

Holy Ground - Response Guide

Exodus 3:1-6; 4:24-26

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- What does “holy” mean?
- Give several examples of something that is holy? What makes those things holy?
- What determines whether or not something/someone is holy?
- Read Exodus 3:1-6. What insight do these verses give regarding holiness?

You are called to be holy.

1. God sets you apart.

“The Lord is holy not as one of His qualities but as a summary of all His qualities as the Only God who made the universe and who is separate from all His creation, is unchangingly true to who He is, and is totally dedicated to His purposes so that nothing can sidetrack Him. With this He is totally separated from all evil, which may be defined as what is opposed to His nature.”

– Roger Cotton

- What made the ground around the burning bush “holy”?
- What does this idea of “holy ground” teach us about God? Why does God need a “buffer zone”?
- What are some examples from our culture that exemplify this aspect of holiness: letting some things in but keeping other things out?
- Who defines “holiness” in these cultural settings? Who defines “holiness” for a Christian?
- Where did Jesus say that God’s holy ground is now? (see John 4:21-24 for a hint)

“Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.” **1 Corinthians 6:19–20**

- Holiness means being set apart for God’s purposes. It is undivided devotion. Is that how you’ve understood holiness in your life?
- Does your life exemplify undivided devotion?
- Have you attempted to be friends with the world and friendly with God?

- God has set you apart. You are His holy ground. Don't try to mix the holy and the unholy.

2. God sanctifies you.

- What does the image of fire at the burning bush and throughout the rest of the Bible teach us about holiness?
- What does that have to do with "sanctification," the process of being purified or, made holy?
- Read Exodus 4:24-26. I'm sure this story has you asking all kinds of questions. But in its basics, what does it show us about salvation? (see Ephesians 2:3)
- How is Moses' experience in these verses reflected in the lives of believers? (see Col. 2:11-12)
- How do Christians "put off the flesh"? (Hint: it's not through circumcision of the flesh. See Rom. 2:29)
- Sometimes, God confronts us because of our lack of holiness, much like he confronted Moses. Do you take those confrontations seriously or flippantly?
- Are you cooperating with God's sanctifying work in your life or resisting it?

3. God adopts you.

- Read Exodus 4:22-23. What insight do you gain from these verses that can be applied to holiness?
- God has adopted you as His child. What new light does this cast on holiness?

When you believe in Jesus, you are adopted into His family and He begins to pass His character on to you. That's holiness. So when you think of holiness, don't dread it; embrace it. When the Holy Spirit confronts your sin in action or attitude, embrace it as God's grace.

Conclusion

- What habits of the flesh do you need to put aside in order to draw near to God?
- How will you consecrate your life to His call, with a single minded devotion toward Him?
- Has the Holy Spirit been confronting you about something? How have you responded?

