

Sanctified - continued

return from Babylon captivity (Ezek. 20:41), all to teach us the importance of sanctifying God in our lives today.

Sanctified

Who, When, How, and Where?

Who today will sanctify God? The one who accepts God as “the great and dreadful God” (Daniel 9:4). How can we sanctify God today? By obeying his truth (John 17:17,19). Where can one sanctify God today? In his heart (1 Peter 3:15). When can one sanctify God? When he applies the blood of Jesus (Ephesians 5:26; Hebrews 10:10,14,29; 13:12; 1 Peter 1:2).

Sanctified: What Then?

What are the great blessings that will come to me when I sanctify God? I will be rewarded by God, not punished (Romans 6:19,22). I will be set apart from sin (1 Corinthians 6:11). I will be wholly set apart in my life: spirit and body (1 Thessalonians 4:3,4,7; 5:23). I will be united with Jesus as brothers (Hebrews 2:11). I will be ready to live in peace (Hebrews 12:14). I will be ready to be used by God (2 Timothy 2:21). I will be prepared to give an answer (1 Peter 3:15). Let's all go out now and sanctify God! - *Chris Reeves*

Sentence Sermons

- Many children are afraid of the darkness, while many adults are afraid of the light (truth).
- It takes courage to say “No”, when everyone around you is saying “Yes”.
- Do what you can, when you can, and where you can.
- Since the road to hell is paved with good intentions, it is best to follow God's word rather than intentions.

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For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh, for the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh, but divinely powerful for the destruction of fortresses.
- 2 Corinthians 10:3-4 -

I Will Be Sanctified In Them

Today, sin runs rampant throughout our society and around the world. Sin is everywhere - in ourselves, in our marriages, in our families, in our friends, in our neighbors, in our schools, in our workplace, in our cities, in our churches, and in our government. There is no place in society where sin cannot be found. In the face of the enormity of sin, there is a constant need to live a life of sanctification; a life lived apart from this sinful world.

Sanctification Needed Today

Many today do not accept the existence of God, while others believe in some “god”. And, those who believe in the one, true God, often do not sanctify him (set him apart) from the world around them. They do not hold him in high esteem and obey him.

We live in a world that wants no separation; no distinction; no difference (Leviticus 10:10; 11:47; Ezekiel 22:26; 44:23). We are seeing this today especially in the so-called “transgender” policies. But, we must keep a holiness separate from sin and we must keep a holy God separate from what the world wants.

Twice in the Old Testament we

find the phrase, “I will be sanctified”:

*Then Moses said unto Aaron, This is it that Jehovah spake, saying, **I will be sanctified** in them that come nigh me, and before all the people I will be glorified. And Aaron held his peace (Leviticus 10:3).*

*As a sweet savor will I accept you, when I bring you out from the peoples, and gather you out of the countries wherein ye have been scattered; and **I will be sanctified** in you in the sight of the nations (Ezekiel 20:41).*

Twice in the Old Testament we find the phrase, “sanctify me”:

*And Jehovah said unto Moses and Aaron, Because ye believed not in me, to **sanctify me** in the eyes of the children of Israel, therefore ye shall not bring this assembly into the land which I have given them (Numbers 20:12).*

*because ye rebelled against my word in the wilderness of Zin, in the strife of the congregation, to **sanctify me** at the waters before their eyes. These are the waters of Meribah of Kadesh in the wilderness of Zin (Numbers 27:14).*

I Will Be Sanctified

What does “I will be sanctified” mean? This phrase means that God will be set

apart as holy; he will be respected and obeyed; he will be glorified. Isaiah 29:23 reads:

“But when he sees his children, the work of my hands, in the midst of him, they shall sanctify my name; yea, they shall sanctify the Holy One of Jacob, and shall stand in awe of the God of Israel.”

When Nadab and Abihu offered up the “strange fire” in Leviticus 10:1-2 that was not authorized by God, they were put to death. They did not sanctify God in their lives to take his word seriously and obey him. Instead, they wanted to do what they wanted to do.

Why is God to be sanctified and set apart in our lives? God is to be sanctified because he is the Creator of all things (showing intelligent power). He is the Sustainer of all things (showing purposeful life), the Savior of all mankind (showing loving mercy), and the Judge of all mankind (showing righteous justice). All this puts him in the position of being sanctified.

We are told of the “strange fire” of Nadab and Abihu (Leviticus 10:1-3), the striking the rock by Moses and Aaron (Numbers 20:12-13; 27:14; Deuteronomy 32:51), and the Jew’s