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“YHWH-Mekaddishkem: The Lord Who Makes You Holy”

Introduction

Our tape ran out as we were finishing our last study, “YHWH-Qanna’: The Lord is Jealous.” I would like to pick up where we left off, because it flows right into what we are studying tonight, “YHWH-Mekaddishkem: The Lord Who Makes You Holy.”

Isa 33:14-17

- 14 The sinners in Zion are terrified; trembling grips the godless: "Who of us can dwell with the consuming fire? Who of us can dwell with everlasting burning?"
- 15 He who walks righteously and speaks what is right, who rejects gain from extortion and keeps his hand from accepting bribes, who stops his ears against plots of murder and shuts his eyes against contemplating evil--
- 16 this is the man who will dwell on the heights, whose refuge will be the mountain fortress. His bread will be supplied, and water will not fail him.
- 17 Your eyes will see the king in his beauty and view a land that stretches afar. NIV

Because God is a jealous God, we ought to live holy lives. As verse 15 says, we need to walk righteously and speak what is right.

Heb 12:26-29

- 26 At that time his voice shook the earth, but now he has promised, "Once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heavens."
- 27 The words "once more" indicate the removing of what can be shaken--that is, created things--so that what cannot be shaken may remain.
- 28 Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us be thankful, and so worship God acceptably with reverence and awe,
- 29 for our "God is a consuming fire." NIV

Our worship of God should be marked by reverence and awe, because our God is a consuming fire. Moses found this out.

Ex 3:1-6

- 1 Now Moses was tending the flock of Jethro his father-in-law, the priest of Midian, and he led the flock to the far side of the desert and came to Horeb, the mountain of God.
- 2 There the angel of the LORD appeared to him in flames of fire from within a bush. Moses saw that though the bush was on fire it did not burn up.
- 3 So Moses thought, "I will go over and see this strange sight--why the bush does not burn up."
- 4 When the LORD saw that he had gone over to look, God called to him from within the bush, "Moses! Moses!" And Moses said, "Here I am."
- 5 "Do not come any closer," God said. "Take off your sandals, for the place where you are standing is holy ground."
- 6 Then he said, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob." At this, Moses hid his face, because he was afraid to look at God. NIV

Confronted by a holy God, Moses feared to look up. It was to Moses that the Lord revealed that He was Holy and that He made His people holy.

Lev 20:8 “Keep my decrees and follow them. I am the LORD, who makes you holy.” NIV

(Holiness or sanctification, is it a reality, a right, or a responsibility? Is it a possession, a position, or a practice of living?)

We can learn much about our Father from the lives of those who have stood in open vision in the presence of a Holy God.

I. In the Presence of a Holy God

A. Holy Angels – Dan 10:5-9

Dan 10:5-9

5 Then I lifted up mine eyes, and looked, and behold a certain man clothed in linen, whose loins were girded with fine gold of Uphaz:

6 His body also was like the beryl, and his face as the appearance of lightning, and his eyes as lamps of fire, and his arms and his feet like in colour to polished brass, and the voice of his words like the voice of a multitude.

7 And I Daniel alone saw the vision: for the men that were with me saw not the vision; but a great quaking fell upon them, so that they fled to hide themselves.

8 Therefore I was left alone, and saw this great vision, and there remained no strength in me: **for my comeliness was turned in me into corruption**, and I retained no strength.

9 Yet heard I the voice of his words: and when I heard the voice of his words, then was I in a deep sleep on my face, and my face toward the ground. KJV

Daniel's comeliness was turned to corruption! And this in just meeting an angel!

B. Holy God

1. John – Rev 1:12-17

Rev 1:12-17

12 I turned around to see the voice that was speaking to me. And when I turned I saw seven golden lampstands,

13 and among the lampstands was someone "like a son of man," dressed in a robe reaching down to his feet and with a golden sash around his chest.

14 His head and hair were white like wool, as white as snow, and his eyes were like blazing fire.

15 His feet were like bronze glowing in a furnace, and his voice was like the sound of rushing waters.

16 In his right hand he held seven stars, and out of his mouth came a sharp double-edged sword. His face was like the sun shining in all its brilliance.

17 **When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead.** Then he placed his right hand on me and said: "Do not be afraid. I am the First and the Last. NIV

2. Ezekiel – Ezek 1:1, 26-28

Ezek 1:1, 26-28

- 1 In the thirtieth year, in the fourth month on the fifth day, while I was among the exiles by the Kebar River, the heavens were opened and I saw visions of God.
- 26 Above the expanse over their heads was what looked like a throne of sapphire, and high above on the throne was a figure like that of a man.
- 27 I saw that from what appeared to be his waist up he looked like glowing metal, as if full of fire, and that from there down he looked like fire; and brilliant light surrounded him.
- 28 Like the appearance of a rainbow in the clouds on a rainy day, so was the radiance around him. This was the appearance of the likeness of the glory of the LORD. **When I saw it, I fell facedown**, and I heard the voice of one speaking. NIV

- i. The Spirit raised him to hear – Ezek 2:1-2

Ezek 2:1-2

- 1 He said to me, "Son of man, stand up on your feet and I will speak to you."
- 2 As he spoke, the Spirit came into me and raised me to my feet, and I heard him speaking to me. NIV

- ii. The call to a holy life – Ezek 2:6-10

Ezek 2:6-10

- 6 And you, son of man, do not be afraid of them or their words. Do not be afraid, though briars and thorns are all around you and you live among scorpions. Do not be afraid of what they say or terrified by them, though they are a rebellious house.
- 7 You must speak my words to them, whether they listen or fail to listen, for they are rebellious.
- 8 But you, son of man, listen to what I say to you. Do not rebel like that rebellious house; open your mouth and eat what I give you."
- 9 Then I looked, and I saw a hand stretched out to me. In it was a scroll,
- 10 which he unrolled before me. On both sides of it were written words of lament and mourning and woe. NIV

- C. Holy, Holy, Holy – Is 6:1-5

Isa 6:1-5

- 1 In the year that king Uzziah died I saw also the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up, and his train filled the temple.
- 2 Above it stood the seraphims: each one had six wings; with twain he covered his face, and with twain he covered his feet, and with twain he did fly.
- 3 And one cried unto another, and said, Holy, holy, holy, is the LORD of hosts: the whole earth is full of his glory.
- 4 And the posts of the door moved at the voice of him that cried, and the house was filled with smoke.

5 Then said I, **Woe is me! for I am undone**; because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips: for mine eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts. KJV

Isa 6:6-7

6 Then flew one of the seraphims unto me, having a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with the tongs from off the altar:

7 And he laid it upon my mouth, and said, Lo, this hath touched thy lips; and thine iniquity is taken away, and thy sin purged. KJV

Verses 6 and 7 show us that He makes us holy.

1. Holy Father – John 17:11

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I will remain in the world no longer, but they are still in the world, and I am coming to you. **Holy Father**, protect them by the power of your name-the name you gave me-so that they may be one as we are one. NIV

2. Holy Son – Luke 1:35b; Acts 4:27 KJV

Luke 1:35

So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God. NIV

Acts 4:27

For of a truth against **thy holy child Jesus**, whom thou hast anointed, both Herod, and Pontius Pilate, with the Gentiles, and the people of Israel, were gathered together, KJV

3. Holy Spirit – Luke 11:13

Luke 11:13

If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more **shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit** to them that ask him? KJV

II. He Makes Us Holy

A. By the Blood – (Apply it – 1 John 1:7-9)

Heb 10:1-10, 14

1 The law is only a shadow of the good things that are coming-not the realities themselves. For this reason it can never, by the same sacrifices repeated endlessly year after year, make perfect those who draw near to worship.

2 If it could, would they not have stopped being offered? For the worshipers would have been cleansed once for all, and would no longer have felt guilty for their sins.

3 But those sacrifices are an annual reminder of sins,

4 because it is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins.

5 Therefore, when Christ came into the world, he said: "Sacrifice and offering you did not desire, but a body you prepared for me;

6 with burnt offerings and sin offerings you were not pleased.

- 7 Then I said, 'Here I am-it is written about me in the scroll- I have come to do your will, O God.'"
- 8 First he said, "Sacrifices and offerings, burnt offerings and sin offerings you did not desire, nor were you pleased with them" (although the law required them to be made).
- 9 Then he said, "Here I am, I have come to do your will." He sets aside the first to establish the second.
- 10 And by that will, we have been made holy through the sacrifice of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.
- 14 because by one sacrifice he has made perfect forever those who are being made holy. NIV

Heb 9:13-15

- 13 The blood of goats and bulls and the ashes of a heifer sprinkled on those who are ceremonially unclean sanctify them so that they are outwardly clean.
- 14 How much more, then, will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself unblemished to God, cleanse our consciences from acts that lead to death, so that we may serve the living God!
- 15 For this reason Christ is the mediator of a new covenant, that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance-now that he has died as a ransom to set them free from the sins committed under the first covenant. NIV

1 John 1:7-9

- 7 But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin.
- 8 If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.
- 9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. NIV

We need to apply the blood of the Lamb!

B. By the Spirit – (Follow it – John 16:8-11)

1 Cor 6:9-11

- 9 Do you not know that the wicked will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: Neither the sexually immoral nor idolaters nor adulterers nor male prostitutes nor homosexual offenders
- 10 nor thieves nor the greedy nor drunkards nor slanderers nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God.
- 11 And that is what some of you were. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God. NIV

Titus 3:4-6

- 4 But when the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared,
- 5 he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit,

6 whom he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, NIV

John 16:8-11

8 When he comes, he will convict the world of guilt in regard to sin and righteousness and judgment:

9 in regard to sin, because men do not believe in me;

10 in regard to righteousness, because I am going to the Father, where you can see me no longer;

11 and in regard to judgment, because the prince of this world now stands condemned. NIV

We need to follow the Spirit.

C. By the Word – (Wash in it – Eph 5:25-27)

John 17:17 “Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth.” NIV

Eph 5:25-27

25 Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her

26 to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word,

27 and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless. NIV

We need to wash in the Word.

III. Be Ye Holy

A. Covenant Relationship

Heb 10:15-22

15 The Holy Spirit also testifies to us about this. First he says:

16 "This is the covenant I will make with them after that time, says the Lord. I will put my laws in their hearts, and I will write them on their minds."

17 Then he adds: "Their sins and lawless acts I will remember no more."

18 And where these have been forgiven, there is no longer any sacrifice for sin.

19 Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus,

20 by a new and living way opened for us through the curtain, that is, his body,

21 and since we have a great priest over the house of God,

22 let us draw near to God with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water. NIV

1. Sabbaths

Ex 31:13

"Say to the Israelites, 'You must observe my Sabbaths. This will be a sign between me and you for the generations to come, so you may know that I am the LORD, who makes you holy. NIV

Ezek 20:12

Also I gave them my Sabbaths as a sign between us, so they would know that I the LORD made them holy. NIV

Heb 4:1-11

1 Therefore, since the promise of entering his rest still stands, let us be careful that none of you be found to have fallen short of it.

2 For we also have had the gospel preached to us, just as they did; but the message they heard was of no value to them, because those who heard did not combine it with faith.

3 Now we who have believed enter that rest, just as God has said, "So I declared on oath in my anger, "They shall never enter my rest." And yet his work has been finished since the creation of the world.

4 For somewhere he has spoken about the seventh day in these words: "And on the seventh day God rested from all his work."

5 And again in the passage above he says, "They shall never enter my rest."

6 It still remains that some will enter that rest, and those who formerly had the gospel preached to them did not go in, because of their disobedience.

7 Therefore God again set a certain day, calling it Today, when a long time later he spoke through David, as was said before: "Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts."

8 For if Joshua had given them rest, God would not have spoken later about another day.

9 There remains, then, a Sabbath-rest for the people of God;

10 for anyone who enters God's rest also rests from his own work, just as God did from his.

11 Let us, therefore, make every effort to enter that rest, so that no one will fall by following their example of disobedience. NIV

2. Commands

Lev 20:8

Keep my decrees and follow them. I am the LORD, who makes you holy. NIV

3. Sacrifices

Lev 22:15-16

15 The priests must not desecrate the sacred offerings the Israelites present to the LORD

16 by allowing them to eat the sacred offerings and so bring upon them guilt requiring payment. I am the LORD, who makes them holy." NIV

4. Name

Lev 22:32

Do not profane my holy name. I must be acknowledged as holy by the Israelites. I am the LORD, who makes you holy. NIV

B. Consecrated Priesthood

Lev 21:8, 23

8 Regard them as holy, because they offer up the food of your God. Consider them holy, because I the LORD am holy--I who make you holy.

23 yet because of his defect, he must not go near the curtain or approach the altar, and so desecrate my sanctuary. I am the LORD, who makes them holy." NIV

Lev 22:9

"The priests are to keep my requirements so that they do not become guilty and die for treating them with contempt. I am the LORD, who makes them holy. NIV

1 Peter 2:9-10

9 But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, **a holy nation**, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.

10 Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy. NIV

C. Cleansed Church

1. Articles of the house

2 Tim 2:20-22

20 In a large house there are articles not only of gold and silver, but also of wood and clay; some are for noble purposes and some for ignoble.

21 If a man cleanses himself from the latter, he will be an instrument for noble purposes, made holy, useful to the Master and prepared to do any good work.

22 Flee the evil desires of youth, and pursue righteousness, faith, love and peace, along with those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart. NIV

2. A holy sanctuary

Ezek 36:23-27

Ezek 37:26-28

3. A pure bride

Rev 19:6-8

Conclusion

1 Pet 1:1-2:3 The Message

Phil 1:6

Amen!