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EXODUS 31:12-13 & LEVITICUS 20:7-8

Leviticus 20:7-8

7 Consecrate yourselves therefore, and be holy, for I am the Lord your God. 8 And you shall keep My statutes and perform them: I am the Lord who sanctifies you.

► The word sanctify in the Hebrew is qadash (kaw-dash) and it is the only word used in the Old Testament for the word sanctify. It means: To pronounce or be clean, consecrated, or dedicated. To be holy or pure.



► In the New Testament the word in the Greek is **hagiazo** (hag-ee-ad'-zo). This too is the only word used in the New Testament. It means: To make holy, purify, or consecrate.

Exodus 6:5-7

► 5 And I have also heard the groaning of the children of Israel whom the Egyptians keep in bondage, and I have remembered My covenant. 6 Therefore say to the children of Israel: 'I am the Lord; I will bring you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians, I will rescue you from their bondage, and I will redeem you with an outstretched arm and with great judgments. 7 I will take you as My people, and I will be your God. Then you shall know that I am the Lord your God who brings you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians.'

- ▶ The word redeem is padah (paw-daw) in the Hebrew and it means: to sever; to ransom, to release or to preserve.
- ▶ The Law was not given to a people in bondage, it was given to a people who were freed from bondage.
- ▶ “Only when redemption from that sin, which had broken sanctification...could sanctification be resumed”. – Nathan Stone - The Names of God

Hebrews 10:5-10

► 5 Therefore, when He came into the world, He said: “Sacrifice and offering You did not desire, but a body You have prepared for Me. 6 In burnt offerings and sacrifices for sin You had no pleasure. 7 Then I said, ‘Behold, I have come—In the volume of the book it is written of Me—To do Your will, O God.’”

Hebrews 10:5-10

- ▶ 8 Previously saying, “Sacrifice and offering, burnt offerings, and offerings for sin You did not desire, nor had pleasure in them” (which are offered according to the law), 9 then He said, “Behold, I have come to do Your will, O God.” He takes away the first that He may establish the second. 10 By that will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

Romans 5:16-18

► 16 And the gift is not like that which came through the one who sinned. For the judgment which came from one offense resulted in condemnation, but the free gift which came from many offenses resulted in justification. 17 For if by the one man's offense death reigned through the one, much more those who receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness will reign in life through the One, Jesus Christ.)

Romans 5:16-18

▶ 18 Therefore, as through one man's offense judgment came to all men, resulting in condemnation, even so through one Man's righteous act the free gift came to all men, resulting in justification of life.

- ▶ **Justification is the removal of the consequences of sins by faith in the redemptive work of Jesus' death and resurrection.**
- ▶ **Sanctification is the daily transformation from a life of sin to a life that is holy and set apart for Christ Jesus.**

- ▶ Justification is complete through Jesus, yet we are free to choose whether we receive that gift of justification through faith.
- ▶ Sanctification is not complete yet and will not be until heaven is attained by you and me.

- ▶ God tells Israel in verse 7, “sanctify or consecrate (NKJV) themselves”. God was not going to do that for them.
- ▶ To consecrate something or someone, was to set it or them aside specifically for the work of God.

- ▶ Jesus from birth was separated from sin and to God; we from birth were separated from God and to sin.
- ▶ Once we find salvation our work to separate ourselves from sin and to God begins.

1 Thessalonians 4:1 -4

► Finally, then, brethren, we urge and exhort in the Lord Jesus that you should abound more and more, just as you received from us how you ought to walk and to please God; 2 for you know what commandments we gave you through the Lord Jesus. 3 For this is the will of God, your sanctification: that you should abstain from sexual immorality; 4 that each of you should know how to possess his own vessel in sanctification and honor,

1 Peter 3:15

►15 But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts, and always be ready to give a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear;

- ▶ Sanctification is not an outward process but an inward one.
- ▶ The outward man always projects the inward man.
- ▶ “Many times, we try to bring our intellects and bodies in line with God while our spirits are not in line”. – Marilyn Hickey – The Names of God

Leviticus 18:1-4

► Then the Lord spoke to Moses, saying, 2 “Speak to the children of Israel, and say to them: ‘I am the Lord your God. 3 According to the doings of the land of Egypt, where you dwelt, you shall not do; and according to the doings of the land of Canaan, where I am bringing you, you shall not do; nor shall you walk in their ordinances. 4 You shall observe My judgments and keep My ordinances, to walk in them: I am the Lord your God. 5 You shall therefore keep My statutes and My judgments, which if a man does, he shall live by them: I am the Lord.

- ▶ It is only through obedience to God's Word will sanctification ever be accomplished.
- ▶ John 17:17-19 - 17 Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth. 18 As You sent Me into the world, I also have sent them into the world. 19 And for their sakes I sanctify Myself, that they also may be sanctified by the truth.

Ephesians 5:25-27

▶ 25 Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her, 26 that He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word, 27 that He might present her to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she should be holy and without blemish.

- ▶ Once we say yes to sanctification, the Holy Spirit is here to help us. It is a matter of spurning or willfully receiving the Spirit's help.
- ▶ Ask for help!

1 Thessalonians 2:13-14

► 13 But we are bound to give thanks to God always for you, brethren beloved by the Lord, because God from the beginning chose you for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and belief in the truth, 14 to which He called you by our gospel, for the obtaining of the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

- ▶ Remember to worship in spirit and in truth and to serve Jesus in spirit and in truth, sanctification, the purposeful set ourselves apart as holy is a must.
- ▶ Let us strive to serve and worship Him in spirit and in truth.