

“Entering into the Holiness of the Father”

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Your notes:

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This is a brief explanation of the LORD’s (יהוה) holiness. This applies to today!

It is absolutely imperative that every follower of Yeshua understand the Levitical priesthood, so that we can understand His holiness.

Most disciples of Yeshua think of His holiness as “good vs. bad” or “right vs. wrong” or “righteousness vs. sin.” We must remember that God’s ways are not our ways, especially when it comes to holiness...

יהוה requires that we understand His holiness.

The chart below is a simplified explanation of Holiness, which we will be examining in more depth throughout this study:

| God’s Chart of What is Holiness | | | |
|---------------------------------|--------------------|-------------|---------------------------|
| Holy | Common | Clean | Unclean |
| Presence of YHVH | Clean or unclean | Clean, pure | Defiled, polluted, impure |
| Sacred | Covenant Believers | | |

“You are to distinguish between the **holy** and the **common**, and between the **unclean** and the **clean**,” [Lev 10:10]

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| Holy, sacred | וְלִהְיוּ לְךָ קִדְשֵׁי |
| Common | וְיָבִין הַחֵל |
| Unclean, impure, defiled | וְיָבִין הַטָּמֵא |
| Clean, pure | וְיָבִין הַטָּהוֹר: |

The concept of Holiness (foundational structure)

The priestly function is: “You are to distinguish between the holy and the common and between the unclean and the clean” [Lev 10:10 ESV]

Many of the priests of YHVH’s Temple did not follow His Commandments nor Ordinances.

²⁶ Her priests have done violence to my law [Torah] and have profaned my holy things. They have made no distinction between the holy and the common, neither have they taught the difference between the unclean and the clean, and they have disregarded my Sabbaths, so that I am profaned among them. [Ezekiel 22:26 ESV]

These priests did not distinguish between the sacred (holy) and the common. Not distinguishing brought about the desecration of the name, יהוה; this instituted “violence.” Sin brought about the destruction of the Temple of יהוה and consequently the destruction Israel.

The lack of holiness practiced by His Covenant people caused God to abandon His Temple & to separate Himself from those who do not obey. The Scripture states, “Strive for peace with everyone, and for the holiness without which no one will see the LORD”. [Hebrews 12:14 ESV]

Today, all disciples of Yeshua are made priests. This teaching is to warn us, as priests, not to violate His Commandments nor His Ordinances.

It should be noted that every Disciple of Yeshua is declared to be a part of “a kingdom of priests and a Holy Nation.” [Exodus 19:6 ESV. The following verses refer to Exodus 19:6; Isaiah 61:6; 1 Peter 2:9; Revelation 1:6]

Obedience vs Disobedience

1. When we obey **His Commandments**, we walk in righteousness. And when we disobey His Commandments, we walk in sin.
2. However, when we obey **His Ordinances***, we become “clean.” When we disobey His ordinances, we become “unclean/defiled.” (* “Ordinations” often are a further explanation, or refinement, of His Commandments)

Obeying His Commandments & His Ordinances enable us to enter the presence of God.

Note: We are looking at obedience vs disobedience to “God’s Commandments” (vs breaking God’s Torah/Laws) and “God’s Ordinances” (vs uncleanness/impurities).

“Unclean acts” cannot be overlooked. They make us defiled and unclean before YHVH; if we do not make right with God, these “unclean acts” will become sin! Nevertheless, do not forget God’s Word, we are to

“Strive for peace with everyone, and **for the holiness without which no one will see the LORD**. See to it that no one fails to obtain the grace of God; that no “root of bitterness” springs up and causes trouble, and by it many become defiled” [Hebrews 12:14-15 ESV]

We must remember that God’s agenda is to develop every aspect of each individual’s character. If we don’t fully understand and walk in obedience to His Commandments & Ordinances, we are unable to enter the presence of God through Yeshua, our High Priest.

Yeshua’s Explanations:

Let us look at Yeshua’s words in Matthew 5:21-26:

²¹“You have heard that it was said to those of old, ‘You shall not murder; and whoever murders will be liable to judgment.’ ²²But I [Yeshua] say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment; whoever insults his brother will be liable to the council [court; Sanhedrin]; and whoever says, ‘You fool!’ will be liable to the hell of fire.²³ So if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, ²⁴leave your gift there before the altar and go. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift. ²⁵Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are going with him to court, lest your accuser hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you be put in prison. ²⁶Truly, I say to you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny. [Matthew 5:21-26 ESV]

And in Matthew 5:43-48:

⁴³“You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’ ⁴⁴But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, ⁴⁵so that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven. For He makes His sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust. ⁴⁶For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? ⁴⁷And if you greet only your brothers, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same? ⁴⁸You therefore must be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect. [Matthew 5:43-48 ESV]

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We need to remember that we must obey His Commandments & Ordinances, which make us “clean,” & are enabled to enter the “Holy & Sacred” presence of the Father. Thereby we become like-minded with the Father & the Son in our intents, thoughts, & actions so that we may enter His presence.

⁷For God has not called us for impurity, but in holiness. [1 Thes 4:7 ESV]