

Intro:

Main Point of Text: The LORD wants His people to be a reflection of His holy character by living His laws of holiness.

Sermon Point: *Live Sacred Lives.*

Move 1: Respect your special relationship with God and rejoice over it.

“I am the LORD”, 5 Xs (vss. 16, 18, 28, 30, 37): His right to rule all people as Creator. “I am the Lord *your* God” or equivalent, 11 Xs (vss. 2, 3, 4, 10, 12, 14, 25, 31, 32, 34, 36): His right to rule His chosen people as Redeemer; special connection/care. Ps. 100:3; 23:1. Vs. 2b: holy family relationship: *For thou art an holy people unto the LORD thy God: the LORD thy God hath chosen thee to be a special people unto himself, above all people that are upon the face of the earth.* (Deut. 7:6-8) 1 Pet. 2:4-5, 9-10.

Move 2: Realize your living relationship with God is sacred.

Vs. 2: (Lev. 11:44-45; 20:7, 26). Your holiness is based on the Lord’s Character. Holiness must describe your character. Set apart for/like Him. He has expectations for you like any father does. John 17: Jesus talks of His special relationship with His Father and you. Prays for your sanctification, to be in the world but not of it, just like Him (vss. 14-17). 2 Cor. 6:16-7:1 [Lev. 26:12]; 1 Pet. 1:13-16 [Lev. 11:44; 19:2].

Move 3: Reflect your sanctified relationship with God by how you live.

Vs. 2: Heb. for “Congregation”, *Testimony/Witness*. The Church’s holy lifestyle witnesses to the world about Who her God is. *Now therefore, if ye will obey my voice indeed, and keep my covenant, then ye shall be a peculiar treasure unto me above all people: for all the earth is mine: And ye shall be unto me a kingdom of priests, and an holy nation ...* (Ex. 19:5-6). Your keeping his holy commands witnesses to who you are: vs. 37 (Lev. 18:4,5; 20:8). Deut. 4:6-8. Obedient behavior reflects holy character. Eph. 4:24 ... *put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness.* Col. 3:10: ... *put on the new man, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him:* 1 Thess. 4:3-4. Lev. 19 is about social holiness, seen in human relations according to God’s code of holiness. *Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord:* (Heb. 12:14)

Conclusion:

Live Sacred Lives.