INTRODUCTION

- THIS IS ABOUT HOLINESS... being set apart for God’s purposes, distinct from the pagan world His people live in
- “I AM THE LORD” IS THE THEME
- This chapter is very important in the Old Testament. It’s referenced in Deuteronomy, Psalms, Proverbs, the Prophets and seemingly through the New Testament book of James.
- Lev. 19 emphasizes the living out of the Ten Commandments, which Christ summarized as Loving God and Loving Others.

The Command to be Holy (vv.1-4)

A) Holiness commanded to all the same (vv.1-2)

B) Holiness in households (v.3)
   a. This is where creation & God’s glory begins in community
   b. Connected to what immediately follows

C) Holiness in worship (vv.3-4)
   a. Sabbath
   b. Solidarity

Holiness in the Offerings (vv.5-8)

A) The end of offerings is acceptability by the Holy God (v.5)

B) God’s holiness permeates the details -- the ends do not justify the means (vv.6-8)

C) Holiness is being set apart for the sacred purposes of God - a lack of holiness means that the people are cut off from the people of God (v.8)

Holiness in Relationships (vv.9-18)

A) Consider the poor (vv.9-10)
   a. Harvesting every part could indicate greed
   b. Convicting, but it’s not unlike constantly thinking about how we can spend extra money on ourselves -- not even the extra. Those who do not give to the body because they hoard their money (as if it’s theirs).

B) Deal in truth (vv.11-12)

C) Deal in integrity (vv.13-14)

D) Deal justly (vv.15-16)
   a. This means that holiness demands justice be done in community affairs
   b. This is in relational terms (in simplest of terms)

E) Deal in love (vv.17-18)
   a. The culmination of the moral commandments
   c. 1 John 4:20-21

Holiness in Purity (vv.19-37)

A) Natural purity (v.19)

B) Sexual purity (vv.20-22)

C) Tithing purity (vv.23-25)

D) Identity purity (vv.26-31)
   a. Divination
b. Cutting
c. Tattoos
d. Prostitution
e. Psychics

E) Relational purity (v.32-37)
   a. The Elderly
   b. With Strangers
c. In the Marketplace

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We are Called to Be Holy

A) In every way (James)

B) How? How do we avoid this just being a baptized “to do” list? How does holiness become a lifestyle that proves itself in all of life’s dealings? (1 Peter 1:13-25)
   a. Know Your Salvation was Caused by God (v.3)
   b. Be mindful (v.13)
   c. Conform to Christ, not culture (vv.14-16)
   d. Live as Exiles, not as homebodies (vv.17-21)
   e. Holy results (vv.22-25)

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CONCLUSION

- Who are you?
- Whose are you? This is about “I AM THE LORD YOUR GOD” (Image)
- You will act and like like who you are, which is defined by whose you are.
- Be Holy because HE IS HOLY!