

# Wholly Holy

## Jehovah M'Kaddesh = "I AM the God who Sanctifies"

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### Three Types of Sanctification in the Bible

1. **Positional** Sanctification. (1 Cor. 1:30; 6:11; Hebrews 10:10).
2. **Progressive** Sanctification. (2 Cor. 3:18; 7:1; 1 Thess. 4:3-7).
3. **Ultimate** Sanctification (1 John 3:1-3).

#### I. The personal **responsibility** of sanctification.

 Leviticus 20:7 (NIV84) “Consecrate yourselves and be holy, because I am the Lord your God.”

 2 Peter 1:3 (NIV84) “His divine power has given us everything we need for life and godliness through our knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and goodness.”

 1 Thessalonians 4:1–8 (NIV84) “Finally, brothers, we instructed you how to live in order to please God, as in fact you are living. Now we ask you and urge you in the Lord Jesus to do this more and more. <sup>2</sup> For you know what instructions we gave you by the authority of the Lord Jesus. <sup>3</sup> It is God’s will that you should be sanctified: that you should avoid sexual immorality; <sup>4</sup> that each of you should learn to control his own body in a way that is holy and honorable, <sup>5</sup> not in passionate lust like the heathen, who do not know God; <sup>6</sup> and that in this matter no one should wrong his brother or take advantage of him. The Lord will punish men for all such sins, as we have already told you and warned you. <sup>7</sup> For God did not call us to be impure, but to live a holy life. <sup>8</sup> Therefore, he who rejects this instruction does not reject man but God, who gives you His Holy Spirit.”

 1 Peter 1:14–16 (NIV84) “As obedient children, do not conform to the evil desires you had when you lived in ignorance. <sup>15</sup> But just as He who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do; <sup>16</sup> for it is written: “Be holy, because I am holy.”

#### II. The personal **benefit** of sanctification.

 Leviticus 20:8 (NIV84) “Keep my decrees and follow them. I am the Lord, who makes you holy.”

 John 17:17 (NIV84) “Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth.”

 2 Timothy 2:20–21 (NCV) “In a large house there are not only things made of gold and silver, but also things made of wood and clay. Some things are used for special purposes, and others are made for ordinary jobs. <sup>21</sup> All who make themselves clean from evil will be used for special purposes. They will be made holy, useful to the Master, ready to do any good work.”

 Hebrews 12:14 (NIV84) “Make every effort to live in peace with all men and to be holy; without holiness no one will see the Lord.”

 1 Thessalonians 5:23 (NIV84) “May God Himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.”

**Digging Deeper:** When you think of holiness, what do you think of? When you imagine a “holy” person, what do they look like?

 What responsibility do you feel you have for what God does or doesn’t do in your life? What evidence do you have that God uses people? Describe a time that God used you in someone else’s life? What is getting in the way of your spiritual growth? What are you determined to do differently in light of what you have heard today?