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The Incorruptible Splendor of His Holiness October 14, 2025 Suzi Armstrong

Leviticus 11.44-45 NASB

⁴⁴ **For I am the LORD your God. Consecrate yourselves therefore, and be holy, because I am holy. And you shall not make yourselves unclean with any of the swarming things that swarm on the earth.** ⁴⁵ **For I am the LORD who brought you up from the land of Egypt to be your God; so you shall be holy, because I am holy.”**

From the Dictionary of Biblical Imagery:

*Holiness is a fundamental characteristic of God Himself. It is who He is – HOLY. His holiness is proclaimed by the angels and all of the earth. **Holiness means set apart; God is set apart from all else. He is the Creator of all so is not included in those things that have been created but He is the originator of all creation – set apart from every created thing.** The holiness of God is experienced as sheer force. The holiness of God permeates His being and is the fiber of His presence. The unholy or the profane cannot be in the presence of Holy God. God declares in His word that He will have a holy people set apart for Himself. We are made holy in Christ. We honor God as holy in worship.*

- This is KEY to understand. God is the Creator of all – He is NOT PART OF CREATION, but He is OVER ALL CREATION. He is set apart.
- Why is this important? Nothing in creation has a hold on God – who He is or what He does. Creation does not influence God, but God influences creation. It is a one-way street.
- Holiness in war is depicted in Joshua when the Angel of the Lord appears and Joshua says are you on their side or our side? And the Angel says, neither, I have come as Captain of the army of the Lord. And He tells Joshua to take off his shoes because the ground he is standing on is holy.
 - Prophetically this says, Joshua you are now standing on holy ground – ground that is not influenced by the ways of man or the devil and their agendas. Align with Me says the Lord and bring Heaven into the earth. Do this, separated from the earth and the things of the earth. I believe that when Joshua took his shoes off he received an impartation of the holiness of God for his assignment.

From Francis Frangipane:

Since true holiness produces in us the actual life of the Holy Spirit, we must be sure we know who the Spirit is. The Spirit of God is holiness, not religion. God is life, not rituals. The Spirit comes to lead us into the actual presence of Jesus. Herein is our holiness made real: in our union and fellowship with Christ.

Holy is defined as incorruptible:

- Incapable of decay, death or moral corruption. God is pure and His holiness is resplendent with brilliant light. The splendor of His majesty is indescribable – it causes us to fall prostrate in His glorious presence. Psalm 96, honor and majesty are before Him; strength and beauty are in His sanctuary. His deeds are full of splendor.
- The government of God is holy. He is enthroned on righteousness and justice – the pillars of His holiness. God’s rule and reign, His sovereignty, are holy. Set apart. Above all other governing entities. When we declare His Kingdom come and His will be done on earth as it is in Heaven, there is no corruption or collusion or deviation in His rulership or His Kingdom. It is the same yesterday, today, and in the future. God is constantly and forever holy. Holiness creates a culture.

- God is incorruptible and we are born again of the incorruptible seed of Christ. That seed is holy. The Lord instructs us to be holy as He is holy. Be set apart, full of light.

1 Chronicles 16.28-30 NIV

²⁸ Ascribe to the Lord, all you families of nations,
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

²⁹ **Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name;**
bring an offering and come before him.

Worship the Lord in the splendor of his holiness.

³⁰ **Tremble before him, all the earth!**

The world is firmly established; it cannot be moved.

2 Chronicles 20.21 NIV

²¹ After consulting the people, Jehoshaphat **appointed men to sing to the Lord and to praise him for the splendor of his holiness as they went out at the head of the army**, saying: "Give thanks to the Lord, for his love endures forever."

- This worship is not casual or routine. It is worship that comes from the awe and reverence for who God is – recognizing that He is holy, flawless, and the definition of righteousness.
- As the worshippers sang the splendor of His holiness – the holiness of His governing rule and the angel armies accompanied them. This was the defeat of the enemy's armies.
- To be captivated by His divine nature in a way that worship brings transformation.
- Holiness is the expression of the fullness of God's character and the essence of His being – nothing can compare.

God is emphasizing His holiness in this time. Why? How does this apply? His holiness is the plumb line for who He is; nothing about God can be defined outside of His holiness. God is dropping the plumb line or the measuring line as He is emphasizing His sovereignty; His Kingdom government as He is giving us the building plans and building material to architect the future. I believe that in the atmosphere of God's holiness that God is forming our character and forming Christ in us for our life in a new future. I sense an impartation of courage and vision and ability to do things that have not been done before. We see this in the pattern of Moses and Joshua, Jacob, Paul, and Peter. They became set apart in their thinking and doing – fruit of the holiness of God on the inside of them.

Acts 4.13 NIV

¹³ **When they saw the courage of Peter and John and realized that they were unschooled, ordinary men, they were astonished and they took note that these men had been with Jesus.**

- Set apart.
- Courageous.
- This difference came from Jesus, who was holy. It was through holiness that the devil was defeated.

Colossians 2.15 NIV

¹⁵ **And having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross.**

PRAYER AND DECLARATION:

In the Name of Jesus, we declare to Detroit that the power of the holiness of God hovers over you. We open the gates of our City to the holiness of God. Detroit, you are not an ordinary City – but a City set apart by the hand of God. We speak over you Detroit, Our Father who art in Heaven, hallowed be your Name, Your kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as it is in Heaven. Give Detroit, today, Your daily bread. And forgive us and our City our trespasses, as we forgive those who have trespassed against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Yours is the Kingdom and the glory forever and ever in Detroit.