

THE PURPOSE OF THE PROMISES

TEXT: 2 Peter 1:4: Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the Divine Nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.

1. The Divine PURPOSE of these PRECIOUS PROMISES: That we might become PARTAKERS OF THE DIVINE NATURE.

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2. Let us first start with that special, unique word — PARTAKERS.

DEFINITION: a partner, fellow sharer, an associate, or companion

SCRIPTURES which share in this definition are:

- (a) 1 Corinthians 10:18: Behold Israel after the flesh: are not they which eat of the sacrifices partakers of the altar?**
- (b) 2 Corinthians 1:7: And our hope of you is steadfast, knowing, that as ye are partakers of the sufferings, so shall ye be also of the consolation.**
- (c) 1 Peter 5:1: The elders which are among you I exhort, who am also an elder, and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, and also a partaker of the glory that shall be revealed:**

3. PARTAKERS OF: THE DIVINE NATURE.

The Almighty God has this HIGH AND LOFTY AIM and PURPOSE and OBJECTIVE for each of us who are saved from our sins. This REDEMPTION is much higher in its transforming work than many Christians are putting into practice.

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4. QUESTION: What is the Divine Nature like? That is the Big Question?

ANSWER: GOD IS HOLY

a. I AM THE LORD YOUR GOD:

Leviticus 11:44: *For I am the Lord your God: ye shall therefore sanctify yourselves, and ye shall be holy; for I am Holy: neither shall ye defile yourselves with any manner of creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.*

Leviticus 11:45: *For I am the LORD that bringeth you up out of the land of Egypt, to be your God: ye shall therefore be holy, for I am Holy.*

Leviticus 20:7: *Sanctify yourselves therefore, and be ye holy: for I am the LORD your God.*



- b. **Leviticus 20:26:** *Ye shall be HOLY unto Me for I the Lord am Holy, and have severed you from other people, that you should be Mine.*
- c. **Leviticus 20:8:** *And ye shall keep My statutes, and do them: I am the Lord which sanctify you.*
- d. **2 Chronicles 29:5:** *And said unto them, Hear me, ye Levites, sanctify now yourselves, and sanctify the house of the LORD God of your fathers, and carry forth the filthiness out of the holy place.*
2 Chronicles 15:17: *But the high places were not taken away out of Israel: nevertheless the heart of Asa was perfect all his days.*
2 Chronicles 30:17: *For there were many in the congregation that were not sanctified: therefore the Levites had the charge of the killing of the passovers for every one that was not clean, to sanctify them unto the LORD.*
- e. **2 Chronicles 30:19-20:**
¹⁹*That prepareth his heart to seek God, the LORD God of his fathers, though he be not cleansed according to the purification of the sanctuary.*
²⁰*And the LORD hearkened to Hezekiah, and healed the people.*
- f. **2 Chronicles 31:18:** *And to the genealogy of all their little ones, their wives, and their sons, and their daughters, through all the congregation: for in their set office they sanctified themselves in holiness:*

g. 1 Thessalonians 4:3-7:

³ For this is the Will of God, even your sanctification, that ye should abstain from fornication:

⁴ That every one of you should know how to possess his vessel in sanctification and honour;

⁵ Not in the lust of concupiscence, even as the Gentiles which know not God:

⁶ That no man go beyond and defraud his brother in any matter: because that the Lord is the avenger of all such, as we also have forewarned you and testified.

⁷ For God hath not called us unto uncleanness, but unto holiness.

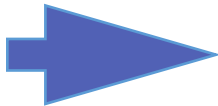
h. Ephesians 1:4: According as He hath chosen us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love:

i. Ephesians 5:25-27:

²⁵ Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the Church, and gave Himself for it

²⁶ That He might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word,

²⁷ That He might present it to Himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.



NOTE: This COMMANDMENT from The Almighty to be HOLY is not some high hurdle we have to jump over. The Lord is the One Who does this SANCTIFYING work to bring us into HOLINESS. He Who saved us and washed us from our sins is the very same One that does this HEART-CLEANSING WORK to make us HOLY. We can't do either SAVING or SANCTIFYING, and must leave both up to HIM or it won't be done, at all.

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