

Chosen for Holiness

1 Peter 1:14-16

1. What is holiness?
 - a. It is _____.
 - b. It is _____.
2. Why are we commanded to be holy?
 - a. Because we are _____ of the Holy One.
 - b. Because we are _____ by the Holy One.
3. How will we be holy?
 - a. By Spirit-empowered _____ now.
 - b. By Spirit-effected _____ then.

*The Letter to
God's Elect*



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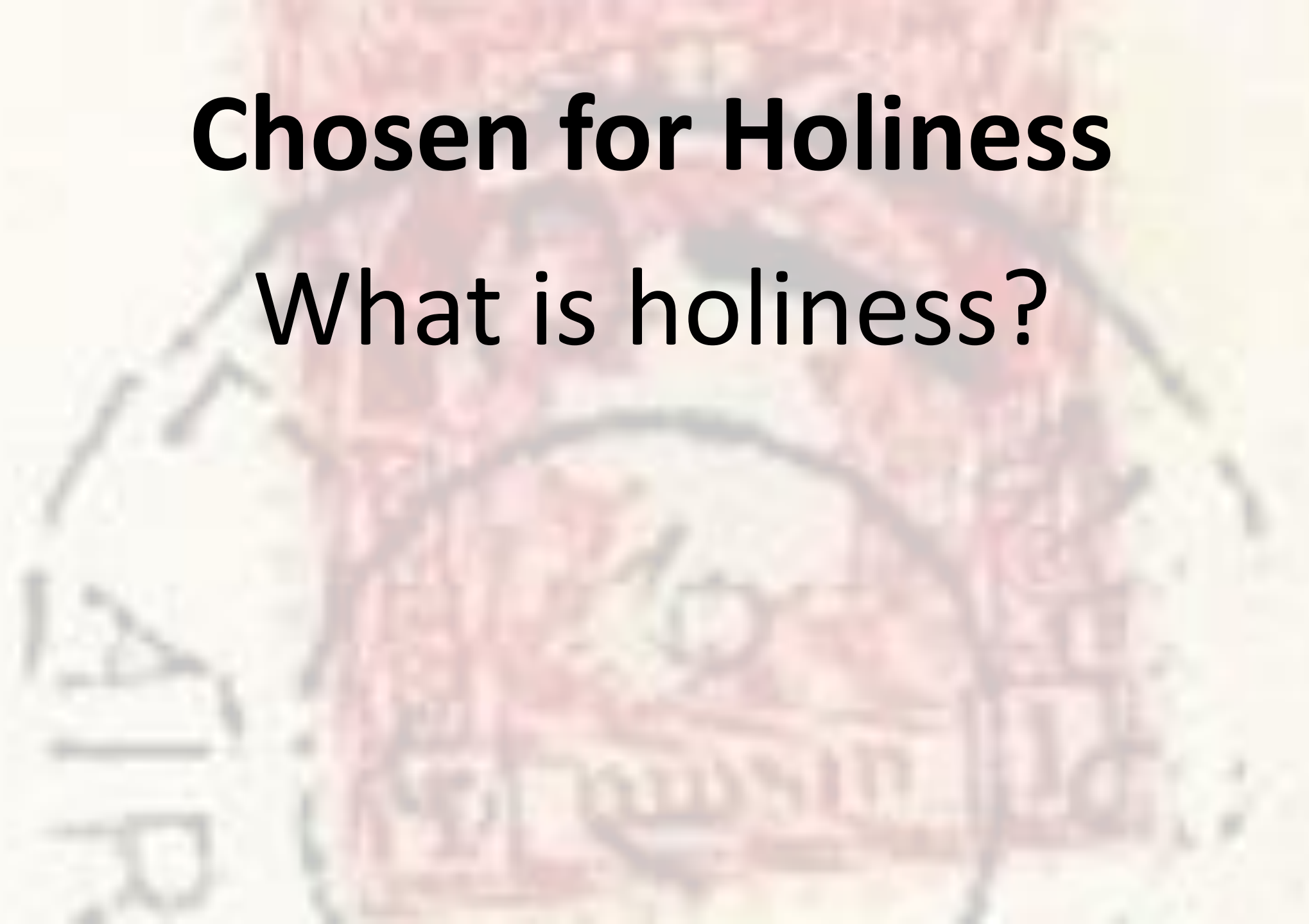
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God has chosen you
to be holy.

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What is holiness?



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Leviticus 19:2

“You shall be **holy**, for I the LORD your God am **holy**.”

Leviticus 20:26

“Thus you are to be **holy** to Me, for I the LORD am **holy**.”

What is holiness?

It is separation.

Leviticus 20:23-24 and 26

“Moreover, you shall not follow the customs of the nation which I shall drive out before you, for they did all these things, and therefore I have abhorred them. Hence I have said to you, ‘You are to possess their land, and I Myself will give it to you to possess it, a land flowing with milk and honey.’
I am the LORD your God,
who has separated you from the peoples.”

Verse 26

“Thus you are to be holy to Me, for I the LORD am holy.”

*Separation from the world is not
isolation from the world.*

It is choosing to be different.

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What is holiness?

It is separation.

It is consecration.

Leviticus 11:44-45

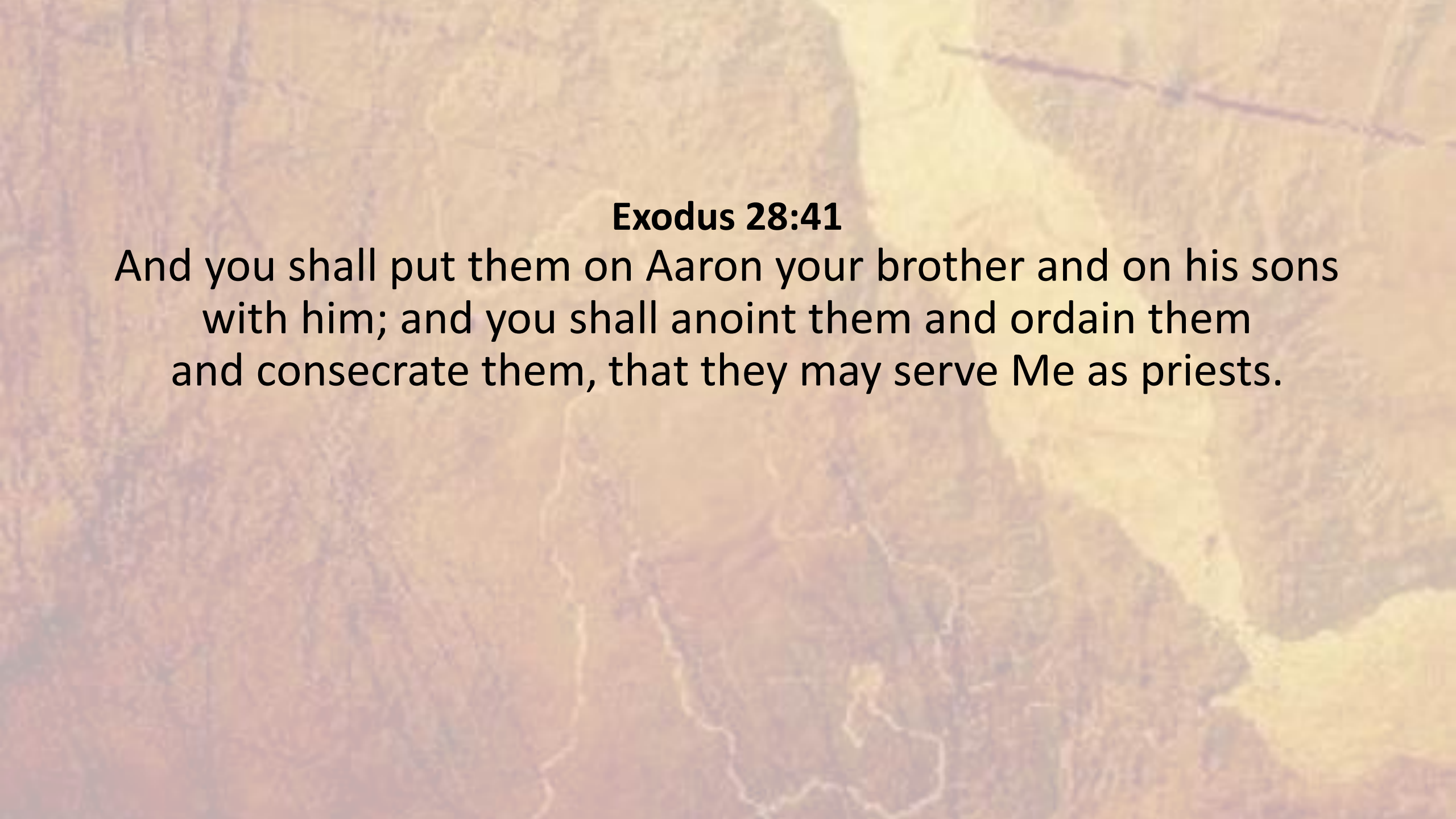
For I am the LORD your God.

Consecrate yourselves therefore, and be holy; for I am holy.

And you shall not make yourselves unclean with any of the swarming things that swarm on the earth.

For I am the LORD, who brought you up from the land of Egypt, to be your God; thus you shall be holy for I am holy.

*Consecration is purification
for a purpose.*



Exodus 28:41

And you shall put them on Aaron your brother and on his sons with him; and you shall anoint them and ordain them and consecrate them, that they may serve Me as priests.

*God has chosen you and purified
you for the purpose of making
His holy character known.*

1 Peter 2:9

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood,
a holy nation, a people for God's own possession,
that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him
who has called you out of darkness
into His marvelous light...

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Why are we commanded
to be holy?

You are commanded!

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Why the command?

*Because we are children
of the Holy One.*

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*The apple doesn't fall too
far from the tree.*

1 Peter 1:17

If you address as Father
the One who impartially judges
according to each man's work,
conduct yourselves in fear
during the time of your stay upon earth...

Why the command?

Because we are children of the Holy One.

*Because we are set apart
by the Holy One.*

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Those privileged with such a calling will seek to please the one who called them.



Ephesians 4:1

I, therefore, the prisoner of the Lord,
entreat you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling
with which you have been called...

*Are you choosing to separate
from the world and to serve the
Lord because **He** called you?*

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How will we be holy?

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How will you be holy?

*By Spirit-empowered
obedience now.*

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*You will only live holy
if you live by the Holy Spirit.*



1 Peter 1:1-2

...who are chosen according to the foreknowledge
of God the Father, by the sanctifying work of the Spirit,
that you may obey Jesus Christ...

Are you depending on the Holy Spirit, or are you striving to obey in your own strength?

How will you be holy?

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By Spirit-effected perfection then.

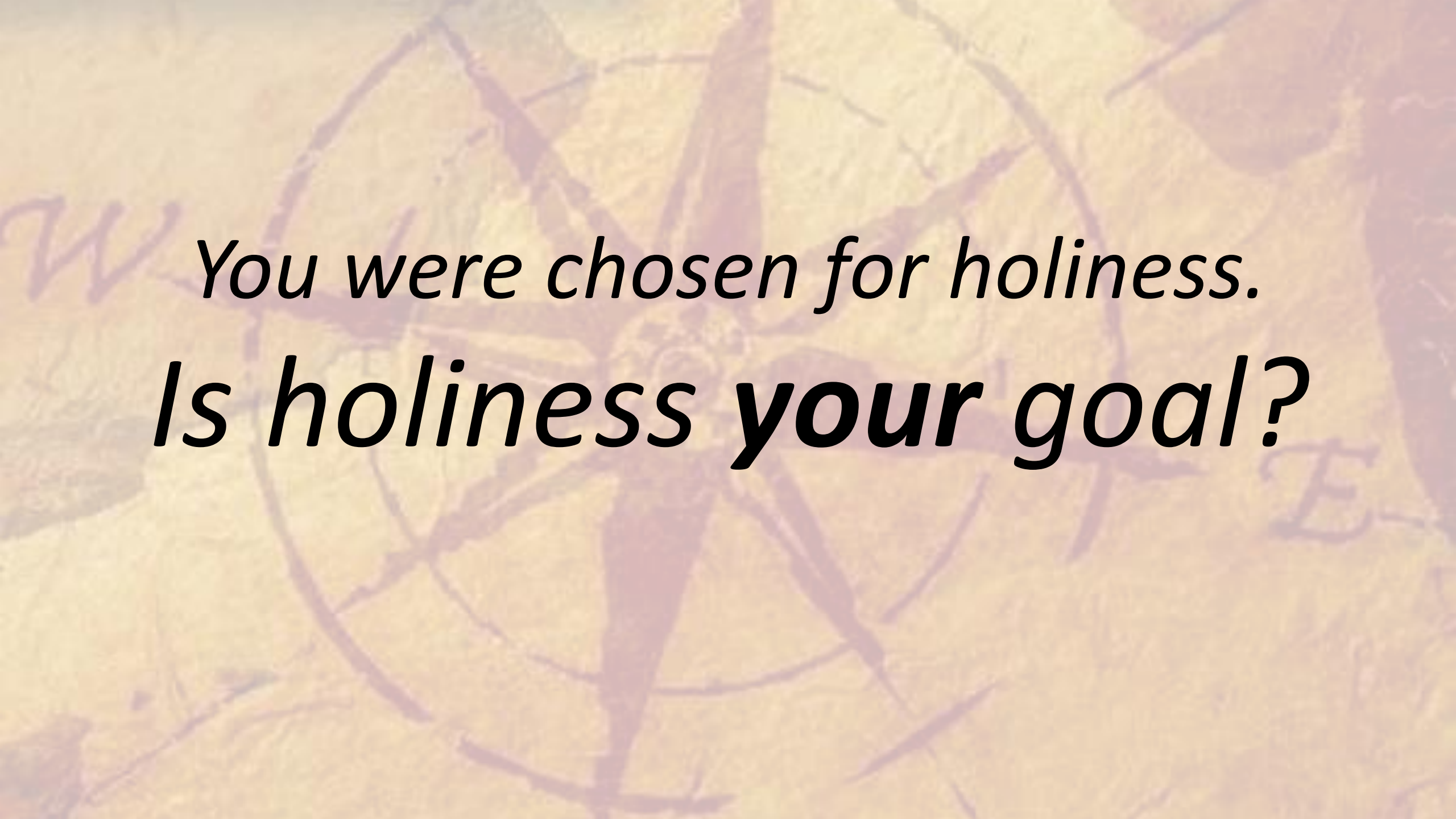
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*This command to be holy is
also a promise that you will be.*

1 Thessalonians 5:23-24

Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you entirely;
and may your spirit and soul and body be preserved complete,
without blame at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.
Faithful is He who calls you, and He also will bring it to pass.



You were chosen for holiness.
Is holiness your goal?