

Hallowed

YOUNG PEOPLE'S DICTIONARY OF SCRIPTURAL & RELIGIOUS TERMS

The word *hallowed* or *hallow* appears about 50 times in the KJV Bible. With one exception, it is always found in the Old Testament. “*And the LORD said unto him, I have heard thy prayer and thy supplication, that thou hast made before me: I have hallowed this house which thou hast built, to put my name there for ever; and mine eyes and mine heart shall be there perpetually*” (1 Kings 9:3).

“*Neither carry forth a burden out of your houses on the sabbath day, neither do ye any work, but hallow e the sabbath day, as I commanded your fathers*” (Jer.17:22).

The most common meaning of this word as used in the verses above is to *sanctify* something to be holy and done in reverence for God. Remember that **sanctify** means to “*set aside for a particular purpose*”. When used in the Bible it most often means to **separate** something to be used in holiness for God.

When our blessed God speaks of **hallowing** something, it simply means that God Himself has set apart a person or a thing for His own Holy purposes. The first verse from 1 Kings 9:3 shows that God was pleased with the beautiful temple that Solomon built, and He accepted it as His dwelling place. In other words, God set apart that beautiful golden building for Himself, thus all who went there must have walked in reverence and fear (respect) of God.