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Holiness and the Book of Life

Is 4:3 — The book of life — those recorded for life in Jerusalem shall be called holy. Rev 3:5 — Only those who overcome shall be holy to enter and rule with Messiah. They walk according to Col 1:10; they will walk with Him in white, Rev 19:8. (2 Tim 2:12; Acts 14:22; Rom 8:17; Col 1:23). WE are to be Holy! Holy. What does it require? What makes us unholy? What is holiness? If we are to be holy we have to know what it means, unless loving Yahweh and obeying Him makes us holy as He is holy. He is holy. He is who He is — Yahweh means "I am who I am." So this is holiness — to be who you are created to be as. This is the only way we can be holy as He is holy — as a created being created in His likeness. 2 Cor 6:14-7:1 gives the greatest example of us being holy so He can be our God and walk among us. Holy means *set apart for the purpose we exist*. He exists and He made us exist — He is fulfilling the reason He exists. We fell from the reason we existed. We must be restored in order to be holy as He is holy.

1 Pet 2:9 — is a holy nation. The holy nation bears the fruit of the nation it is or represents — Matt 21:43. Unless it bears the fruit it is not the holy nation. Only a holy nation can demonstrate the Kingdom — Matt 24:14. Only a holy nation can produce Rev 7:4-8, a nation set apart to do whatever it is set apart to do, to do whatever it is set apart for. Each member must do what Eph 4:16 says in order for it to be this holy nation, the city set on a hill that cannot be hidden. This is bearing the fruit of the Kingdom — Eph 1:4,5 (set apart in love). To be dedicated is to be holy. Dedicated — Eph 1:11; 2:12, 19-22.

A Dedicated Nation

If we are not dedicated we are a pretentious people instead of 1 Pet 2:9. Dedicated means enthusiastic, given over to, devoted, surrendered, whole-hearted, etc. The word holy means dedicated and if we are not dedicated we are not that nation of 1 Pet 2:9 and Matt 21:43. Matt 24:14 — can only be done by a dedicated nation (Is 49:6). There is no use fooling around; doing anything that we are not. But Matt 24:14 says we are to produce the evidence of Matt 21:43. The fruit is the evidence (Matt 7:19).

Is 4:3 — Calls the dedicated to Yahweh; those of Dan 12:2-3; Mal 3:16; Rev 3:5 — the book of life. Is 4:2 — the plant, the branch will grow (Rom 9:27, 11:26; Is 1:9; Rom 9:29).

Sons of God

As sons of Yours we know we would rather have grace than anything else — more than the fleshly pleasures we pursue without your grace. I know what we do in pleasing you is what increases our dignity as sons and the greater glory we have to represent you. What we do in secret, what we do when no one is watching us is what really tests our sonship and the basis of your hearing us and answering us when we pray to you — 1 John 3:22, 5:15; Eph 5:10. Phil 3:19 — Our appetites are in control of the Spirit that makes us sons of Yours. 1 Cor 6:17, 2 Cor 3:17 — "The glorious liberty of the Sons of God," is the grace we have been given — and must continue to have in order to do what we do and can only do by Faith, Rom 14:23.