



Grace Assembly Of God

CHAPTER-BY-CHAPTER BIBLE READING DEVOTIONAL

Scripture:	Leviticus 19	Title:	Holiness is Christlikeness
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Summary of Chapter	Chapter 19 is a counterpart to the Ten Commandments and defines holiness in great detail. The chapter is a picture of what holiness looks like in the everyday lives of the Israelites, from honouring parents, observing the Sabbath, and demonstrating honesty, kindness, compassion and justice in their relationships with others. The laws give a window into God's heart for the poor and afflicted.		

Key Verse(s)	How does it speak to me?
19 <i>The Lord also said to Moses, ² "Give the following instructions to the entire community of Israel. You must be holy because I, the Lord your God, am holy.....³⁷ "You must be careful to keep all of my decrees and regulations by putting them into practice. I am the Lord."</i>	<p>Today, Christians are redeemed by the precious blood of the Lamb, Jesus Christ, and we too are called to live holy lives. I used to think of holiness as a list of "do not's" – but this chapter shows that holiness is also being like God by actively loving my neighbour, having compassion on the lost and being just and merciful in my relationships. Jesus Christ fulfilled all the Law and is the image of the invisible God. Thus, to be holy is to be like Jesus. And that is God's goal in the lifelong process of sanctification – Christlike character.</p> <p>How can we grow in purity, love, compassion and mercy? Only God can do the work of transforming our hearts to be like Jesus, so abiding in Christ and having a consistent prayer life is vital.</p> <p>Some of you may remember that I shared in my last devotional that I struggled with evangelism. As I came to the Lord in prayer over it, the Lord led me to sign up for an evangelism course, and during that course, God re-ignited my passion for the gospel and gave me greater compassion for the lost. The Holy Spirit wants to mould Christlike character in us, and when we cooperate with Him by obeying His leading, He will do that work of transforming us from the inside out.</p> <p>Holiness is not just about abstaining from sin, it is also about reflecting God's character of love, mercy and justice. We must cooperate with the Holy Spirit as He sanctifies us to make us holy. Holiness is Christlikeness as we live a life of surrender and obedience.</p>

APPLICATION REFLECTIONS

Adult:	What do you understand holiness to be? Where do you need to grow in Christlikeness?
Youth:	How can you be more like Jesus and show God's love, kindness and mercy to the people around you?
Child:	What is one action you can take today to show God's love to someone you know?

PRAYER

Praying Scripture:	Heavenly Father, thank you for redeeming us and making us Your people. Help us to be holy as You are holy. Help us cooperate with the Holy Spirit as He sanctifies us, so that as we reflect Your character to the world, more may come to know You and Your Son, Jesus Christ, the Saviour of the World.
Thanksgiving Prayer:	I/We thank you for _____ (e.g. delicious food we ate, places we went, prayer that was answered, etc)
Intercessory Prayer:	I/We want to pray for _____ (e.g. healing of sickness, family members, work or study, leaders, nation, etc)
Salvation Prayer:	I/We pray for the salvation of my/our unsaved loved ones _____ (add one name per day). In Jesus' Name I/we pray. Amen.