

The Names of God

Jehovah Mekoddishkem

"Speak also to the children of Israel, saying:

'Surely My Sabbaths you shall keep, for it is a sign between Me and you throughout your generations, that you may know that I am the LORD who sanctifies you.'"

Exodus 31:13

Day 1

Pray before you begin your study this week.

The name Jehovah Mekoddishkem, the LORD who sanctifies you, appears twice in scripture, but the thread of sanctification runs through the whole Bible.

The above verse is the first instance of this name. Read it in its context: Exodus 31:12-18. What had the LORD put into place to remind the children of Israel of their sanctification? How was it to remind them of this?

Write out Leviticus 20:7-8, the second time this name is declared.

There are commands in both of these verses. What are they?

Ex. 31:13

Lev. 20:7-8

Different translations use different words for *sanctifies*. Look up the word in the original Hebrew and record its meaning here.

What do the following verses in Leviticus say is sanctified by the LORD?

Lev. 21:10-15

Lev. 21:23

Lev. 22:9

Lev. 22:15-16

Day 2

Pray.

Both of the scriptures that reveal this name use the word *keep*, i.e., keep My Sabbaths...keep My statutes. What does *keeping* these things prove or show about us when it comes to this name? (Think about the definition you looked up for sanctify.)

Look up the following verses and record what they say about our sanctification.

John 17:17-19

Acts 26:18

Rom. 15:16

Eph. 5:25-27

1 Thess. 4:3-8

1 Thess. 5:23

2 Thess. 2:13

2 Tim. 2:20-21

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Heb. 10:14

Heb. 13:12

Write out 1 Peter 1:15-16, then circle the phrases that state *why* we should be holy.

Digging Deeper: Holiness is not optional for God's people. We are called to be set apart, to be holy. Look up other Scriptures that express this thought and record them here.

Day 3

Pray.

Sanctification is multi-faceted; it is a one-time event, but it is also an ongoing process.

Read 1 Cor. 6:9-11.

Verses 9-10 list things we once *were*; verse 11 tells us what we are now in contrast to the things in those verses. Complete verse 11...

And such were some of you. But you were _____, but you were _____,
but you were _____ in the name of the _____ and by the _____
of our _____.

Notice *who* has washed, sanctified, and justified us. Read Eph. 2:8-10. What does Paul remind us of in this regard?

We are all a work in progress and we should always be growing in our walk with the Lord. What do the following verses say about this?

Prov. 4:18

Rom. 12:2

1 Cor. 9:24-27

2 Cor. 3:18

Eph. 4:15

Phil. 3:12-14

Titus 3:5

Heb. 6:1

Day 4

Pray.

God chose Israel to be a special people, His own possession. (*See Exodus 19:2-6.*) But because Israel rejected Jesus as their Messiah, God extended to the Gentiles the same blessings He had reserved for them. Read 1 Pet. 2:9-10. Write *who* Peter says we are, *why* we are, and *what* we now have.

Journal your thoughts about what it means to be such a precious child to God your Father.

Reflection: Can you see that God wants your undivided attention? That He wants you as His own possession? That He has set you apart for His special purposes? Does that scare you? Does it excite you? Does it confuse you? What is keeping you from being all His, from trusting Him enough to surrender everything to Him and walk in His ways for your life? Confess it to the Lord. If it excites you, praise Him for choosing you and calling you out of darkness into His marvelous light!

Day 5

Pray.

Kay Arthur writes, *“How can we sell our souls for tinsel when silver could be ours? How can we wear the clothes of spiritual paupers when the coffers of the King of kings are ours for the claiming? O church, church, why have you asked for your inheritance, taken it to a far country, squandered it on the fleeting pleasure of this world, and found yourself eating the husks from the pig’s trough when you could be dining at the King’s table?”*

This is, in a nutshell, the story of the prodigal son. Read the account in Luke 15:11-24.

What did the son have before leaving home?

What did he do with his inheritance?

What was the result of this?

What did the son conclude?

How does this story parallel with our relationship with our Heavenly Father?

Write out 2 Pet. 1:3. Circle the phrase that tells us what we have been given.

God has given us everything pertaining to life and godliness. He has given us the ability to be set apart for His good pleasure. Why on earth would we stray? (*Rhetorical question!*) Look up the following verses and record what they say about God's good pleasure and/or pleasing Him.

Luke 12:32

Eph. 1:5

Eph. 1:9

Phil. 2:13

Col. 1:9-14

2 Thess. 1:11-12

Heb. 13:20-21

1 Jn. 3:22