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**Leviticus 11:44-45** <sup>44</sup> 'For I *am* the LORD your God. You shall therefore consecrate yourselves, and you shall be holy; for I *am* holy. Neither shall you defile yourselves with any creeping thing that creeps on the earth. <sup>45</sup> 'For I *am* the LORD who brings you up out of the land of Egypt, to be your God. You shall therefore be holy, for I *am* holy.

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- ❑ wicked, sinful, vile, nefarious, criminal, vicious, brutal;
- ❑ warped, twisted, and sick

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“The universal sinfulness of man is obvious and verifiable. Sin permeates every aspect of our existence. It impacts us individually and societally. It is deeply rooted within us and is manifested continually. Throughout history, societies have consistently acknowledged man’s natural sinfulness. Since the Enlightenment, however, Western civilization has become increasingly antagonistic to the reality of sin, especially as it is defined biblically.”

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Sin causes man to assume the role of God and to assert autonomy for himself apart from his Creator. The most all-encompassing view of sin's driving force, therefore, is the demand for autonomy.

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- ▣ NET **2 Thessalonians 2:12** And so<sup>24</sup> all of them who have not believed the truth but have delighted in evil will be condemned.

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- **James 1:14-15**   <sup>14</sup> But each one is tempted when he is drawn away by his own desires and enticed.   <sup>15</sup> Then, when desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, brings forth death

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**Numbers 28:2-10** "Command the children of Israel, and say to them, 'My offering, My food for My offerings made by fire as a sweet aroma to Me, you shall be careful to offer to Me at their appointed time.'

<sup>3</sup> "And you shall say to them, 'This *is* the offering made by fire which you shall offer to the LORD: two male lambs in their first year without blemish, day by day, as a regular burnt offering. <sup>4</sup> 'The one lamb you shall offer in the morning, the other lamb you shall offer in the evening, <sup>5</sup> 'and one-tenth of an ephah of fine flour as a grain offering mixed with one-fourth of a hin of pressed oil. <sup>6</sup> 'It *is* a regular burnt offering which was ordained at Mount Sinai for a sweet aroma, an offering made by fire to the LORD. <sup>7</sup> 'And its drink offering *shall be* one-fourth of a hin for each lamb; in a holy *place* you shall pour out the drink to the LORD as an offering. <sup>8</sup> 'The other lamb you shall offer in the evening; as the morning grain offering and its drink offering, you shall offer *it* as an offering made by fire, a sweet aroma to the LORD. <sup>9</sup> '

And on the Sabbath day two lambs in their first year, without blemish, and two-tenths *of an ephah* of fine flour as a grain offering, mixed with oil, with its drink offering -- <sup>10</sup> '*this is* the burnt offering for every Sabbath, besides the regular burnt offering with its drink offering.

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- **Matthew 26:63-65** <sup>63</sup> But Jesus remained silent. And the high priest said to him, "I adjure you by the living God, tell us if you are the Christ, the Son of God." <sup>64</sup> Jesus said to him, "You have said so. But I tell you, from now on you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of Power and coming on the clouds of heaven." <sup>65</sup> Then the high priest tore his robes and said, "He has uttered blasphemy. What further witnesses do we need? You have now heard his blasphemy.

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- He is holy **Luke 4:34** "Leave us alone!<sup>1</sup> What do You have to do with us,<sup>2</sup> Jesus -- Nazarene? Have You come to destroy us? I know who You are -- the Holy One of God!"
- **John 6:69** We have come to believe and know that You are the Holy One of God!"<sup>1</sup>

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- **He is merciful** **Hebrews 2:17** <sup>17</sup> Therefore he had to be made like his brothers in every respect, so that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people.

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- ▣ **Hebrews 7:26** For this is the kind of high priest we need: holy, innocent, undefiled, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens.