

Strengthen Thy Brethern

Lesson 7 – Be Strong In Holiness

Isaiah 6:1-3 ¹ In the year that king Uzziah died I saw **also the Lord** sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up, and his train filled the temple. ² Above it stood the seraphims: each one had six wings; with twain he covered his face, and with twain he covered his feet, and with twain he did fly. ³ And one cried unto another, and said, **Holy, holy, holy**, is the LORD of hosts: the whole earth is full of his glory.

John 12:41 ⁴¹ These things said Esaias, when he saw his glory, and spake of him.

Revelation 19:11-16 ¹¹ And I saw heaven opened, and **behold a white horse**; and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war. ¹² His **eyes were as a flame of fire**, and on his head were many crowns; and he had a name written, that no man knew, but he himself. ¹³ And he was clothed **with a vesture dipped in blood**: and his name is **called The Word of God**. (John 1.1) ¹⁴ And the armies which were in heaven followed him upon white horses, **clothed in fine linen, white and clean**. ¹⁵ And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron: and he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God. ¹⁶ And he hath **on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS**.

Key Verses

1 Peter 1:10-12 ¹⁰ Of which salvation the prophets have enquired and searched diligently, who prophesied of the grace *that should come* unto you: ¹¹ Searching what, or what manner of time the Spirit of Christ which was in them did signify, when it testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ, and the glory that should follow. ¹² Unto whom it was revealed, that not unto themselves, but unto us they did minister the things, which are now reported unto you by them that have preached the gospel unto you with the Holy Ghost sent down from heaven; which things the angels desire to look into.

1 Peter 1:13-16 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**.

Holiness = Christ-likeness

Holy - basic meaning is to be **separated, set apart, and different**. Morally, it means **pure, sinless, righteous**, holy. It is something that God has set aside for Himself. Man cannot set it aside as holy. It has to be set aside by God Himself. Man's ability to be "holy" only comes for the fact that Jesus lives within them and through Him they can live holy lives.

Luke 1:35 ³⁵ And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also **that holy thing** which shall be born of thee **shall be called the Son of God**.

Biblical separation is to be separation to the Lord from the world.

"whatsoever things are *true, honest, just, pure, lovely, of good report*, virtue, praise, think on these things" ([Phil. 4:8](#)).

Note how clearly and simply Scripture states this: we are not to allow our thoughts to roam about and harbor thoughts of lust and worldliness. We are to focus our thoughts upon things of virtue and of praise.

Leviticus 11:45 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.***

Scripture is even more clear and forceful in another passage:

"For ***though we walk in the flesh***, we do not ***war*** after the flesh: (for the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but ***mighty through God*** to the pulling down of strong holds;) ***casting down*** imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and ***bringing into captivity every thought*** to the ***obedience of Christ***" ([2 Cor. 10:3-5](#)).

1. **Gird** up the loins of your mind. This means to **gather up all loose thoughts**; to gird up your mind and thoughts; **to concentrate and focus your attention upon your coming salvation**. During Peter's day men wore robes, and they wore a belt around their waist. When they were set on some strenuous action, they gathered up their robe and tightened it under the belt so that the robe would not flop around and hinder their work. The believer is to gather up the loins of his mind, gather up all the loose thoughts and focus and concentrate upon the grace and salvation of God. He is to strain to control every thought, to focus upon...

Holy living through putting on the armour of God

Ephesians 6:10-18 ¹⁰ Finally, my brethren, **be strong in the Lord**, and in the **power of his might**. ¹¹ Put on the **whole armour of God**, that ye may be able to **stand against the wiles of the devil**. ¹² For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against **principalities**, against **powers**, against **the rulers of the darkness** of this world, against **spiritual wickedness in high places**. ¹³ Wherefore take unto you the **whole armour of God**, that ye may be able to **withstand in the evil day**, and having done all, to stand. ¹⁴ **Stand** therefore, having your **loins girt** about with **truth**, and having on the **breastplate** of **righteousness**; ¹⁵ And your **feet** shod with the **preparation of the gospel of peace**; ¹⁶ Above all, taking the **shield** of **faith**, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. ¹⁷ And take the **helmet** of **salvation**, and the **sword of the Spirit**, which is the **word of God**: ¹⁸ **Praying always** with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints;

2. **Sober** means two things:

⇒ Not **to become intoxicated with drugs** or **alcohol** of any kind.

⇒ To be **sober in mind and behavior**; to **be controlled in all things**; not to be given over to indulgence, license, or extravagance.

The believer is to be sober as he pursues the coming grace and salvation of God.

The believer is to **live a well-balanced life**. He is to be **sober, controlled, solid, and steady**. He is to keep all things in the proper place. He is to be sober, focused and concentrated upon the grace and salvation of God.

"Therefore **let us not sleep**, as do others; but **let us watch and be sober**. For they that sleep sleep in the night; and they that be drunken are drunken in the night. But let us, **who are of the day, be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love**; and for an helmet, the hope of salvation" ([1 Thes. 5:6-8](#)).

"For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, teaching us that, **denying ungodliness and worldly lusts**, we should **live soberly, righteously, and godly**, in this present world; looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ" ([Titus 2:11-13](#)).

The Mind of the Holy Life

Our minds are a battle zone for the devil

*1 Peter 5:8*⁸ *Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:*

Hebrews 4:12¹² For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

"I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God" ([Romans 12:1-2](#)).

2 Timothy 4:10¹⁰ For Demas hath forsaken me, having loved this present world, and is departed unto Thessalonica; Crescens to Galatia, Titus unto Dalmatia.

Colossians 1:21-22²¹ And you, that were sometime alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now hath he reconciled²² In the body of his flesh through death, to present you holy and unblameable and unproveable in his sight:

1 Corinthians 6:15-20¹⁵ Know ye not that your bodies are the members of Christ? shall I then take the members of Christ, and make them the members of an harlot? God forbid.¹⁶ What? know ye not that he which is joined to an harlot is one body? for two, saith he, shall be one flesh.¹⁷ But he that is joined unto the Lord is one spirit.¹⁸ Flee fornication. Every sin that a man doeth is without the body; but he that committeth fornication sinneth against his own body.¹⁹ What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?²⁰ For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.

The Manner of the Holy Life

John 1:12 ¹² But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, *even* to them that believe on his name:

Romans 8:13-18 ¹³ For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live. ¹⁴ For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God. ¹⁵ For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father. ¹⁶ The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God: ¹⁷ And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with *him*, that we may be also glorified together. ¹⁸ For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.

2 Corinthians 5:17-21 ¹⁷ Therefore if any man be in Christ, *he is* a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new. ¹⁸ And all things *are* of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation; ¹⁹ To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation. ²⁰ Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech *you* by us: we pray *you* in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God. ²¹ For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.

Romans 6:1-2 ¹ What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound? ² God forbid. How shall we, that are dead to sin, live any longer therein?

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 (unity) 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 (Isaiah 52:11-12), 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, saith the Lord Almighty.

The Motive for the Holy Life

Our motive should be one of thankfulness and love for Christ.

John 14:15-17 ¹⁵ If ye love me, keep my commandments. ¹⁶ And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever; ¹⁷ *Even* the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.

Colossians 1:27 ²⁷ To whom God would make known what *is* the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory:

Psalm 100:1-5 ¹ Make a joyful noise unto the LORD, all ye lands. ² Serve the LORD with gladness: come before his presence with singing. ³ Know ye that the LORD he *is* God: *it is* he *that* hath made us, and not we ourselves; *we are* his people, and the sheep of his pasture. ⁴ Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, *and* into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, *and* bless his name. ⁵ For the LORD *is* good; his mercy *is* everlasting; and his truth *endureth* to all generations.

Psalm 105:1-4 ¹ O give thanks unto the LORD; call upon his name: make known his deeds among the people. ² Sing unto him, sing psalms unto him: talk ye of all his wondrous works. ³ Glory ye in his holy name: let the heart of them rejoice that seek the LORD. ⁴ Seek the LORD, and his strength: seek his face evermore.

Be Strong in His Holiness

Psalm 99:1-9 ¹ The LORD reigneth; let the people tremble: he sitteth *between* the cherubims; let the earth be moved. ² The LORD is great in Zion; and he *is* high above all the people. ³ Let them praise thy great and terrible (awesome) name; for it is holy. ⁴ The king's strength also loveth judgment; thou dost establish equity, thou executest judgment and righteousness in Jacob. ⁵ Exalt ye the LORD our God, and worship at his footstool; for he is holy. ⁶ Moses and Aaron among his priests, and Samuel among them that call upon his name; they called upon the LORD, and he answered them. ⁷ He spake unto them in the cloudy pillar: they kept his testimonies, and the ordinance *that* he gave them. ⁸ Thou answeredst them, O LORD our God: thou wast a God that forgavest them, though thou tookest vengeance of their inventions. ⁹ Exalt the LORD our God, and worship at his holy hill; for the LORD our God is holy.