

The Book of 1 Peter
Chapter 1 Part 2, Verses 10-25
“Be Holy, For I Am Holy”

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If it were possible to peel back the covering that separates this physical world from the invisible world, we would see a realm that would probably Amaze us.

Gathered all around us here in this room we would see mighty angels of God sitting and hovering over us, praying, interceding, seeking to minister to us.

At the same time, a number of the demonic host, who are trying to do everything that they possibly can to discourage you, Distract you, and Dislodge you from Jesus, His love, and the fellowship of the believers here.

- ☞ **You therefore, cannot just come here on Sunday morning** or Wednesday evening and be a spectator, watching and listening to all that happens, without it having some effect upon you.

If we were able to see into the true nature of what is actually happening here this morning, we would see that Spiritual Warfare is being waged all around us.

- ☞ **The Battle is over you.** To preserve you and keep you close to Jesus and abiding in Him until He comes, and a Battle to get you so discouraged, Distracted and Dismayed over the things of your life, that you will no longer want to follow Jesus.
- ☞ **A battle to be Holy in all of our conduct and daily life,** verses just allowing our flesh to completely control us.

In the Book of 2 Kings, Elisha the prophet was the kind of guy that was in such close fellowship with the Lord that **he was surprised when the Lord didn't show him something.**

- ☞ **Now, we are just the opposite of this most of the time,** when the Lord does show us something, we are surprised.
- ☞ **“Man Lord, that is awesome, thank you for showing me this...”** We are so surprised when we actually hear God speaking.
- ☞ **Not Elisha, He always expected the Lord to show to him everything, so when He didn't see something, He was completely surprised.**

The King of Syria was very upset because Elisha had been telling the King of Israel everything that the king of Syria was planning to do against him...

2 Kings 6:8-17

8 Now **the king of Syria was making war against Israel**; and he consulted with his servants, saying, “My camp will be in such and such a place.”

9 And Elisha sent to the king of Israel, saying, “Beware that you do not pass this place, for the Syrians are coming down there.”

10 Then the king of Israel sent someone to the place of which Elisha had told him. Thus he warned him, and he was watchful there, not just once or twice.

The king of Syria realizes that the King of Israel knows his next move even before he has made it.

2 Kings 6:11

Therefore the heart of the king of Syria was greatly troubled by this thing; and he called his servants and said to them, “**Will you not show me which of us is for the king of Israel?**”

In other words, “*Which one of you is the spy that is telling the King of Israel all of my plans...*”

2 Kings 6:12

And one of his servants said, “**None, my lord, O king; but Elisha, the prophet who is in Israel, tells the king of Israel the words that you speak in your bedroom.**”

The kings of Syria has a servant that tells him, “*Hey my Lord, it is not any of us that is telling the King of Israel, it is the prophet Elisha that is telling the King of Israel all of your plans, he even knows what things you say to your wife in your own bedroom!*”

2 Kings 6:13-15

13 So the King of Syria said, “Go and see where he is, that I may send and get him.” And it was told him, saying, “Surely he is in Dothan.”

14 Therefore he sent horses and chariots and a great army there, and they came by night and surrounded the city.

15 And **when the servant of Elisha arose early and went out, there was an army, surrounding the city with horses and chariots. And his servant said to him, “Alas, my master! What shall we do?”**

So, as the king of Syria sends his troops after Elisha, they arrive outside the city of Dothan and they surround the entire city with their massive forces.

- ☞ **Elisha the prophet has a servant** that gets up early in the morning and looks out all around them and sees that they are completely surrounded by the king of Syria’s troops.
- ☞ **“Master”, Elisha’s servant says to him,** “*What are we going to do, the enemy has completely surrounded us?*”

2 Kings 6:16-17

16 So Elisha answered, “**Do not fear, for those who are with us are more than those who are with them.**”

17 And Elisha prayed, and said, “**LORD, I pray, open his eyes that he may see.**” **Then the LORD opened the eyes of the young man, and he saw. And behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha.**

“Do not fear, for those who are with us are more than those who are with them...”

- ☞ **The servant of Elisha was so preoccupied** with the enemy and the obstacles and the trial at hand, that he could not see that the Lord was also there and had already encamped his forces around the city.

A great spiritual battle was about to take place...and guess who is going to win?

- ☞ **Sometimes, we are like Elisha’s servant**, we are so focused on the enemy, so focused on our problem and our trial, that we can’t see with our spiritual eyes, that the Lord is there right in the midst of our trial, waging a battle for us.

The Book of Hebrews describes these angels that are encamped all around us today here in this sanctuary, that they are created and sent to you and I for one specific purpose:

Hebrews 1:7, 14

7 And of the angels He says:

“Who makes His angels spirits

And **His ministers a flame of fire**

14 **Are they not all ministering spirits sent forth to minister for those who will inherit salvation?**

Angels encamped here this morning to “Minister to those who will inherit salvation”

- ☞ **Jesus has sent to you His Angels**, hovering all around us, ready to wage battles for you, ready to make sure that you make it fully into the presence of God.

Like Elisha’s servant we pray, Lord open our eyes that we can see that there are more for us than are against us...”

- ☞ **This is how** our continuing study in 1 Peter begins this morning...

1 Peter 1

10 **Of this salvation the prophets have inquired and searched carefully**, who prophesied of **the grace that would come to you**,

11 searching what, or **what manner of time**, the Spirit of Christ who was in them was indicating when He testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ and the glories that would follow.

12 To them it was revealed that, **not to themselves, but to us they were ministering** the things which now have been reported to you through those who have preached the gospel to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven—things **which angels desire to look into.**

The Old Testament Prophets did not really understand that what the Lord was predicting through them was really for You and I here in this day and time.

- ☞ **Verse 11 says** that they really wanted to know when, what time, these things would happen, and what their purpose was, but most often, this was hidden from them.

When Daniel was given the most awesome Prophecy in the entire Bible of the Exact day that Jesus would ride into Jerusalem on the colt of a donkey and be proclaimed as the “**Meschich Nagid**”, “**The Messiah the Prince**”, Daniel had no idea what all that the Angel Gabriel had told him really meant.

Daniel 10:12-21

12 **Then Gabriel said to me, “Do not fear, Daniel,** for from the first day that you set your heart to understand, and to humble yourself before your God, your words were heard; and I have come because of your words.

13 But **the prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me twenty-one days;** and behold, **Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me,** for I had been left alone there with the kings of Persia.

14 Now **I have come to make you understand what will happen to your people in the latter days,** for the vision refers to many days yet to come.”

15 When he had spoken such words to me, I turned my face toward the ground and **became speechless.**

16 And suddenly, one having the likeness of the sons of men touched my lips; then I opened my mouth and spoke, saying to him who stood before me, “My lord, because of the vision my sorrows have overwhelmed me, and I have retained no strength.

17 For how can this servant of my lord talk with you, my lord? As for me, no strength remains in me now, nor is any breath left in me.”

18 Then again, the one having the likeness of a man touched me and strengthened me.

19 And he said, “O man greatly beloved, fear not! Peace be to you; be strong, yes, be strong!” So when he spoke to me I was strengthened, and said, “Let my lord speak, for you have strengthened me.”

20 Then he said, “Do you know why I have come to you? And now **I must return to fight with the prince of Persia; and when I have gone forth, indeed the prince of Greece will come.**

21 But **I will tell you what is noted in the Scripture of Truth.** (No one upholds me against these, except Michael your prince.

The angel then told Daniel the most amazing stories of how there would be 3 mighty world wide kingdoms that would come, **Nebuchadnezzar of the Babylonians, Cyrus of the Medes and Persians, Alexander the Great of the Grecian kingdom, and then the Roman Empire,** and finally a last world ruler who would be the **antichrist,** and have power and wisdom and might like the first 3 kings, who Jesus would come and destroy with the very words of His mouth...

Daniel was told of all the worlds major world wide kingdoms, the coming of the antichrist, and the coming of Jesus to destroy antichrist and the end of the Great Tribulation period.

☞ **But Daniel did not understand** all that the Lord was telling him.

Daniel 12:4-9

4 “But you, Daniel, **shut up the words, and seal the book until the time of the end;** many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall increase.”

8 Although I heard, I did not understand. **Then I said, “My lord, what shall be the end of these things?”**

9 And he said, **“Go your way, Daniel, for the words are closed up and sealed till the time of the end.**

Daniel, these things that I am telling you to record here in writing are not for you or your time, they are for the final generation that will be alive when Jesus returns to the earth...

“Go your way Daniel, the words are closed and sealed till the time of the end...”

- ☞ **You see**, we do not always understand everything that is happening to us in our life.
- ☞ **Sometimes there are things** that you are going through that are due to some tremendous spiritual battle raging all around you, that you cannot see.
- ☞ **Sometimes the things that are happening to you** are for an example for someone else to follow later, as you are able to tell them all that happened to you and how the Lord was faithful to deliver you and preserve you.

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13 Therefore **gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and rest your hope fully upon the grace that is to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ;**

14 as obedient children, not conforming yourselves to the former lusts, as in your ignorance;

15 but as **He who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct,**

16 because it is written, **“Be holy, for I am holy.”**

In the Old and New Testament, the men wore clothing that is much different that we wear today.

- ☞ **They didn’t have Hawaiian shirts** and shorts and the awesome sandals we have today.
- ☞ **The men of those days** wore a long garment down to the ground that resembled a long dress or “Moo Moo”.



When a man needed to run or move very quickly he would “**Gird up his loins**”.

- ☞ **The bottom of the clothing** would be pulled up and tucked under his belt, exposing his upper thigh and lower legs, freeing them to move freely when he ran.

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So, the idea here in verses 13–16 is to “Remove or put out of the way anything that might be hindering you from running your race with Jesus”

- ☞ **Gird up your mind:** What is there that you have been allowing your mind to dwell on that might be preventing you from running with Jesus and finishing with Him.
- ☞ **Are you thoughts** on His Word and Promises, or is your mind girded with thoughts and dwelling on your situation, your fears, what you think is going to happen or what you think cannot ever happen.
- ☞ **“Gird up your mind,** pull these negative thoughts away, expose your mind to the Word of God and His promises to you that He will Bless your life, Deliver you and that He has a future and a hope for you.
- ☞ **Gird up your mind from anything that impure** or evil, and dwell only on:

Philippians 4:8

...whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy—meditate on these things.

“and...Rest your hope fully upon the grace that is to be brought to you when Jesus comes...”

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15 but as He who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct,
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To “Conform” something is to Mold it and shape it into something.

- ☞ **Are we molding and shaping** ourselves into the same old life we used to live before Jesus revealed Himself to us and cause us to be “*Born Again...*”
- ☞ **Are we Molding and shaping ourselves** into the shape of this world, doing all the same things they are doing?

Or am I being conformed, Molded and shaped into a brand new life of Purity, righteousness and Holiness?

“He who called you is Holy, you also be holy in (MOST?) all of your conduct...”

- ☞ **We have been going through** a study on Wednesday nights in our “**Major Doctrines of the Bible**” study about “*Holiness*”.
- ☞ **We have learned** that the Word of God says that

...“Without Holiness no one will see the Lord...”

1. **First of All**, when we gave our lives to Jesus and He came to live inside of our heart, that **He Made Us Holy**.
2. **Jesus expects us then** to determine to begin to live a Holy life in all of our conduct and daily living.

Without these 2, no one will see the Lord...

- ☞ **So, first of all**, when you gave your life to Jesus, and exchange took place, your sins and unrighteousness were exchanged for Jesus perfect sinless life and Righteousness.
- ☞ **So that today**, the Father see you as perfect, Holy, without spot. Without Jesus Righteousness, you cannot be Righteous.
- ☞ **Second of All**, If a person is truly Born Again, **they will immediately begin to have this desire to be Holy in their conduct**.
- ☞ **They will want, crave, long for** purity, and a life that is pleasing to Jesus.

May I say to you that if a person claims to know Jesus as their Lord and Savior, but has no desire to be Holy and pure and please the Lord Jesus in all their conduct, no matter what they say, they are not saved!

Matthew 7:22-23

22 **Many will say to Me in that day**, “**Lord, Lord**, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?”

23 And then **I will declare to them, “I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!”**

Jesus made two distinctions here:

1. **People that claim to know Him** and be saved, that He says He doesn't know...
2. **The “practice of Lawlessness”** of the those who make this claim, is the proof that they were never saved.

Jesus said: *“I never knew You, depart from me who practice lawlessness...”*

- ⊕ **First Jesus said** that He never really had a relationship with those that claimed by their words, that Jesus was “*Lord, Lord*”.
- ⊕ **Jesus said:** *“I was never Lord of your life, you just lived for yourself and did whatever you wanted to do..”*
- ⊕ **Then Jesus told us how** we can tell if our claim that he is Lord is a lie: *“You who PRACTICE lawlessness”*

If I said that I am “Practicing” something, what am I doing?

- ⊕ **I am consistently and constantly** doing it over and over as a part of my life...”
- ⊕ **The person who says with their mouth** that they are a Christian, that they belong to Jesus, that they know Jesus, but has **a consistent life style of sin, doing whatever they want to, a willful pattern of sin, is not Saved, no matter what they say.**

This is not talking about a person who claims to belong to Jesus but still struggles with sin.

- ⊕ **Lord, if that was the case,** none of us would really be saved.
- ⊕ **Let me ask you a question:** do you think that Paul, the writer of most of the New Testament was saved?

Notice though what Paul said about his own struggle with sin:

Romans 7:15-25

15 I don't understand myself at all, for I really want to do what is right, but I don't do it. Instead, I do the very thing I hate.

16 I know perfectly well that what I am doing is wrong, and my bad conscience shows that I agree that the law is good.

17 But I can't help myself, because it is sin inside me that makes me do these evil things.

18 I know I am rotten through and through so far as my old sinful nature is concerned. No matter which way I turn, I can't make myself do right. I want to, but I can't.

19 When I want to do good, I don't. And when I try not to do wrong, I do it anyway.

20 But if I am doing what I don't want to do, I am not really the one doing it; the sin within me is doing it.

21 It seems to be a fact of life that when I want to do what is right, I inevitably do what is wrong.

22 I love God's law with all my heart.

23 But there is another law at work within me that is at war with my mind. This law wins the fight and makes me a slave to the sin that is still within me.

24 Oh, what a miserable person I am! Who will free me from this life that is dominated by sin?

25 Thank God! The answer is in Jesus Christ our Lord. So you see how it is: In my mind I really want to obey God's law, but because of my sinful nature I am a slave to sin.

At the end of Paul's life, he said this about his struggle with sin:

1 Timothy 1:15

This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am chief.

So, here is how you and I can know for sure that we really are saved and not just making some kind of empty confession that we "Know Jesus".

Romans 7

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There is a struggle going on inside of you.

- ☞ **You want to do Good, You try not to do wrong**, and you are miserable when you fail...
- ☞ **You really want to be Holy**, that is: Pure in all of your conduct, in what you do, what you say, how you live your life.
- ☞ **But there is a struggle going on**, many times when you try to be holy, you seem to fail.
- ☞ **The failure is not a sign you are not saved.**
- ☞ **The struggle within** to want to be Holy **is a sign you are saved.**

The person who claims to know Jesus but has no struggle within as Paul described with his sin, who doesn't really care, or who doesn't really strive constantly to be Holy, is not saved, Jesus said, no matter what they say.

- ☞ **So without a constant striving to be Holy** in all of your conduct, even though there may be many failures, without this constant striving to be Holy, No one will see the Lord.

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17 And **if you call on the Father**, who without partiality judges according to each one's work, conduct yourselves throughout the time of your stay here in fear;

There it is again: *"If you claim to call on the name of the Father, but your heart is not really towards being Holy and becoming like Jesus..."*

*...the Father, who without partiality **judges according to each one's work**"*

- ⊕ **Jesus is going to judge the works** of the one who claims to belong to Him to **see if the attempts at being Holy match the claim they have made.**
- ⊕ **The rest of verse 17** is for us who are hearing this call to holiness: and want to respond to be Holy...

"Therefore, conduct yourselves throughout the rest of your time here on earth in fear, that is Honoring the Lord, taking this call to holiness seriously..."

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18 knowing that **you were not redeemed with corruptible things, like silver or gold**, from your aimless conduct received by tradition from your fathers,
19 but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot.

Here is our motivation for desiring, pursuing Holiness in all of our life.

- ⊕ **Jesus.**
- ⊕ **We were not redeemed**, purchased with all of the Gold and silver in the Universe.
- ⊕ **Our sins** were not paid for with money.

Our sins, our life was redeemed because Jesus let them Butcher Him!

- ⊕ **They took Jesus body and tore Him to pieces** so badly that He didn't even look like a human being any more.
- ⊕ **Do you care** that Jesus took that kind of beating and butchering for you?
- ⊕ **Does it break your heart in two** to see Jesus hanging there on the Cross dying for your stupid mistakes?

Then Live the rest of your life for Him.

- ⊕ **Give to Jesus** what He really deserves, a pure and Holy set apart life.
- ⊕ **Never be satisfied** with anything less than pure and lovely words.
- ⊕ **Never be satisfied** with anything less than a life dedicated to goodness and righteousness and truth.

Give to Jesus what He really deserves, a Life of Holiness....

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20 **He indeed was foreordained before the foundation of the world**, but was manifest in these last times for you

21 who through Him believe in God, who raised Him from the dead and gave Him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.

22 **Since you have purified your souls in obeying the truth** through the Spirit in sincere love of the brethren, love one another fervently with a pure heart,

23 **having been born again**, not of corruptible seed but incorruptible, through the word of God which lives and abides forever,

24 because

“All flesh is as grass,
And all the glory of man as the flower of the grass.
The grass withers,
And its flower falls away,

25 But the word of the LORD endures forever.” Now this is the word which by the gospel was preached to you.

Before anything else was made in the universe, Jesus was there loving you.

- ☞ **He decided even before you were born** that He loved you so much that He would come to the earth and become a man like us, and then die for you so that you could be forgiven.

“Since you are then trying to purify your souls by obeying this truth, then also love each other with a fervent love and a pure heart...”

- ☞ **Because we have been “Born Again”**, we are forgiven of every sin, we stand in the presence of the Living God as Pure and Holy and perfect, only because of what Jesus has done.

“And everything else in this material world is like the grass, all the glory of man is like the grass, it withers, it fades away....BUT THE WORD OF OUR LORD ENDURES FOREVER!”

- ☞ **All your stuff that you have right now**, is going to fade, rust, be stolen perhaps, and ultimately be burned up, so don't be consumed with worrying about it.
- ☞ **All your trials are soon going to be over**, but you will never be over, you will live forever in the Glory of your Father.
- ☞ **Soon, all the hurts will be gone**, the pains, the things that are missing and lacking will be filled up to overflowing.

Psalms 16:11

You will show me the path of life; In Your presence is fullness of joy; At Your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

Is that your hearts desire then? To really be Holy in all of your conduct and daily living, but you need the power of the Holy Spirit to be able to do it.

- ☞ **We are going to give you the opportunity** to be “*Baptized in the Holy Spirit*” this morning so that you can have the power to live a life, Holy and set apart for Jesus.

- ☞ **Without the Holy Spirit helping you**, you will never be able to achieve any degree of Holiness.
- ☞ **With the Holy spirit** you will immediately begin to have more of a desire for Holiness, and more power to live holy.

When you come forward by faith, we will lay our hands on you and ask the Holy Spirit to Fall upon you and fill you with a new power you did not have before.

When you were first saved, you received the Holy Spirit, He has been living inside of you since you first believed.

This Baptism of the Holy Spirit is a further filling so that you can have power to live a holy life.

You were saved by an act of faith as you asked Jesus to come into your life, you are Baptized in the Holy spirit in the same way...

If you come here by faith and believe that if you ask Him, He will fall upon you and fill you and give you power...and your reason for asking Him to baptize you is so that you can live a Holy life for Jesus, HE WILL DO IT...SO COME EXPECTING HIM TO FALL UPON YOU...