



## PRAY FIRST - DAILY DEVOTIONAL

### DAY 3

Understanding the Holiness of God begins in the Old Testament. God chose a nation and revealed Himself to people like Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and Joseph. He went to great lengths to show them that they belonged to Him and were to be "set apart."

That's why God enacted circumcision. It was a sign of Israel's covenant with God, signifying that he chose them. It set them apart. As God continued to reveal Himself to Israel, He showed them His power. Moses encounters the holy God in a burning bush, Egypt sees God's Power through the ten plagues, the Israelites walk in awe on dry land as God splits the sea, then there is lightning and thunder at Mt. Sinai as God delivers His commands. All these experiences stopped Israel in their tracks as they confronted the holiness of God.

Later, Solomon would build the Temple (**1 Kings 6-8**), where God dwelt, specifically in a room called the "*Holy of Holies*." Only the High Priest could enter in with a sacrificial lamb offered as a substitute for the sins of Israel. This happened once a year and is known as the day of atonement (Yom Kippur). (see **Leviticus 16, 23; Hebrews 9**).

Right from the beginning, God wanted to demonstrate to Israel that He was different than the gods the surrounding nations worshiped. He was nothing like them, and nor should they be. They were to be different. Set apart. HOLY.

Just like God.

God is still doing this today. If you have repented of your sin and believed in your heart that Jesus is Lord, then you are being made holy.

**READ: Hebrews 9** (Bonus Reading 1 Kings 6-8)

#### **JOURNAL (Reflect):**

- Lord, is there anything you want to say or highlight to me from this passage?
- Lord, what do you want to teach me about your holiness from this passage of Scripture?
- God, is there an area of my life that you call me to live and act differently? Where in my life am I not living "set apart" for you?

**PRAY:**

- Take some time and pray some prayers of thanks that focus on the sacrifice Jesus made for you so that you could become holy.
- Take some time and make a list of at least five things you are asking God for. Be specific.