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## THAT WHICH IS HOLY TODAY

- Use In Scripture** The word *holy* is found 430X-375V OT and 181X-169V NT in the KJV. We are all familiar with phrases like Holy Bible, meaning the holy book. Most religious people rightly think of God as the "*holy One*" found 52X-51V KJV and of things "*most holy*" occurring 46X-44V. The phrase "*most holy faith*" is found only once in the KJV NT when Jude speaks (1:20) of "*your most holy \_\_\_\_\_.*"
- Noteworthy** Under the 1,500-odd years of the Law of Moses the Israelites were God's "*holy people*" (8X-8V KJV OT) and this applied because they were the only nation enjoying a spiritual status with Jehovah. In the OT the "house of God" (84X-81V) means the physical place of worship. In the NT we have three parallel references (Mt 12:4; Mk 2:26; Lk 6:4) to David (in the OT) profanely eating the \_\_\_\_\_ in the house of Ahimelech the priest at Nob where the tabernacle was then located. The other three NT references (1 Tim 3:15; Heb 10:21; 1 Pet 4:17) refer to the NT Church, not a physical location.
- Holy Land** We do not wish to be fastidious but there is no "Virgin Mary" or "Holy Land" today. Mary, mother of Jesus, was a virgin but only (Mt 1:25) because Joseph "*knew her \_\_\_\_\_ till she had brought forth her \_\_\_\_\_ son.*" Later she (13:55-56) produced four \_\_\_\_\_ and several \_\_\_\_\_ by Joseph, thus retiring her virginity. The same is true of Palestine. It was holy until the Law of Moses (Eph 2:14-15; Col 2:14) was nailed to the cross of Jesus. We suggest you refer to that geographical area as "the Bible lands."
- Holy Bible** We have known people who refused to burn or trash an old tattered Bible that had become unusable. Why? They believed it was holy. There is a distinct difference in the leather binding, the thin, white India pages, and the black ink text being holy and the actual Word of God. Paul said: (Rom 10:17) "*So then \_\_\_\_\_ cometh by hearing, and \_\_\_\_\_ by the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_.*" God's message is *holy* regardless of the "medium" used to convey it. It may be spoken directly, as in Paul's day, recorded on a modern soundtrack, or in the written format we know as the Bible. Remember, it is the Word that's holy, not the medium of conveyance.
- Church Property** The church building is not holy. It is only a material structure. Paul said: (1 Cor 12:27) "*Now ye are the \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ, and \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_.*" We know that Jesus (Col 1:18) "*is the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_, the \_\_\_\_\_.*" It is his spiritual kingdom and he is (1 Tim 6:15) the "*blessed and only Potentate, the \_\_\_\_\_ of kings, and \_\_\_\_\_ of lords.*"
- Holy Communion** Unleavened bread and grape juice is no more holy than any product constituted of physical matter. We remember discussions about allowing little children to eat the "left-overs" from the Lord's Supper. It won't hurt them but may cause wrong impressions so we advise against the practice. When one partakes (1 Cor 11:29) "*\_\_\_\_\_*" his sin is for "*not \_\_\_\_\_ the Lord's body.*" Scriptural communicants practice holiness in their obedience.