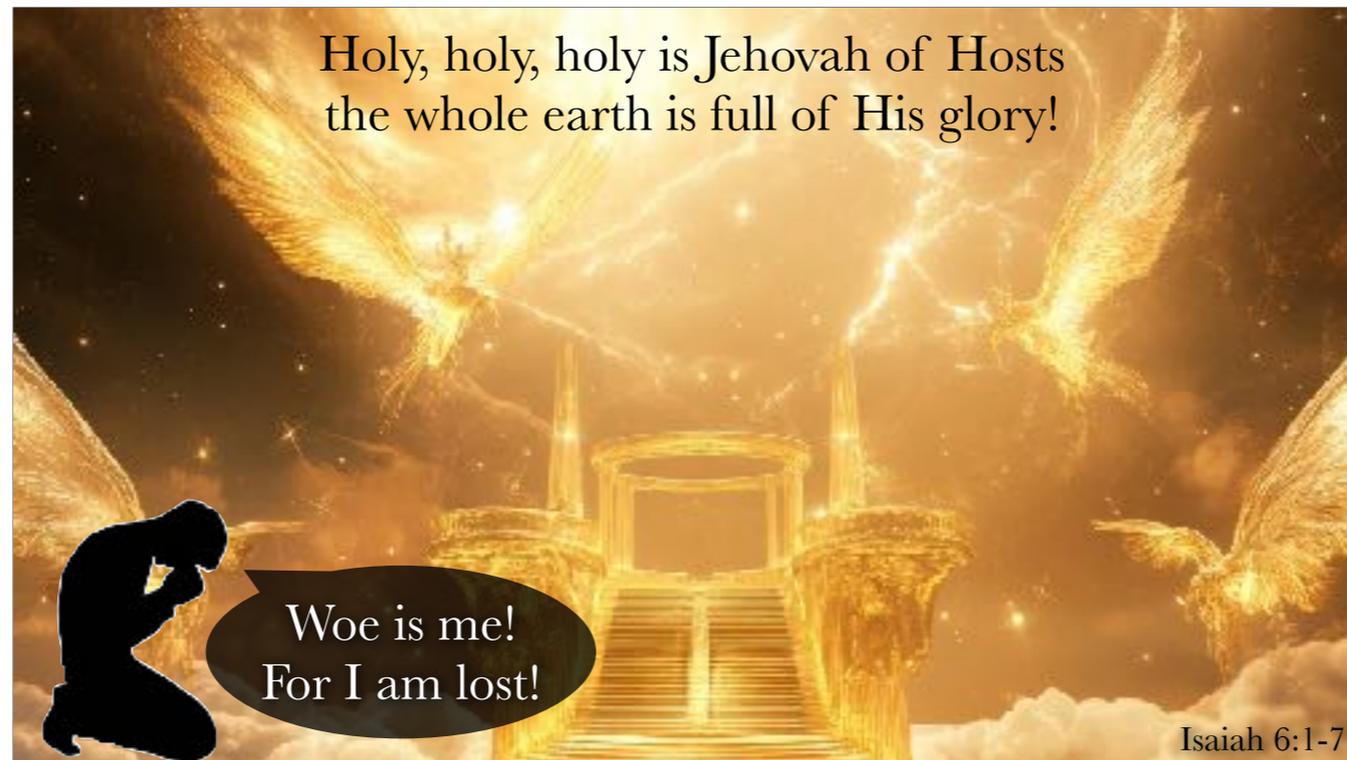
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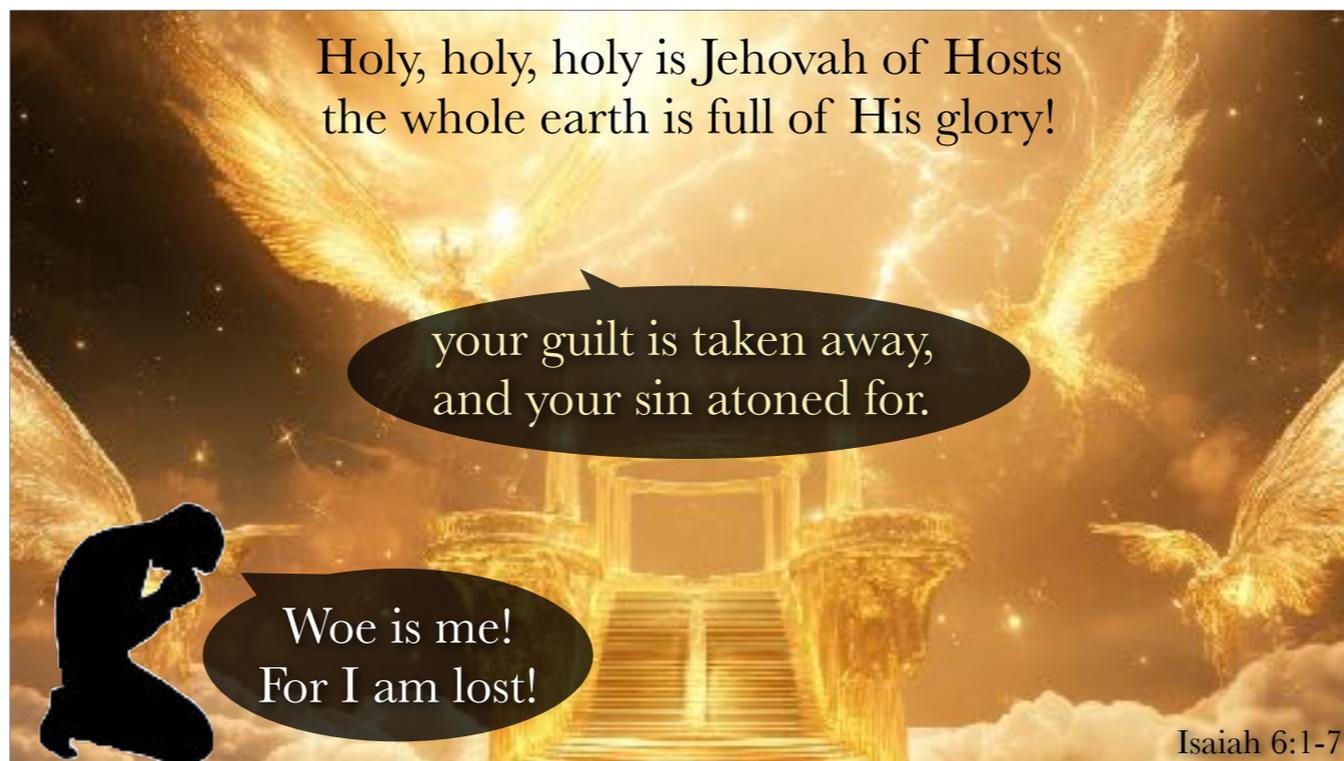
- He clearly understands his sinfulness as he sees this vision
- Isaiah 6:5 — And I said:
 - “Woe is me!
 - For I am lost;
 - for I am a man of unclean lips,
 - and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips;
 - for my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!”



- Nation, people, all sinful: I'm one of them.



- Sinful man, from sinful people, have no right to see HOLY God.
- Undone, ruined, Lost: Isaiah knows that he deserved to die right there and then.
- We have a terrifying and instructive picture here.
 - The holiness of Jehovah
 - The sinfulness of man
 - and the expectation of just punishment.



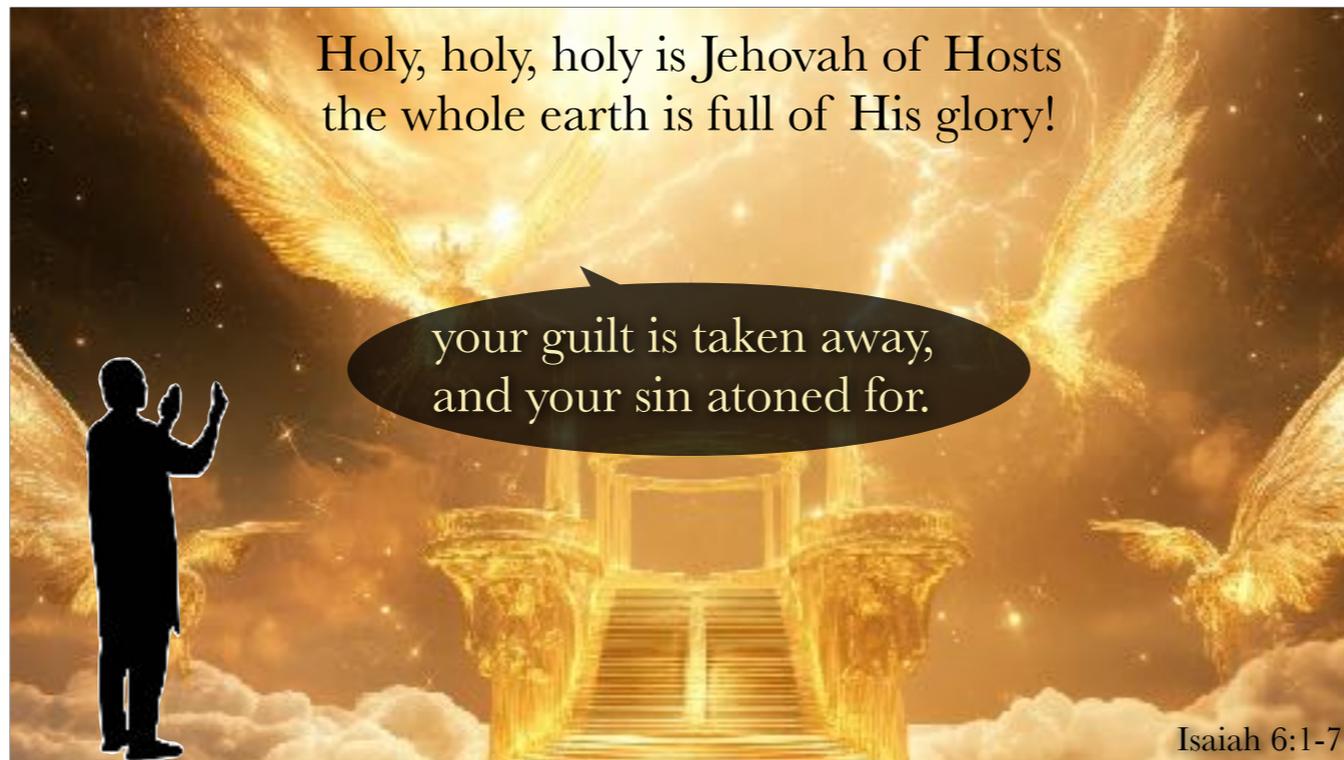
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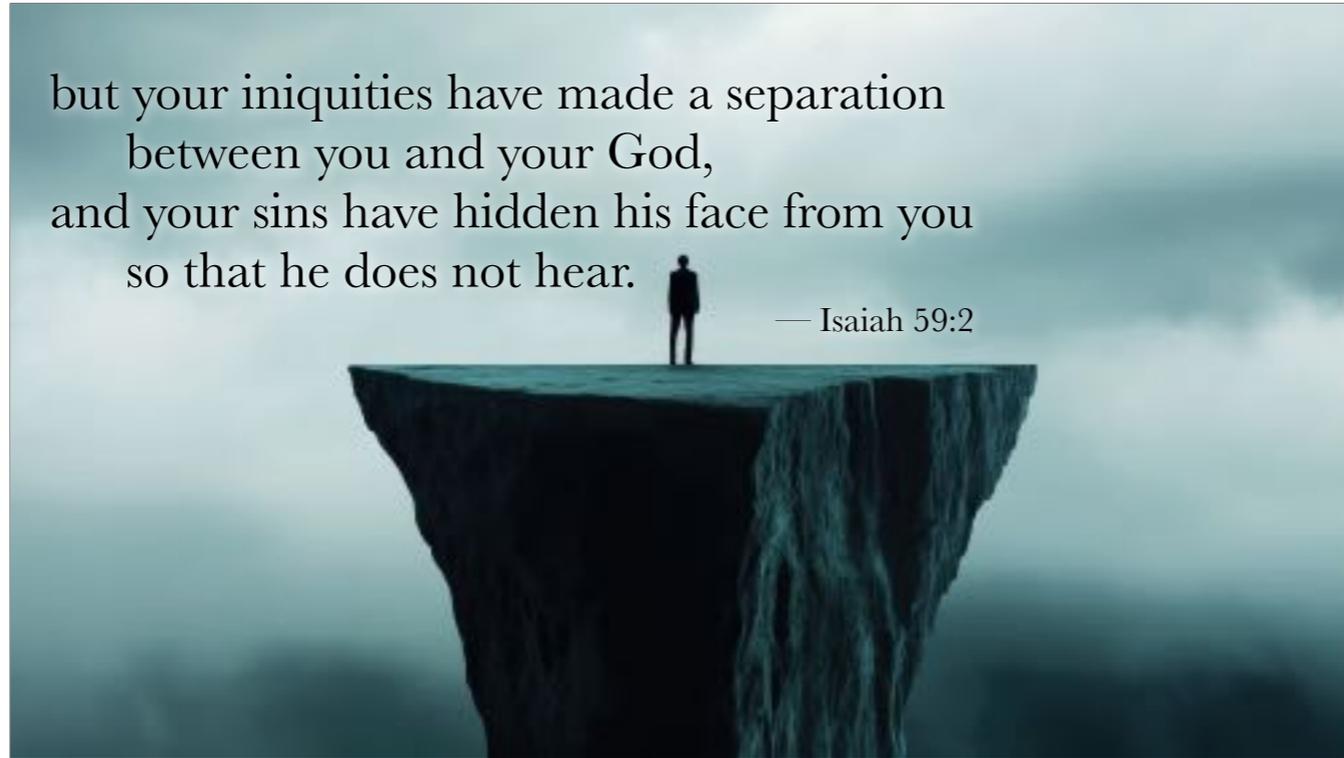
- Seraphim takes coal from Altar, guilt taken away; sins atoned.



- Now, pure, Isaiah can stand before the Holy Father.
 - More: he is useful for Jehovah and is sent to prophecy to his sinful people
 - 8: "Here am I! Send me!"
 - But he has a better understanding of Jehovah
 - And of forgiveness (guilt taken away)
 - And of atonement
- Isaiah: sin separated him from Holy Jehovah.
- 59:2

but your iniquities have made a separation
between you and your God,
and your sins have hidden his face from you
so that he does not hear.

— Isaiah 59:2

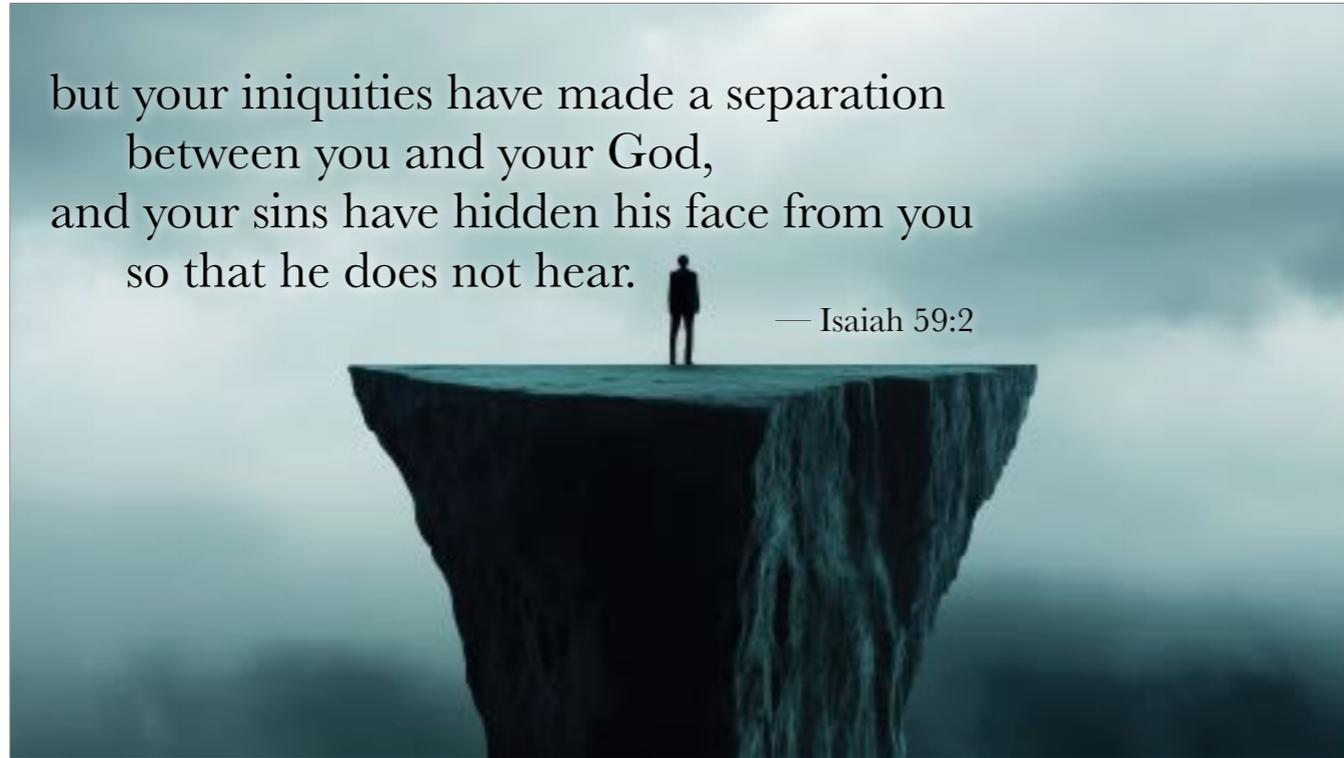


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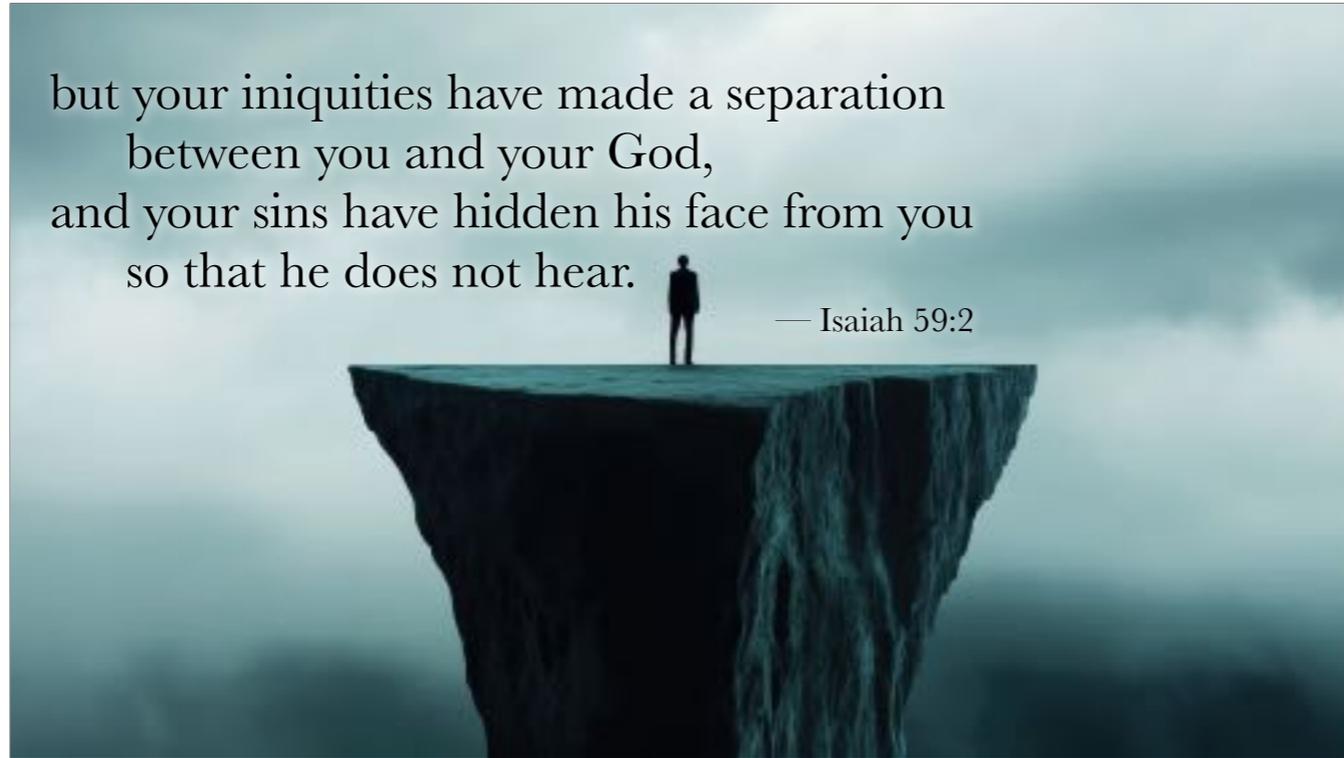
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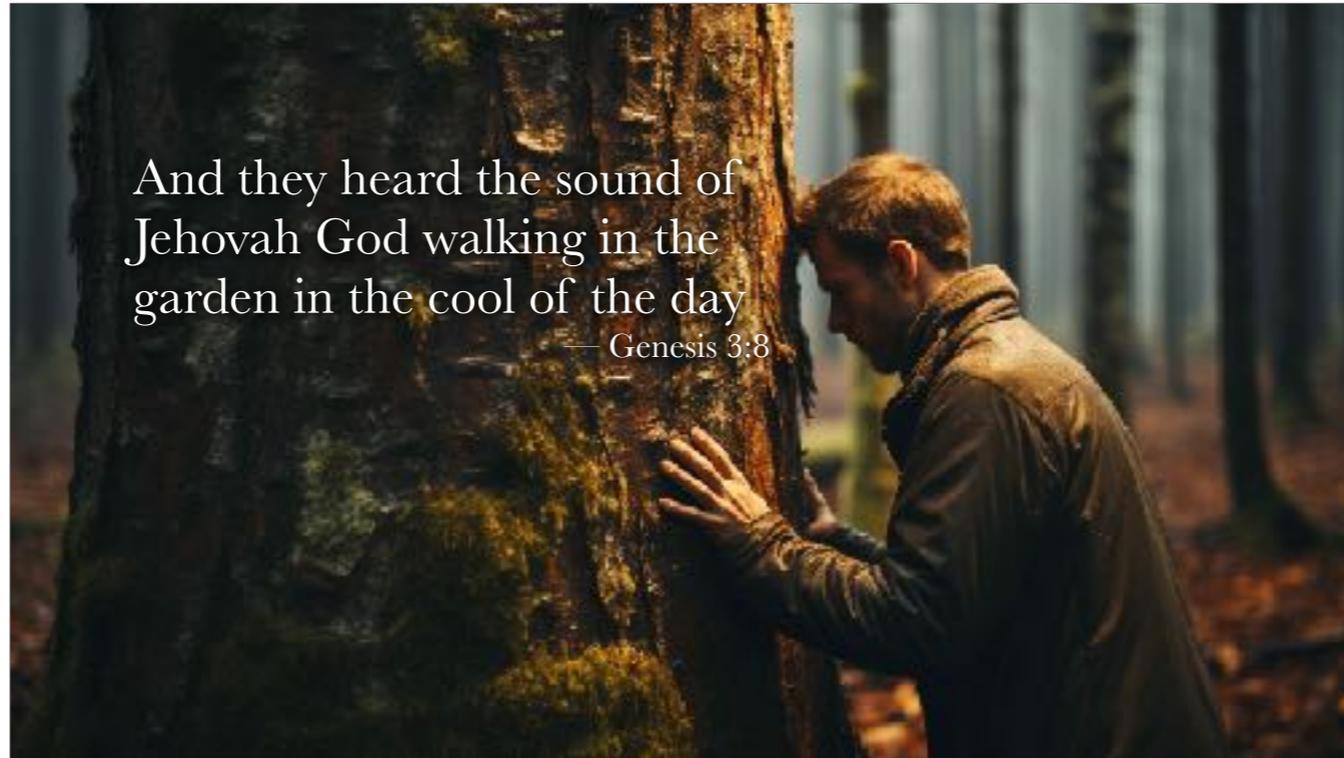
- TWOT: It is unthinkable that a holy God could condone sin;
 - such a concept would involve a diffusion of the sacred and profane,
 - thus destroying the nature of holiness.
 - The call to be holy was accompanied by the imposition of certain restrictions that served to ensure the continuing holiness of those who believed
 - (Lev 11:41- 45; 19:2 ff.; Deut 14:2, 21; Num 15:40).

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- Two powerful examples:
- Garden of Eden
- Mt. Sinai



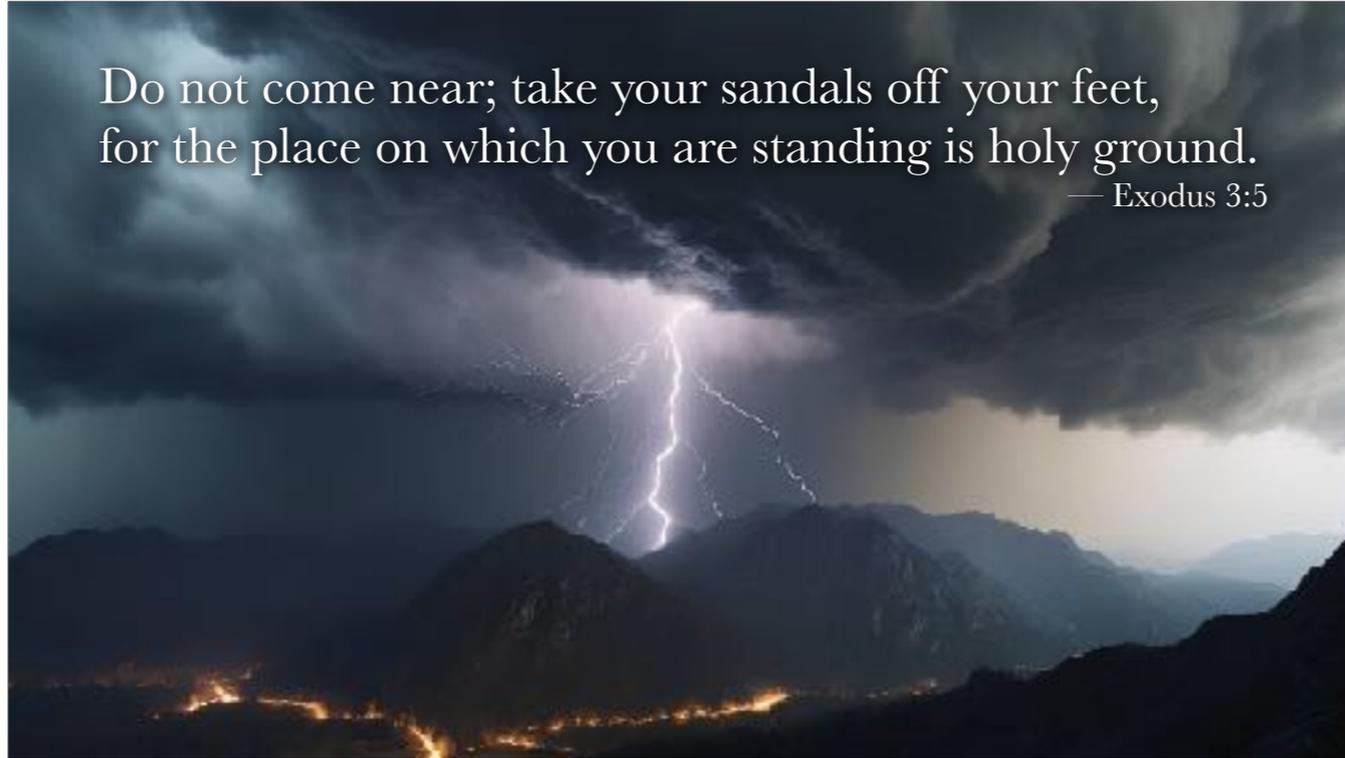
- Genesis 3:8: And they heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden.
- Assume fellowship; walking with them in the garden.
- Man Hid: sin!



- Genesis 3:23-24: therefore the Lord God sent him out from the garden of Eden to work the ground from which he was taken. 24 He drove out the man, and at the east of the garden of Eden he placed the cherubim and a flaming sword that turned every way to guard the way to the tree of life
- Jehovah cast out: sin.

Do not come near; take your sandals off your feet,
for the place on which you are standing is holy ground.

— Exodus 3:5



- Exodus 3:5: Then he said, “Do not come near; take your sandals off your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground.”



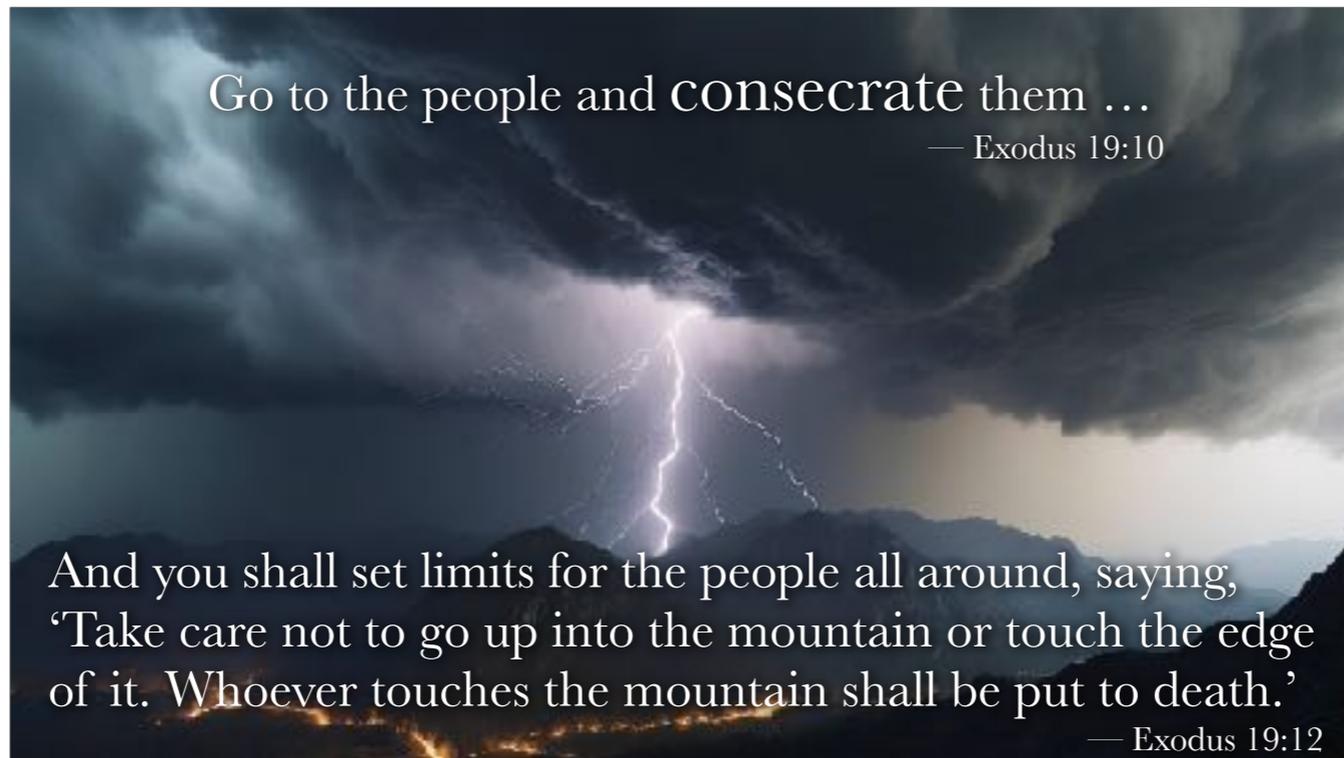
- Exodus 19:6: and you shall be to me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation. These are the words that you shall speak to the people of Israel.”



- Exodus 19:9-15: When Moses told the words of the people to the Lord, 10 the Lord said to Moses, “Go to the people and consecrate them today and tomorrow, and let them wash their garments 11 and be ready for the third day.



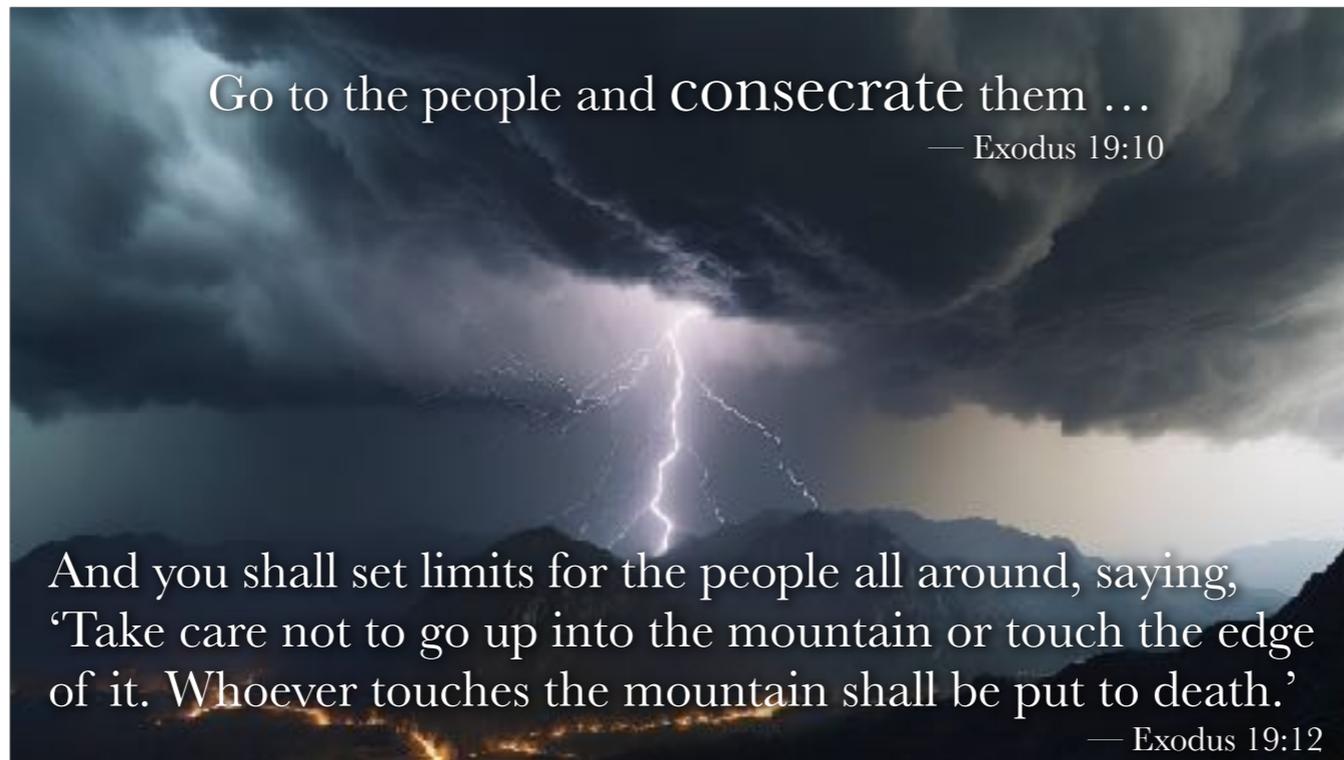
- Consecrate = make holy
 - wash garments, do not go near a woman



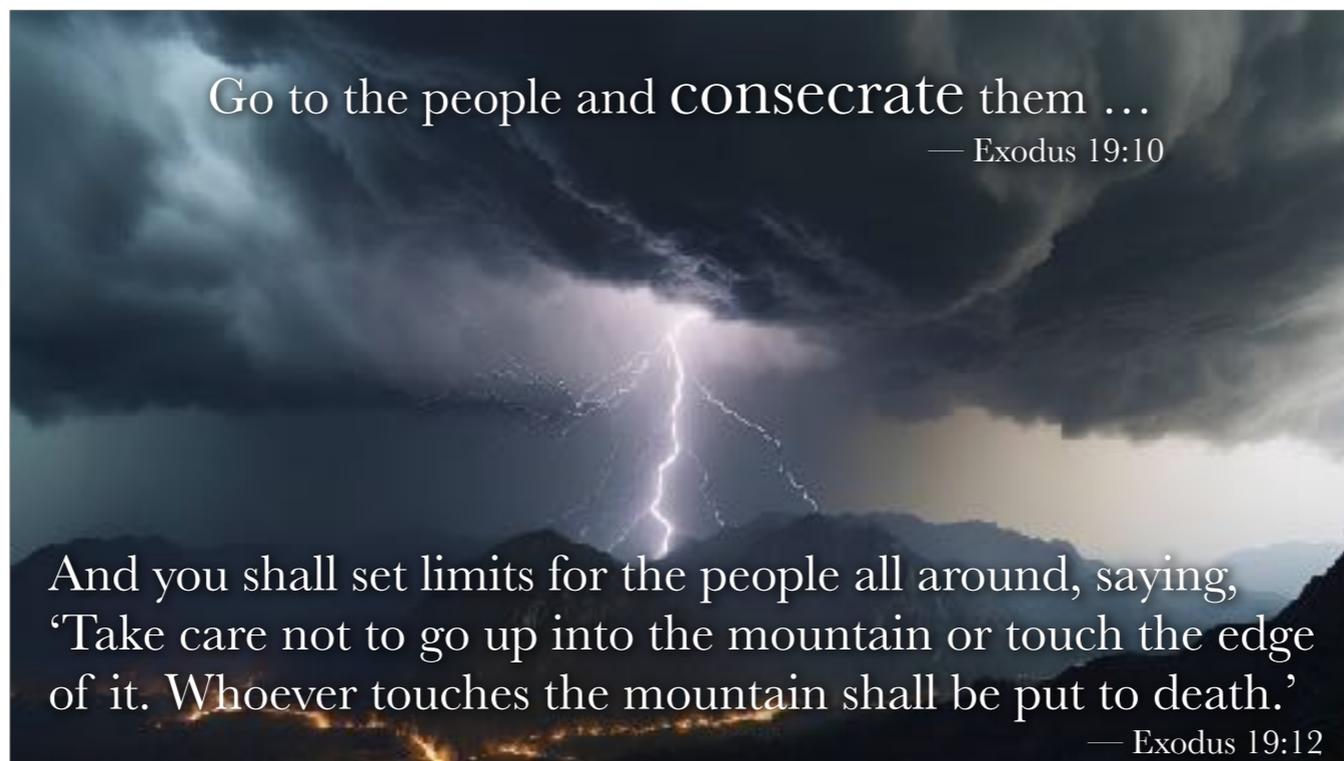
Go to the people and consecrate them ...
— Exodus 19:10

And you shall set limits for the people all around, saying,
‘Take care not to go up into the mountain or touch the edge
of it. Whoever touches the mountain shall be put to death.’
— Exodus 19:12

- Exodus 19:9-15: For on the third day the Lord will come down on Mount Sinai in the sight of all the people. 12 And you shall set limits for the people all around, saying, ‘Take care not to go up into the mountain or touch the edge of it. Whoever touches the mountain shall be put to death. 13 No hand shall touch him, but he shall be stoned or shot; whether beast or man, he shall not live. ’ When the trumpet sounds a long blast, they shall come up to the mountain.” 14 So Moses went down from the mountain to the people and consecrated the people; and they washed their garments. 15 And he said to the people, “Be ready for the third day; do not go near a woman



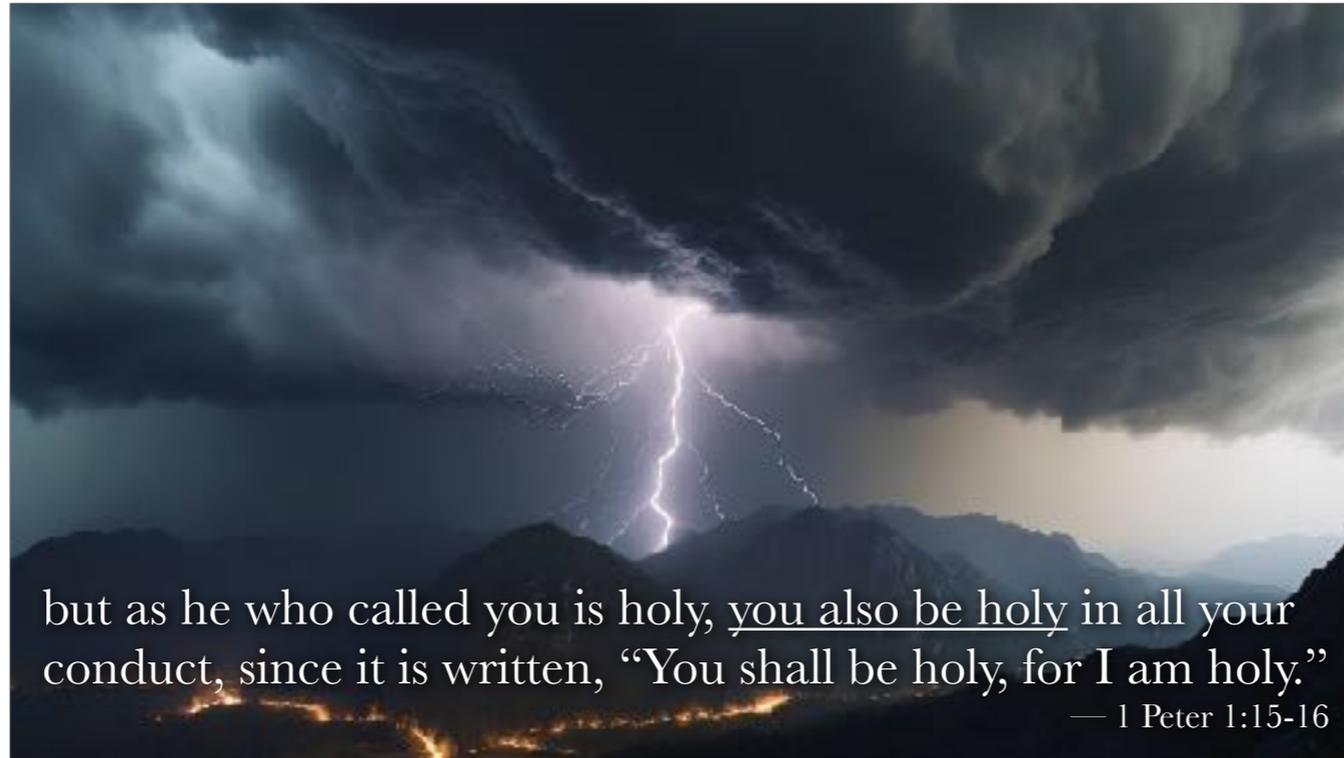
- Limits: separation
- Death
- Exodus 19:21-24 — And the LORD said to Moses,
 - “Go down and warn the people, lest they break through to the LORD to look and many of them perish.
 - 22 Also let the priests who come near to the LORD consecrate themselves, lest the LORD break out against them.”



- 23 And Moses said to the LORD,
 - “The people cannot come up to Mount Sinai, for you yourself warned us, saying, Set limits around the mountain and consecrate it.”
- 24 And the LORD said to him,
 - “Go down, and come up bringing Aaron with you.
 - But do not let the priests and the people break through to come up to the LORD, lest he break out against them.”

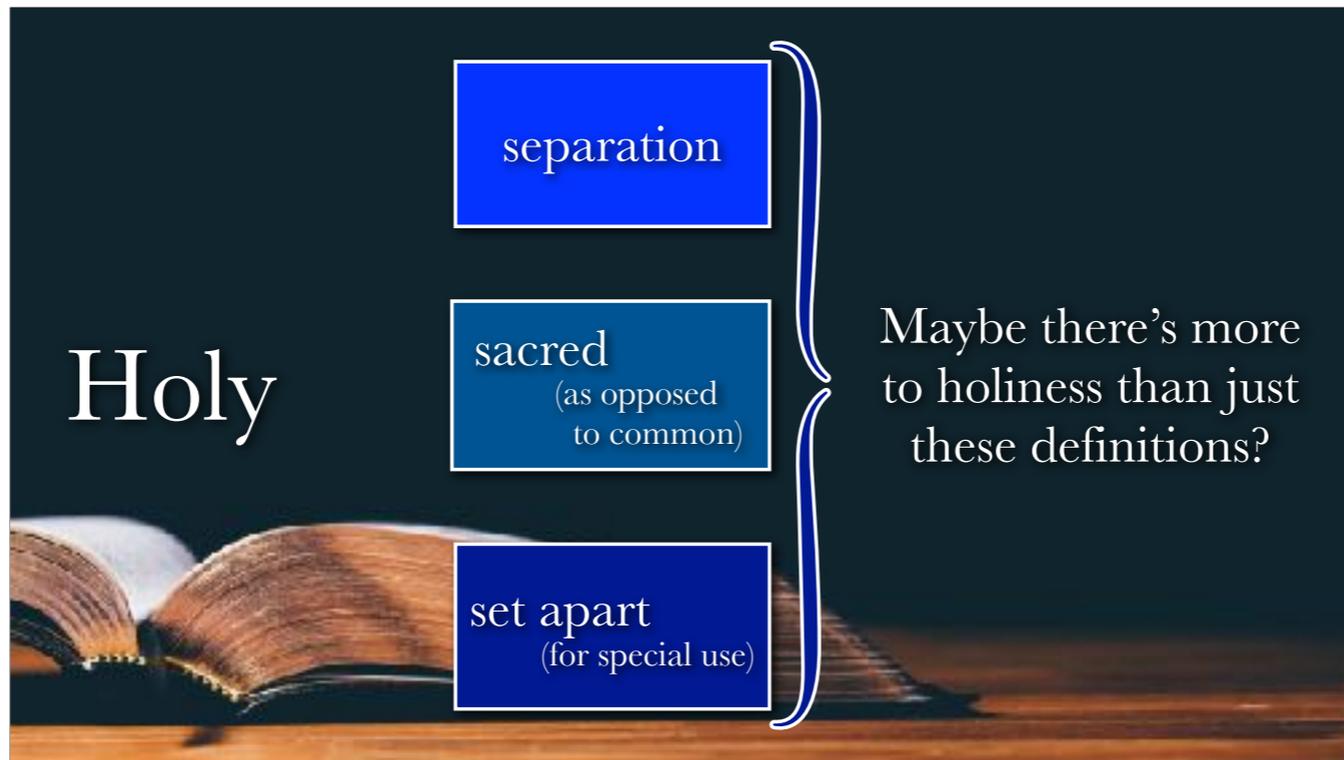


- Holy certainly implies this separation
- But we must not forget Jehovah's purpose for Israel also
 - a holy nation (19:6)
 - separate from the deity of Jehovah
 - but drawn to Him as his special people: treasured possession



but as he who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, since it is written, “You shall be holy, for I am holy.”
— 1 Peter 1:15-16

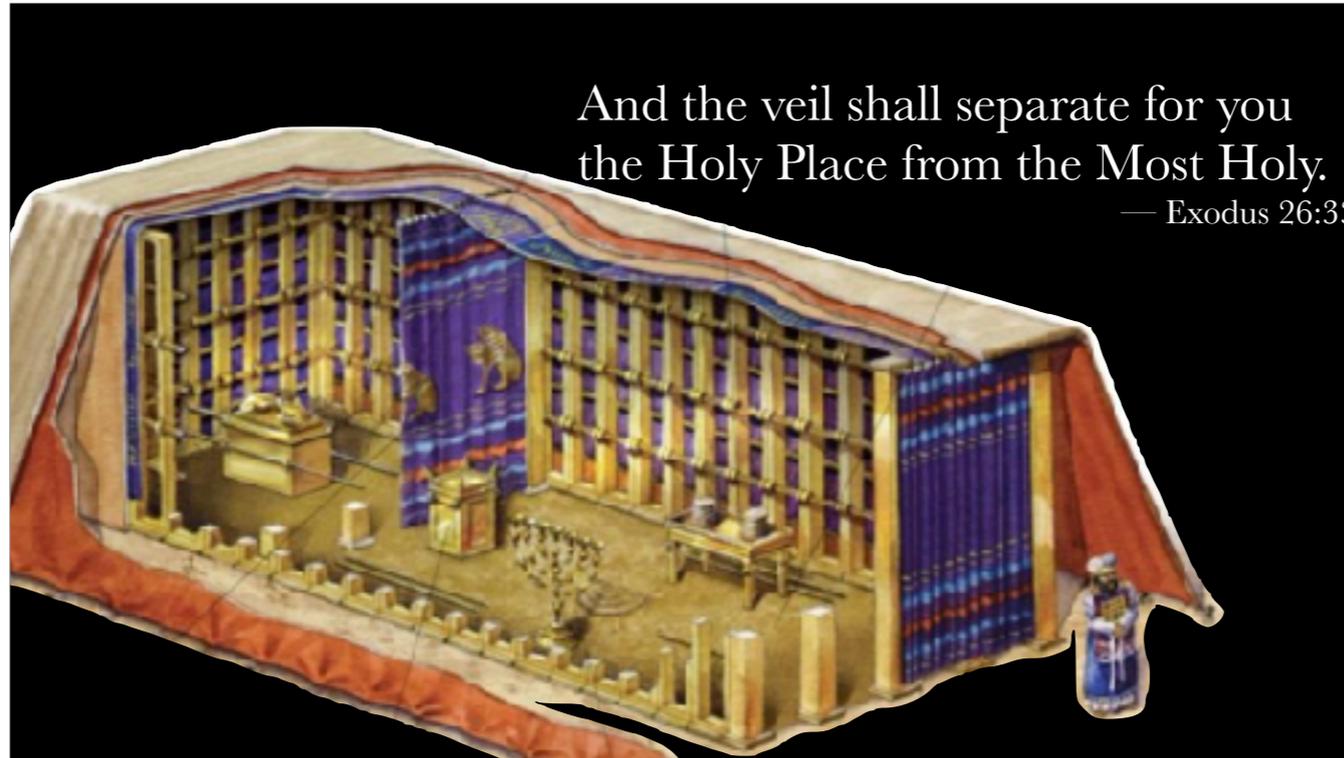
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- How not feel like Isaiah: Woe is me!



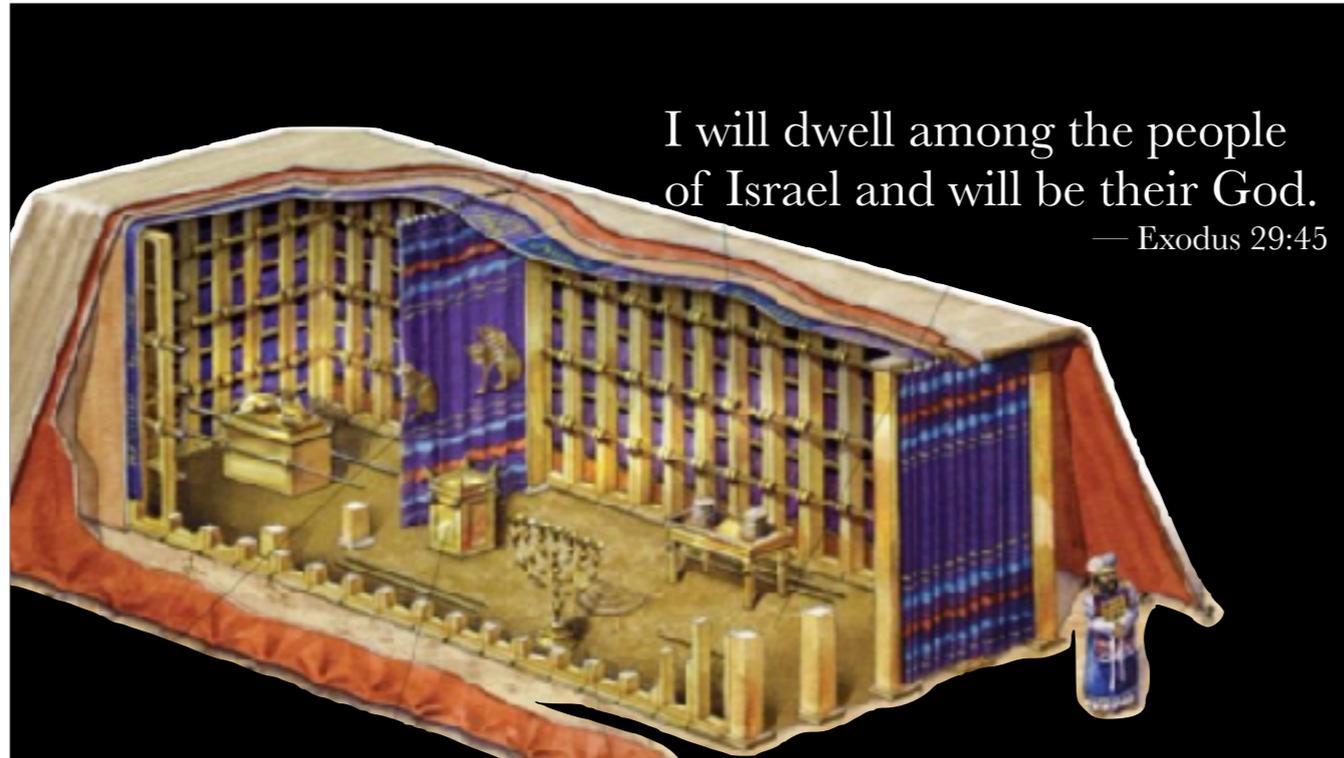
- Maybe there's more to holiness than just
- separation, sacred, set apart
- Back to the garden



- Genesis 3:8: And they heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden.
- Tabernacle...



- Exodus 26:33: And you shall hang the veil from the clasps, and bring the ark of the testimony in there within the veil. And the veil shall separate for you the Holy Place from the Most Holy.



- Exodus 29:43-46: There I will meet with the people of Israel, and it shall be sanctified by my glory. 44 I will consecrate the tent of meeting and the altar. Aaron also and his sons I will consecrate to serve me as priests. 45 I will dwell among the people of Israel and will be their God. 46 And they shall know that I am the Lord their God, who brought them out of the land of Egypt that I might dwell among them. I am the Lord their God

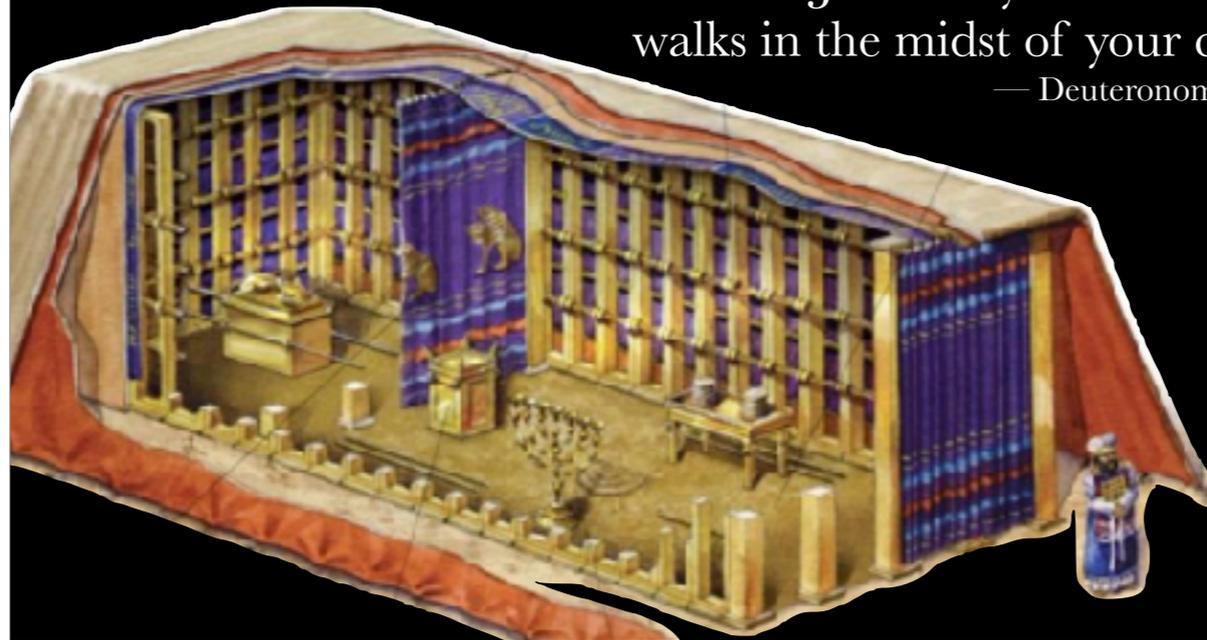
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people.

Leviticus 26:11-12



- Leviticus 26:11-12: I will make my dwelling among you, and my soul shall not abhor you. 12 And I will walk among you and will be your God, and you shall be my people
- dwelling among you
- walk among you (reminds us of the garden!)
- My soul shall not abhor you.

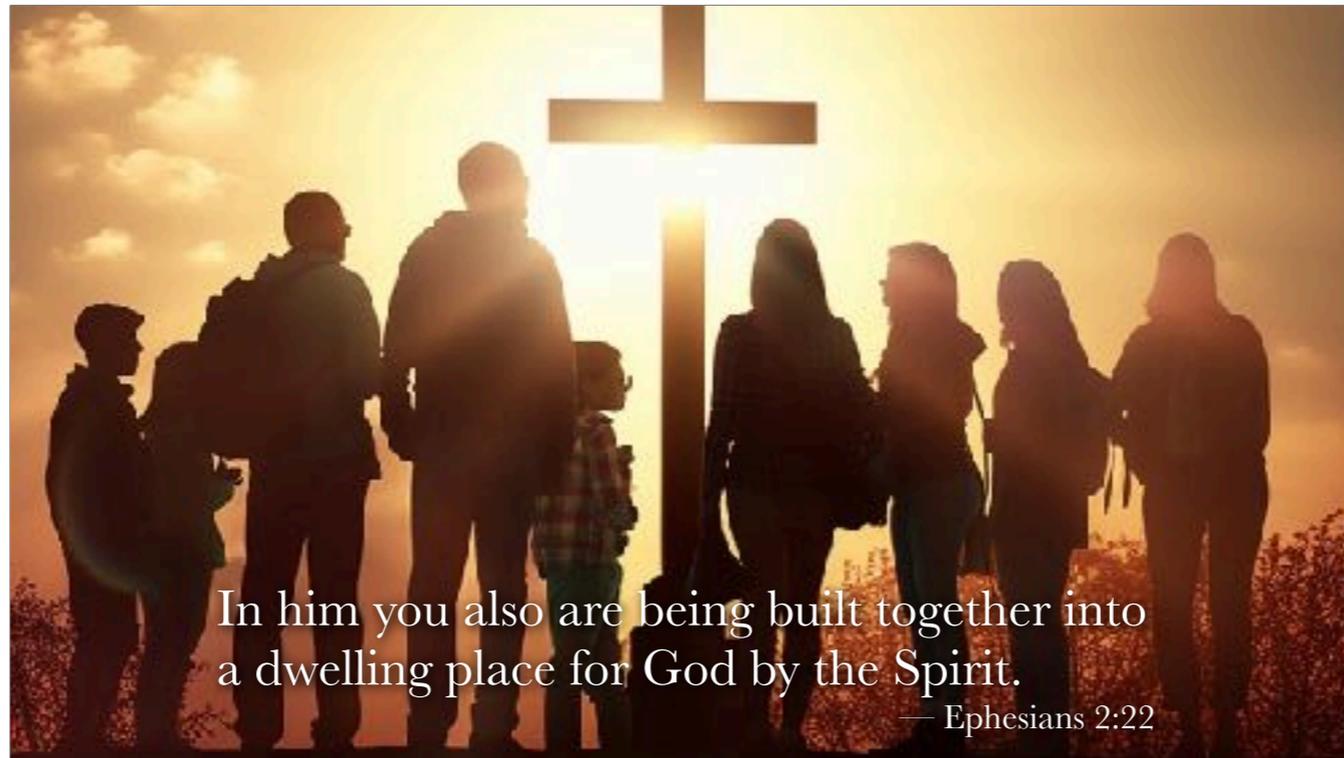
Because Jehovah your God
walks in the midst of your camp
— Deuteronomy 23:14



- Deuteronomy 23:14: Because the Lord your God walks in the midst of your camp, to deliver you and to give up your enemies before you, therefore your camp must be holy,
 - so that he may not see anything indecent among you and turn away from you.
- Jesus (Immanuel)

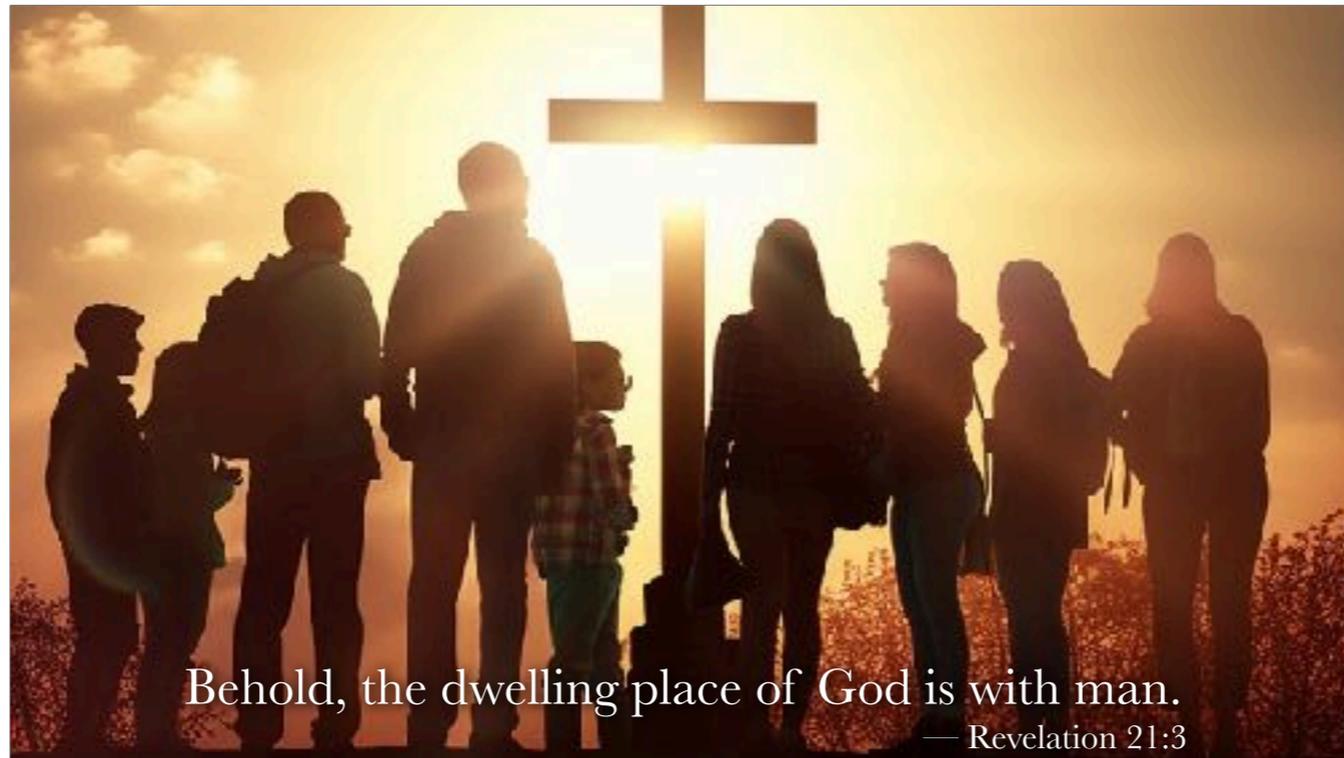


- Matthew 1:23: “Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel” (which means, God with us).
- Jesus’ people, church... (us!)



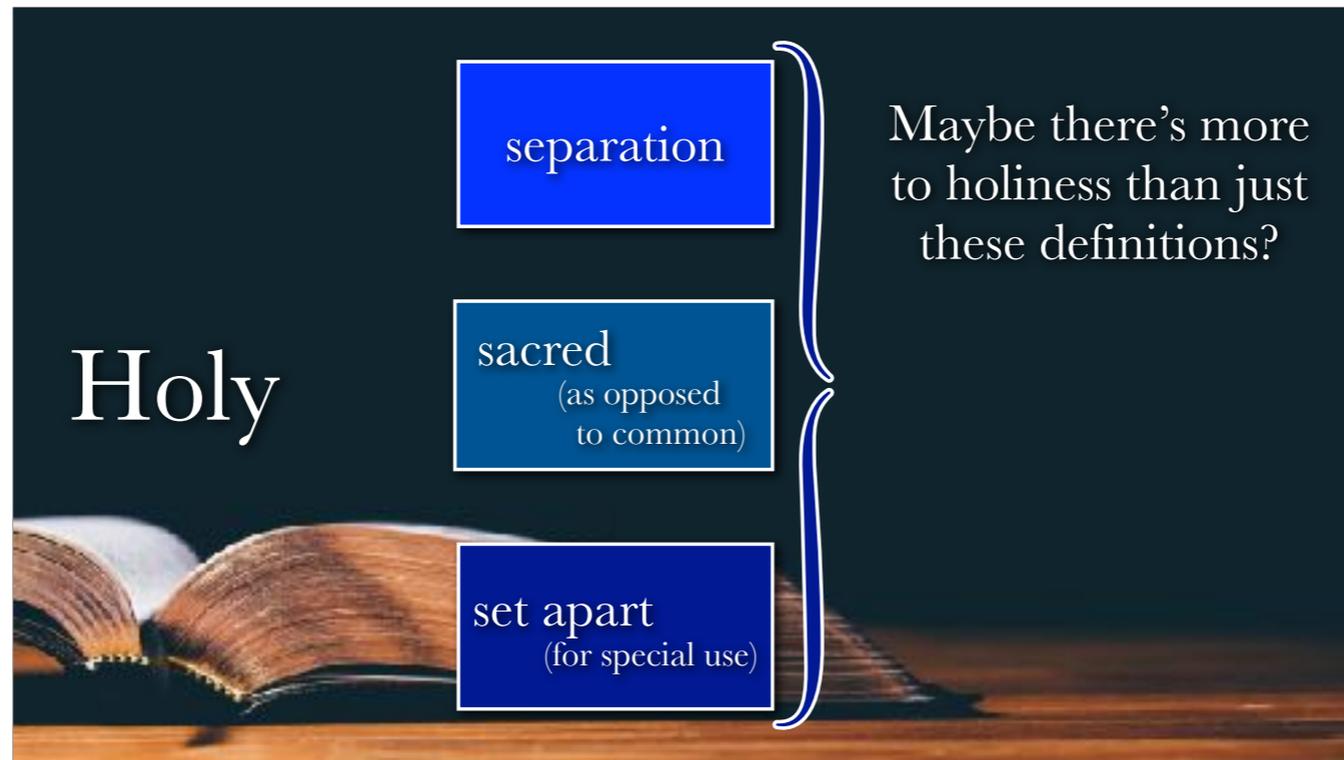
In him you also are being built together into
a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.
— Ephesians 2:22

- Ephesians 2:19-22: So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, 20 built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, 21 in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. 22 In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit

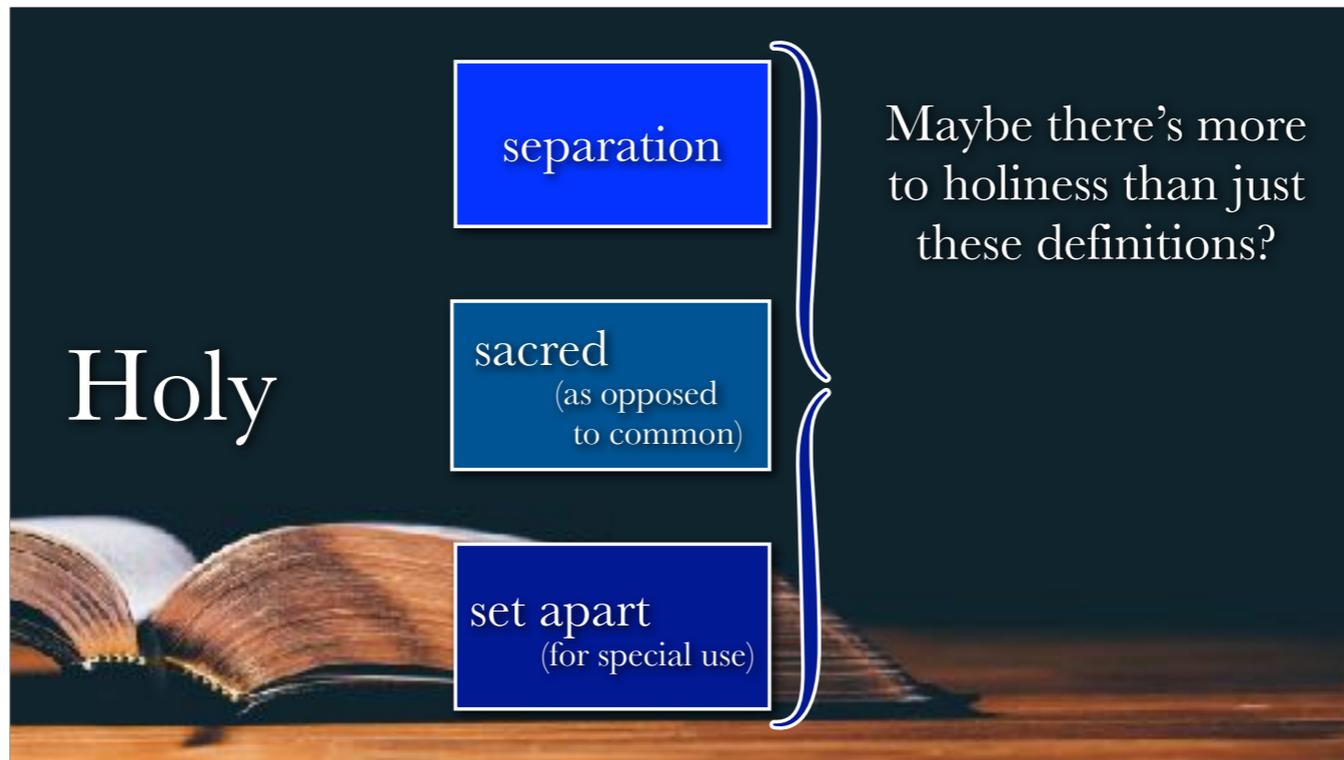


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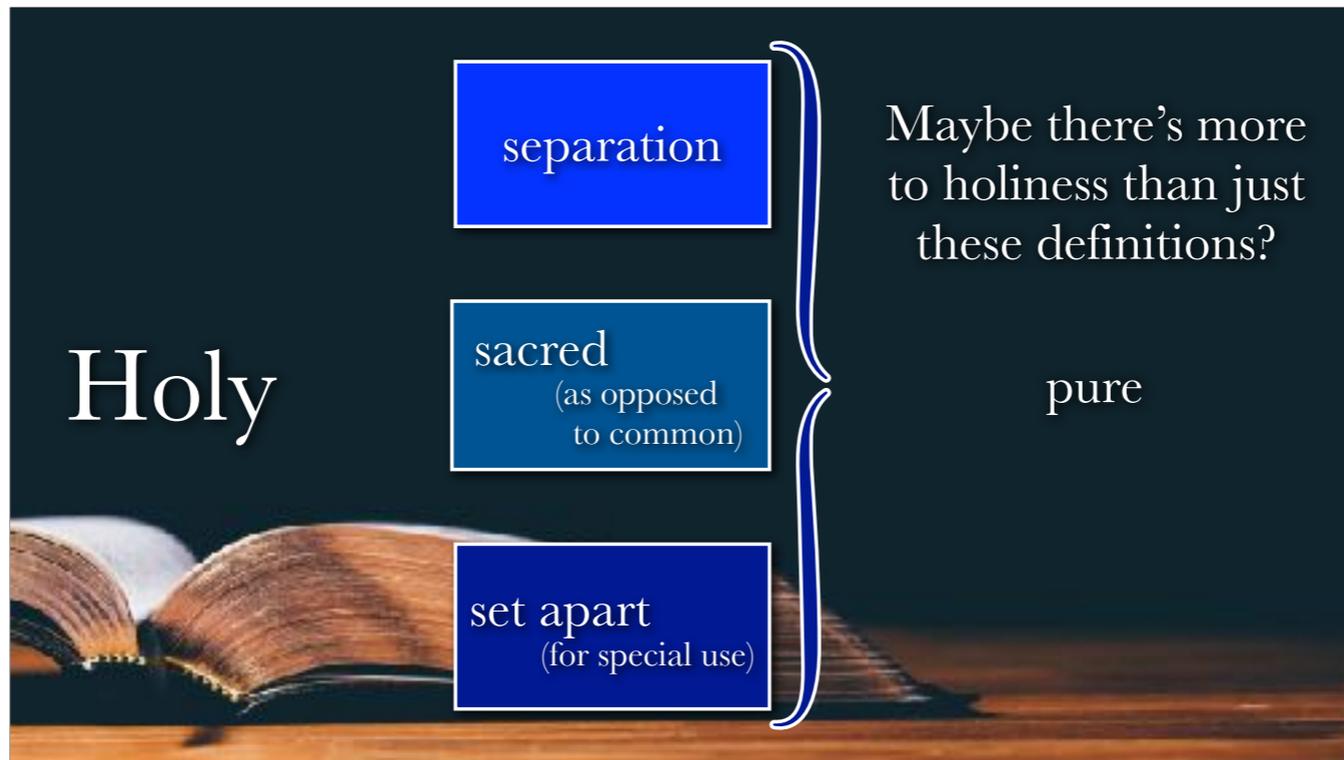
- Revelation 21:3: And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God.



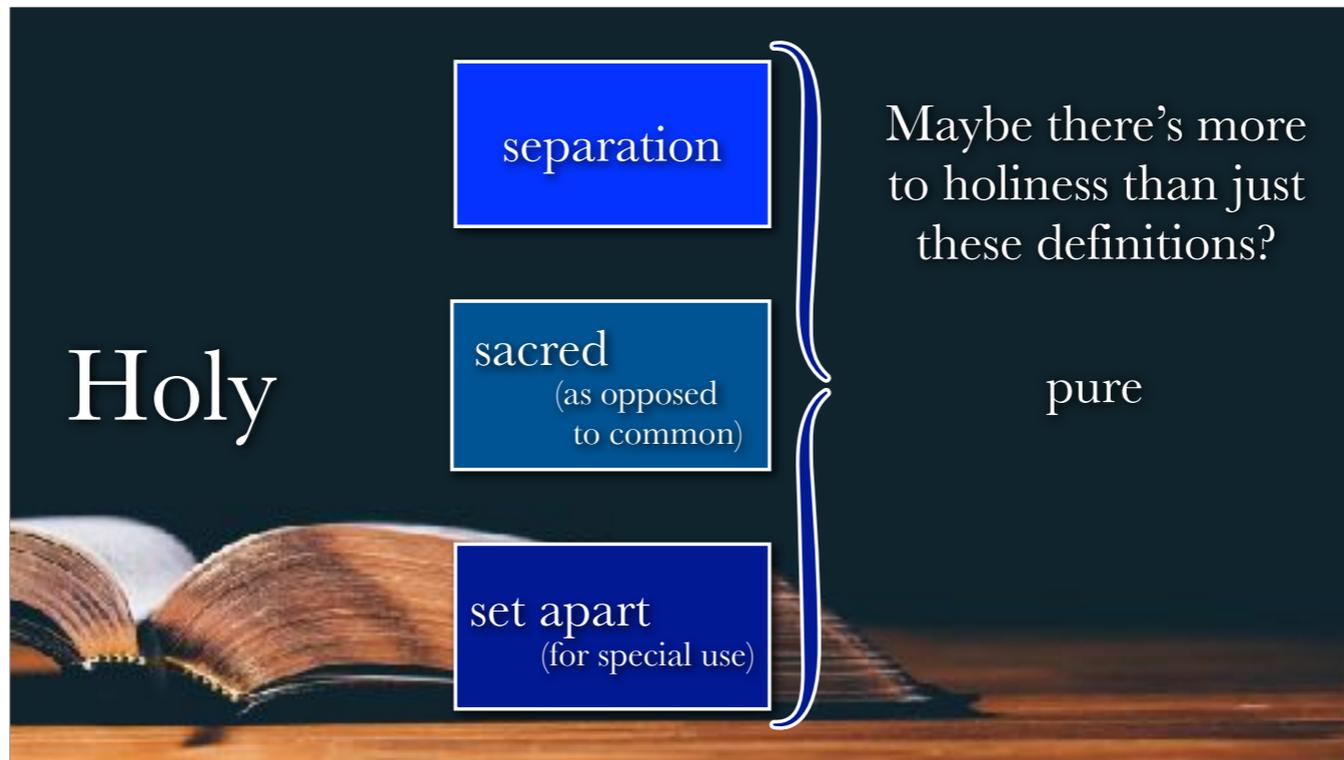
- The Holy God.
- Of course, God recoils from sin: holiness hates what is evil.
- The “Separated” God?
 - There’s a sense of that, certainly, because of his transcendence
 - the ark of the covenant in the holy of holies makes that clear.
 - But we’ve also seen that there’s more to it than just separation.
 - From what we’ve seen: he dwells among us and walks among us



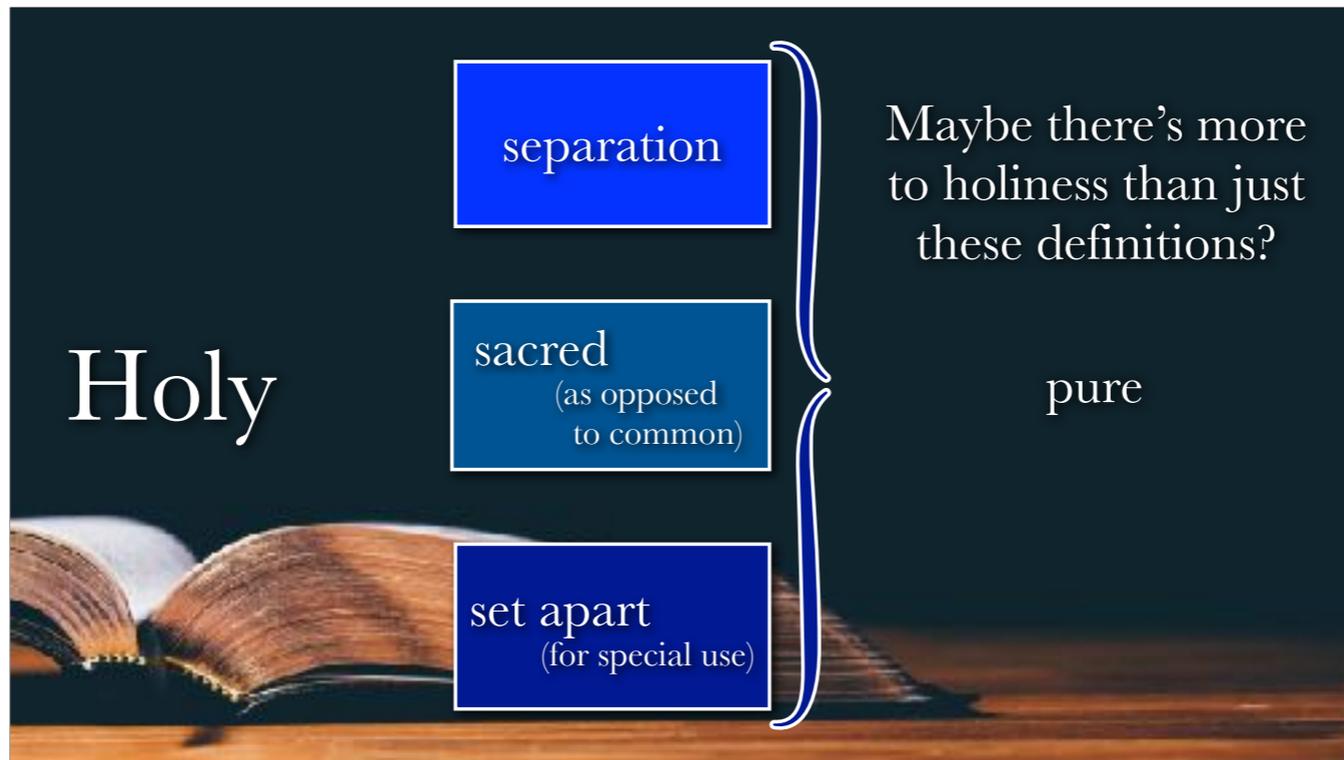
- Although holy,
 - He wants us to be with Him!
 - And He wants to be with us!



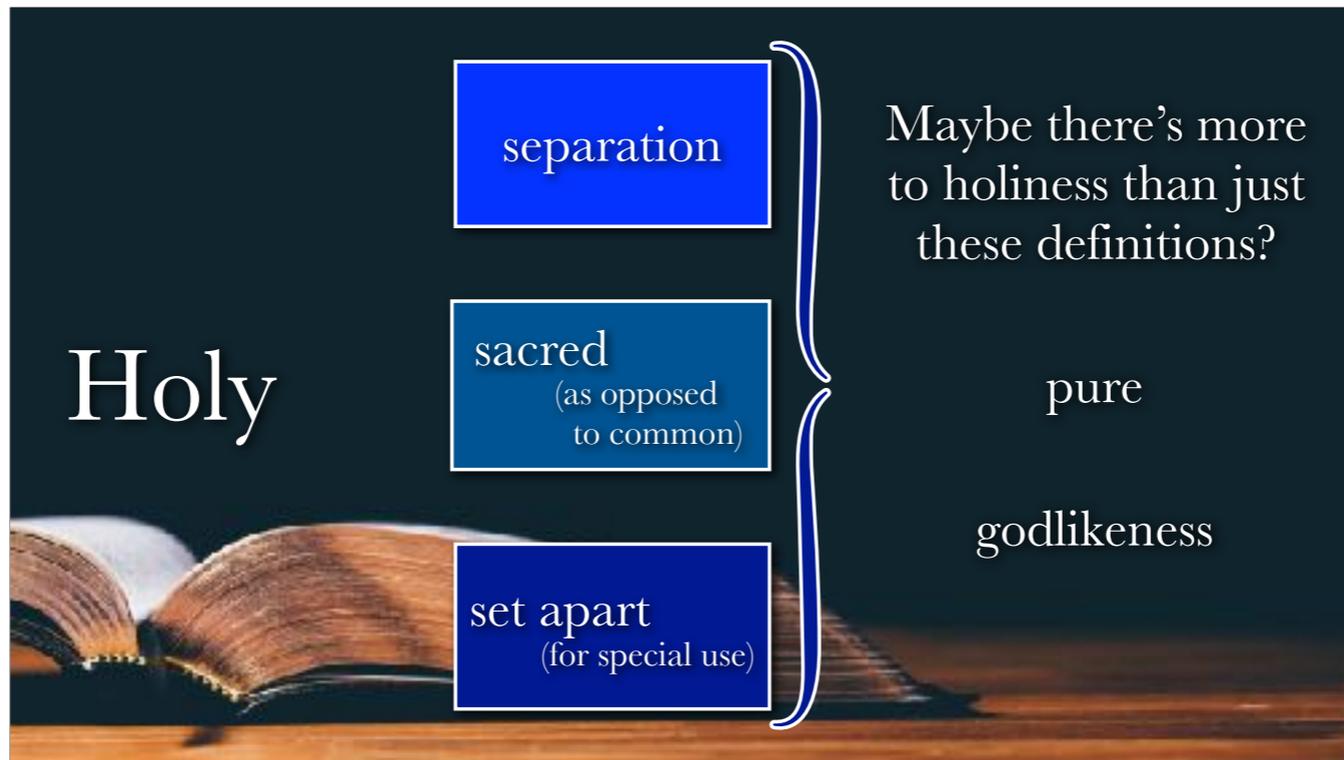
- Vine: The one signifies “pure” and “devoted,”
 - But even that is too narrow: of course our God is righteous, pure like no one else.



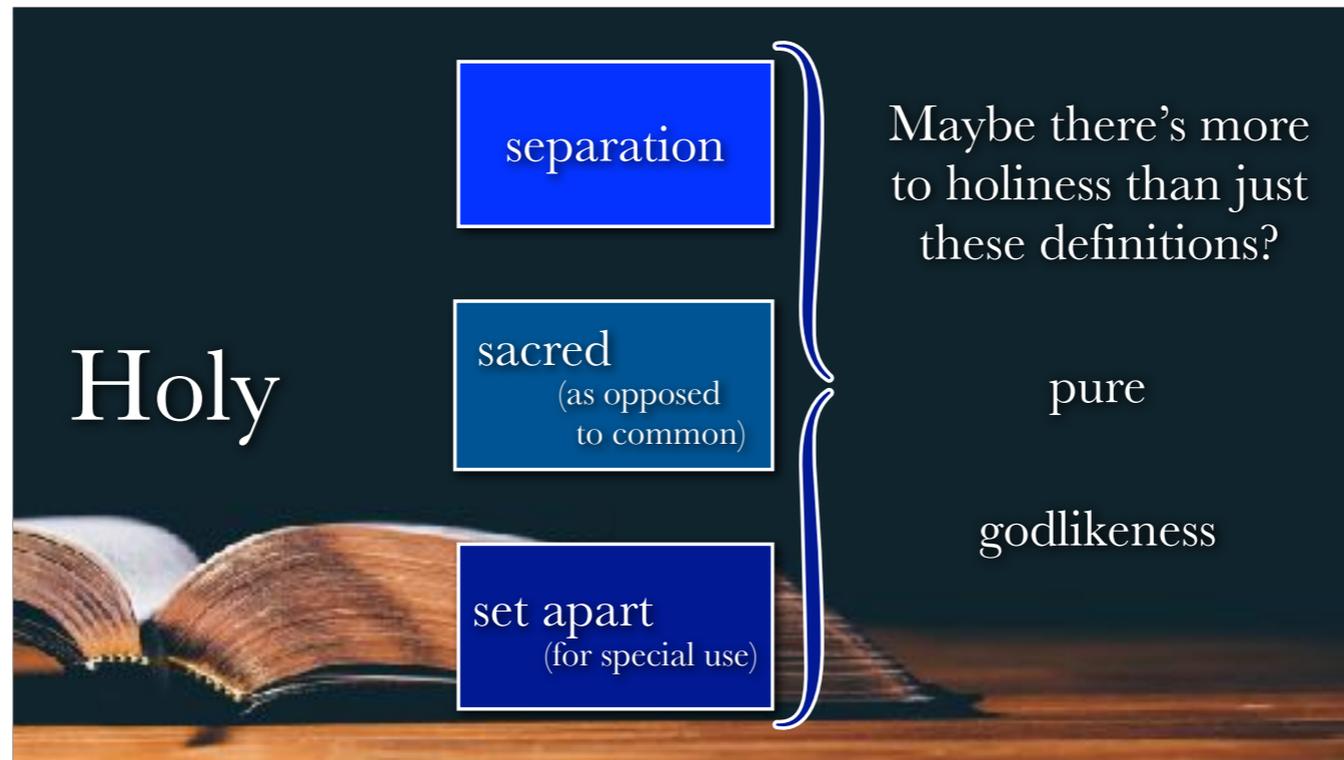
- Vine (quoting Stevens): “It is evident that hagios and its kindred words...
 - express something more and higher than hieros, sacred, outwardly associated with God;



- ... something more than *semnos*, worthy, honorable;
- something more than *hagnos*, pure, free from defilement.



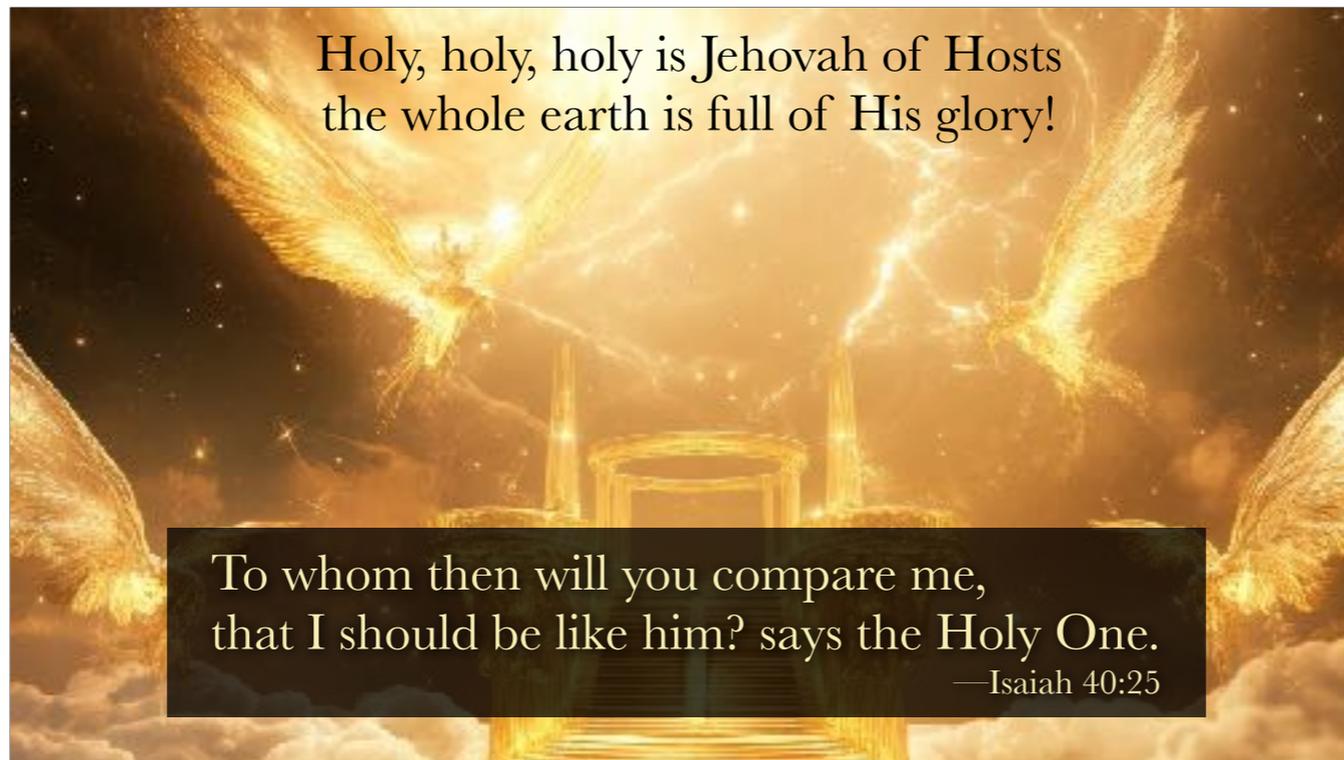
- Hagios is... more comprehensive.... It is characteristically godlikeness”
- (G. B. Stevens, in Hastings’ Bib. Dic.).



- McGuiggan:

- His “holiness” means that he is beyond all.
- He is higher, grander, more majestic and glorious than we can imagine,
 - so that his holiness is his transcendence rather than any one quality in or of him.

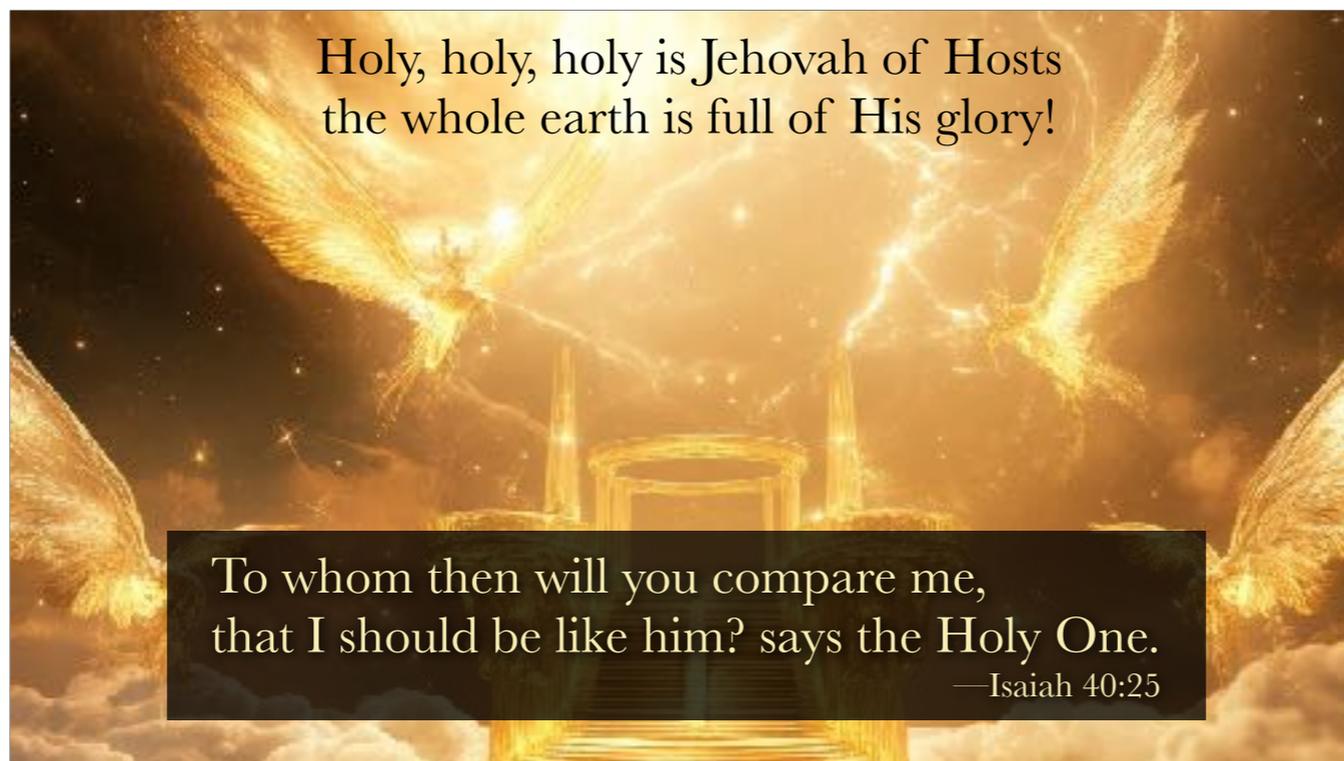
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—Isaiah 40:25

- Isaiah 40:25: To whom then will you compare me, that I should be like him? says the Holy One.
- He is DIFFERENT AND ABOVE ALL ELSE. (McGuigan).
- Transcendent



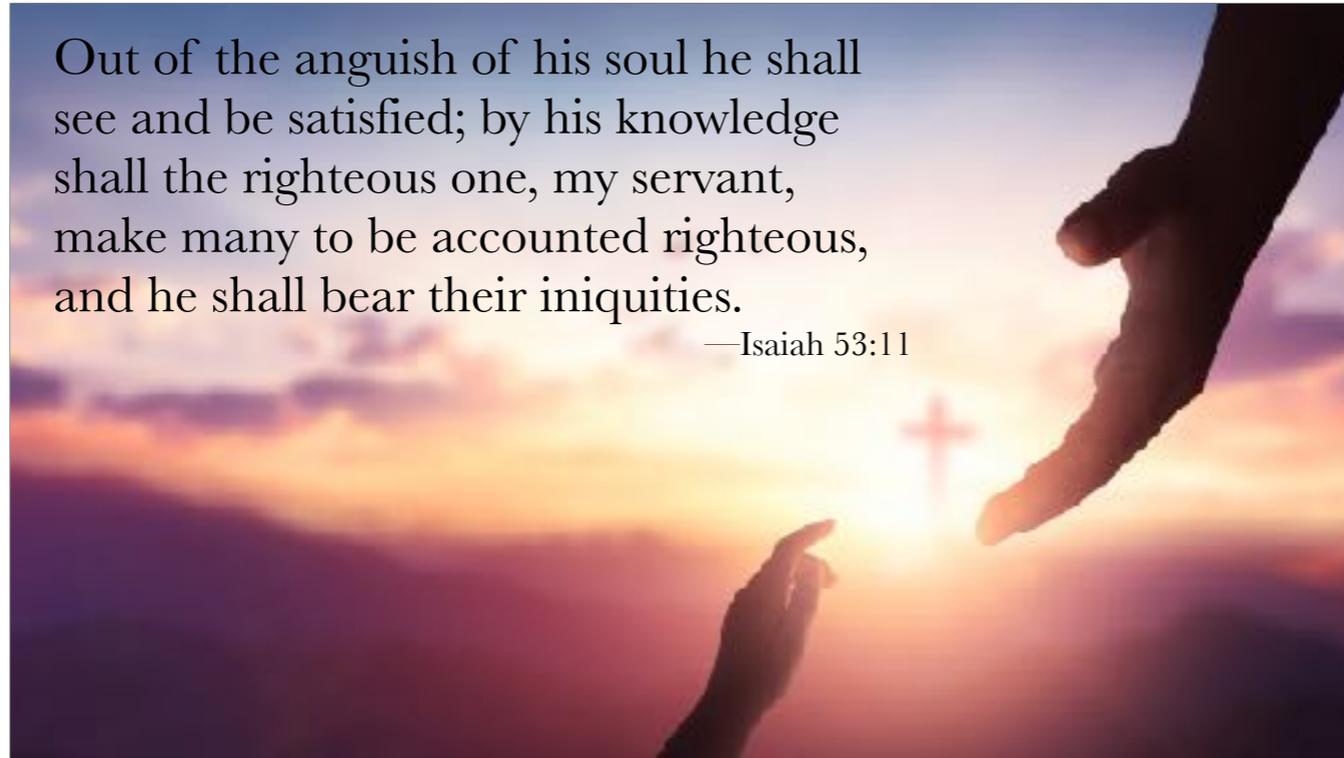
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- That the Holy God, without comparison, desires us to be like Him and therefore we can be with Him and He with us: astonishing.
- Isaiah's sin and guilt taken away by a holy God who loved him.
- And then he went among his people
 - teaching them about their sin

Out of the anguish of his soul he shall see and be satisfied; by his knowledge shall the righteous one, my servant, make many to be accounted righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities.

—Isaiah 53:11



- prophesying of the coming Messiah: atonement

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We implore you
on behalf of Christ,
be reconciled to God.

2 Corinthians 5:20

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The Holy One

Isaiah 6:1-7

Synopsis: What does holy mean? Often define as separation, sacred, set apart. What does it mean to be holy like He is holy? All are true, but there's more to holiness, seeing that our God desires to be with us. God is holy in that He is greater than, more worthy than, higher than anyone or anything else.

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