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# ON HOLY GROUND

### JOSHUA A. MCCLURE

In the contemporary church, dialogue on holiness is rare or even nonexistent. Yet there can be no conversation of God unless his name is synonymous with his holiness. Nor can there be meaningful discussion about relationship with God unless it includes what his call to be holy means in our lives.



Award-winning author Joshua A. McClure's *On Holy Ground* is an insightful, powerful portrayal of the sovereign God and his effect on those who respond to his call to be "set apart" to him. McClure emphasizes God's appeal to his people "to be holy because I am holy" and presents a question: how can we attain to the holiness God wills for us?

God's divine call to holiness is not a physical appeal to a place or station, nor does it have any relation to worldly apparel. Rather, it is being totally devoted to God, set aside for his special use.

This book is a must read for all people serious about their God-given life in today's society.





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# What Others Are Saying About On Holy Ground

Joshua McClure takes the idea of standing on holy ground and makes it the basis for living a life that glorifies God. He begins with the idea that when God met Moses in the burning bush he wasn't setting the stage for a onetime event. God was laying out a blueprint for a lifetime of holiness and walking with God.

In this **easy-to-read, conversational** discussion of the topic of holiness, Rev. Joshua McClure shows us how to live a life that is overflowing with God's grace and goodness. Each step of the way **he anticipates our questions and answers them in a way that helps us go deeper in our understanding of what it means to be a child of the Living God.** 

Like the living water that God gives us, On Holy Ground is a refreshing new take on how the Holy Spirit can lead us to a deeply satisfying life where God is ever-present and glory is all around.

-Rev. Dr. Clayton A. (Cal) Lord Jr., Pastor, Central Baptist Church of Westerly, RI.

McClure's book On Holy Ground explores God's desire that we be holy as God his holy, and our need to be holy. In this world, in which we reside, we can see the real need for holy living.

One can be "religious" but not necessarily be living a holy life. Even we who profess to be "good" Christians must read this book that we may have the benefit of this author's thoughts and insights.

This book makes use of very relevant biblical texts and scholarly quotes, including quotes from some of his previous works and his own experiences.

*It is obvious as we read McClure's book* On Holy Ground that he is being led and fed by God. This book will whet the reader's appetite to better understand his or her need to follow God's dictate to be holy.

-Rev. Dr. Vincent F. Thompson Jr., Pastor and Teacher, Community Baptist Church, Newport, RI



### Suggested Interview Questions For Joshua A. McClure, author of *On Holy Ground*

#### Q: What does the word "holiness" mean as it relates to God?

A: God is eternally separate and distinct from all impurity.

#### Q: Can a person become holy on their own by rigorous study?

**A:** No. God gives us the Holy Spirit to help us obey and to give power to overcome sin.

#### Q: When God says, "Be holy as I am holy," what does he mean?

**A:** He calls us to experience the blessings and joys of intimacy with him, to be free from the burden of sin and become all he created us to be.

#### **Q:** Is holiness the same as righteousness?

**A:** Righteousness is about the relationship with God. Holiness is being set apart to Him.

#### Q: How can one live holy?

**A:** We are separated from the world; we need to live out that reality in our daily lives.

#### Q: How is repentance important to God's call to be holy?

**A:** In repentance we stand together with Christ as we bare our inner selves to God's certain light.

#### Q: What is the danger of misinterpreting God's call to be holy?

A: We may think it has to do with dress, refraining from things we deem unacceptable to God, etc., rather than focusing all our thoughts on God allowing him to grow us into his image and likeness.

#### Q: Why do you feel it important to write this book now?



**A:** Because of a need to walk together through this modern-day world where we experience a deeper intimacy of our lives while living in God's presence.

#### Q: What was your purpose in writing this book?

**A:** My purpose in writing arises from a deep concern that the life of holiness God has called us to has been lost in translation or deemed to be too difficult to be achieved.

#### Q: What is the alternative to God's call to be holy today?

**A:** The alternative is the present "health and wealth" gospel where holiness is compromised by greed and self-serving.

