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Before You Begin

What is holiness? Do I fully understand my responsibility for living a holy life? Why do I experience defeat in the struggle against sin? What has God provided to help me overcome sin?

To help you in a personal discovery of God's principles for holy living, this Bible study course serves as a companion to the book *The Pursuit of Holiness*. Its objective is to guide you into direct study of many Scripture passages on which the book is based.

The course consists of twelve lessons, which encompass all seventeen chapters in *The Pursuit of Holiness*. For each, you will read a chapter or chapters from the book, look up Scripture passages and answer questions about the lesson's topic. Then you will plan a way to apply the truths of the lesson to your life. Within each lesson is an optional question for further study of the Scriptures.

Before beginning each lesson, ask God to clarify the Scriptures to you and to reveal Himself in new ways as you study His Word.

Use a pen or pencil to underline or mark key statements as you read the book, and have this Bible study booklet opened to the lesson. During your reading, jot down in the appropriate space any observations about the text you want to remember,

as well as other Scripture passages or incidents from your life or the lives of others that illustrate the truths of the chapter, and any questions that come to your mind. This section can be one of the most profitable for you in each lesson, allowing you to expand upon the material presented in the text.

As you study the Scripture passages in the lesson and answer the questions, and as you prepare to write an application at the end, ask yourself these questions:

- ◆ What do these passages teach about God’s will for a holy life?
- ◆ How does my life measure up to Scripture? Where and how do I fall short?
- ◆ What definite steps of action do I need to take to obey God?

Write down not only the scriptural truth you want to apply, but also a practical, specific statement and plan for making the application.

The most profitable way of doing this study is to do it yourself first, then meet with a group of others who are doing it also. Discuss your discoveries, questions, and applications in the group.

As you learn more about our calling from “the high and exalted One, who lives forever, whose name is Holy” (Isaiah 57:15), may you experience new commitment and joy in holy living.

LESSON ONE

Holiness Is for You

- I. Read chapters 1 and 2 of *The Pursuit of Holiness*. Record below the major observations, illustrations, or questions that come to your mind as you read the chapters.

4. Write a sentence for each of the following verses telling what it teaches about God's holiness.

Habakkuk 1:13

Zechariah 8:17

James 1:13

5. (*For additional study*) Look up the following verses, analyzing what each one teaches about God's holiness or holiness in the Christian. Copy from your Bible the passages which are most helpful to you, and explain why they are.

1 Samuel 13:13-14; Psalm 51:4; Isaiah 6:1-5; 40:25; Jeremiah 51:5; Ezekiel 39:7; Romans 6:14; 1 John 1:5; Revelation 4:8; 22:11

6. In your own words write a definition of holiness.

7. What application of the truths of this lesson do you want to make in your life?