

INTRODUCTION

Greetings!

We offer this daily devotional for your use during the season of Lent in 2018, which extends from Ash Wednesday (February 14) through Easter Sunday (April 1). Our desire is that you will find this to be a helpful way to connect with God by considering a topic that is of great importance to us in the Church of God: namely, the topic of holiness.

The following reflections will begin with the holiness of God, because ultimately our pursuit of holiness is a pursuit of the divine. Then we will explore biblical examples of people who practice holiness in one way or another. The third grouping of devotionals will discuss our call to be holy as God is holy. Finally, as we approach Holy Week, we will walk with Jesus through the days leading to his crucifixion and resurrection.

We hope these daily thoughts will guide you to deeper levels of holy living in your personal life. On each Sunday during this season, instead of a traditional “devotional,” you will find a practical suggestion - something for you to do actively as you explore the question of how to work out the topic of holiness in your spiritual life.

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Now, let’s begin.

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