**Romans 15: 4** 

For whatever things were written before were written for our learning, that we through the patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope.

**Galatians 3: 24-25** 

Therefore, the law was our tutor to bring us to Christ, that we might be justified by faith. But after faith has come, we are no longer under a tutor.

Matthew 17: 5 (Peter, James & John at the Transfiguration) While [Peter] was still speaking, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them; and suddenly a voice came out of the cloud, saying, "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. Hear Him!"

John 14: 5-6

Thomas said to Him, "Lord, we do not know where You are going, and how can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.

1 Peter 1: 14

as obedient children, not conforming yourselves to the former lusts, as in your ignorance; but as He who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, because it is written, "Be holy, for I am holy."

## From what book is the statement, "Be holy, for I am holy", quoted?

### Leviticus

# Leviticus provides us with a portrait of the ugliness of SIN in the presence of a holy God.

## It helps us understand why God wanted His people to be HOLY.

#### How do you define HOLY?

### Something or someone that is separated / sanctified and

is dedicated to serve and fulfill the word of God

### Did God really expect His people to live holy lives?

## The answer to that question is revealed in the following verses from Leviticus.

**Leviticus 11: 44(a)** 

For I am the Lord your God. You shall therefore consecrate yourselves (set yourselves apart for the Lord), and you shall be holy; for I am holy. Leviticus 11: 45

For I am the Lord who brings you up out of the land of Egypt, to be your God. You shall therefore be holy, for I am holy.

**Leviticus 19: 1-2** 

For And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying, "Speak to all the congregation of the children of Israel, and say to them: 'You shall be holy, for I the Lord your God am holy.

**Leviticus 20: 7-8** 

Consecrate yourselves therefore, and be holy, for I am the Lord your God. And you shall keep My statutes, and perform them: I am the Lord who sanctifies you (sets you apart).

Leviticus 20: 26

And you shall be holy to Me, for I the Lord am holy, and have separated you from the peoples (nations), that you should be Mine.

Leviticus 21: 6

They (the priests) shall be holy to their God and not profane the name of their God, for they offer the offerings of the Lord made by fire, and the bread of their God; therefore, they shall be holy.

It is a book that help us understand what it means to serve the living God, Who calls us to be holy.

#### Am I living a holy life?

#### Are you living a holy life?

#### Are we living holy lives?

#### If not, why not?

### Why is holiness missing in our lives?

# Maybe we don't truly understand what God did for us by offering Jesus Christ on the cross.

Hebrews 10: 9-10

then He said, "Behold, I have come to do Your will, O God." He takes away the first that He may establish the second. By that will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

# Why is holiness missing in our lives? Maybe we love this present world too much.

1 John 2: 15-16

Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and

1 John 2: 15-16

### the pride of life—is not of the Father but is of the world.

# Why is holiness missing in our lives? Maybe we don't view ourselves as strangers and pilgrims on this earth.

Ephesians 2: 19

Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God,

# Why is holiness missing in our lives? Maybe our priorities are misplaced.

Matthew 6: 33

But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.

Why is holiness missing in our lives? Maybe living our life sacrificially is beyond what we consider holy and acceptable.

**Romans 12: 1** 

I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service.

# Why is holiness missing in our lives? Maybe our eternal souls have no value to us.

**Matthew 16: 26** 

For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?

## So, how do we correct the situation when we know that we are living unholy lives?

## We must restart our lives through repentance and begin living holy lives.

1 John 1: 8-10

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that 1 John 1: 8-10

we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us. To correct an unholy life, we must <u>eliminate</u> the works of the flesh from our lives and <u>replace</u> them with the fruit of the spirit.

Galatians 5: 19(a), 21(b), 22-23

Now the works of the flesh are evident, ... those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,

Galatians 5: 19(a), 21(b), 22-23
gentleness, self-control.
Against such there is no law.

To correct an unholy life, we must realize that without pursuing holiness, no one will see the Lord.

Hebrews 12: 14-15(a)

Pursue peace with all people, and holiness, without which no one will see the Lord: looking carefully lest anyone fall short of the grace of God;

To correct an unholy life, we must not live as the world lives, because we are not of this world.

2 Corinthians 6: 17

Therefore, "Come out from among them and be separate, says the Lord. Do not touch what is unclean, and I will receive you."

## To correct an unholy life, we must live holy lives as children of light.

1 Peter 2: 9

But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light;

## To correct an unholy life, we must imitate Christ in our daily lives.

1 Corinthians 11: 1 Imitate me, just as I also imitate Christ.

#### Remember this.

Holiness is not a matter of chance, it is a matter of choice.