

HEALING AND THE HIGHWAY OF HOLINESS

Goodness is God's nature.

We are born with a sin nature, goodness does not come naturally to us.

God, in all His goodness, is holy.

Holiness is good, even though some may see a negative connotation in it.

Holy means moral goodness, it is who God is.

God's holiness does not make Him unapproachable.

God is never going to change, we are the ones who must change.

The only way that could be accomplished is through the sacrifice of Jesus Christ.

God wants to make us holy, to make us more like Him.

The more we become like Him, the more we can experience Him.

When we become "born again," God puts His holy nature in us, in our spirits.

Another part of the meaning of holiness is to be set apart.

Similar to the way we might set apart good dishes for special occasions.

In the exodus, God set apart His people from Egypt to become a holy nation.

The Levites were set apart to be a holy priesthood.

God sets us apart from sin.

He sets us apart from spiritual death which is far more serious than physical death.

He sets us apart from the world.

We have to be careful what we set our minds on.

We have a responsibility to be sober and alert to the things of God.

We are a spirit, we have a soul and we live in a body.

God makes us holy in our spirits, but it is our responsibility to apply holiness to our souls.

Our soul is our mind, will and emotions.

Choose this day whom you will serve, you serve whom you obey.

The scripture talks about a highway of holiness in Isaiah and a holy river in Revelation.

Follow the pattern of holiness like a dressmaker would follow a pattern when making a dress.

A dressmaker must follow the pattern or the dress will not come out right.

To walk the highway of holiness, we must:

1. Make every thought obedient to Christ.
2. Remove and resist every root of bitterness (forgiveness is crucial).
3. Practice to perfect holiness like you would practice to perfect any other skill.

SCRIPTURE LIST

1 Peter 1:13-23
Isaiah 35:8-10
Revelation 22:1-5
Romans 12:1

Ephesians 4:17-24
2 Corinthians 10:5
Hebrews 12:14-17
2 Corinthians 7:1