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## **The Hebrew Root of Holy**

The English word holy in Hebrew is qadosh. It literally means “*to be set apart for a special purpose.*”

Various things in our Creator’s word are considered set apart for a special purpose. For example, Israel and all those grafted into the olive tree of Israel (Romans 10), are “set apart” to be servants of God.

The articles of the temple are “set apart” for special purposes. The Spirit of Yah is “set apart” from all other existing spirits. The Sabbath day is “set apart” from all other days for a special purpose of ceasing our daily work. The Torah, or Law of God, is “set apart” as instructions for His people.

The opposite of “set apart” is common or profane.

### **Leviticus 10:10**

*You are to distinguish between the holy and the common...*

Almost all the uses of the word “holy” in the New Testament are related to the Hebrew word, qadosh.

In the Hebrew culture, this is much more than a man’s humble subservience in front of an all-powerful God. Holiness requires separation. It demands that we set apart our lives and that our lives are offered in service to God.

Holy is separation for sacred use. Profane is common use.

In order for us to be set apart for the glory of our Creator, we are to follow and walk in the set apart ways of the Torah, exactly like our messiah Yeshua did as our example.

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