

GETTING TO KNOW

GOD

A study of His names & divine nature

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SPRING SERIES 2025 – WEEK 5

JEHOVAH-M'Keddesh

*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.*

– 1 Corinthians 6:11 ESV

- **Last week:** *Jehovah-Nissi* – “The LORD Is My Banner”
- **This week:** *Jehovah-M'Keddesh* – “The LORD Your Sanctifier”
 - The LORD Who Sanctifies

*Consecrate yourselves, therefore, and be holy, for I am the LORD (Yahweh) your God (Elohim). Keep my statutes and do them; I am the LORD (Yahweh) who sanctifies you. –
Leviticus 20:7-8 ESV*

- The context:
 - Nearly 40 years after leaving Egypt
 - **Elohim** has appeared on Mt. Sinai
 - He has given them the Law
 - The sacrificial system is in effect
 - The Tabernacle has been built
 - And **Jehovah** dwells in their midst

sanctifies – *qāḏaš* (kaw-dash')

...to set apart

...to consecrate

...to regard as sacred

So **God** [Elohim] blessed the seventh day and made it **holy** [qāḏaš], because on it **God** rested from all his work that he had done in creation. – Genesis 2:3 ESV

- **Under new ownership**

- Elohim set aside that day from all the rest
 - It was still just a 24-hour day
 - It had not undergone change
 - But it now belonged to Elohim
 - It was reserved for His glory alone

The **LORD** [Jehovah] said to Moses, “**Consecrate** [qāḏaš] to me all the firstborn. Whatever is the first to open the womb among the people of Israel, both of man and of beast, **is mine.**” – Exodus 13:1-2 ESV

“For you are a people **holy** [qāḏôš] to the **LORD** [Yahweh] your **God** [Elohim]. The **LORD** your **God** has chosen you to be a people for his treasured possession, out of all the peoples who are on the face of the earth.” – Deuteronomy 7:6 ESV

Praise the **LORD** [Yahweh], for the **LORD** is good;
sing to his name, for it is pleasant!
For the **LORD** has chosen Jacob for himself,
Israel as **his own possession.** – Psalm 135:3-4 ESV

Now therefore, if you will indeed obey my voice and keep my covenant, **you shall be my treasured possession** among all peoples, for all the earth is mine; and you shall be to me **a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.** – Exodus 19:5-6 ESV

- **Set apart to stand out**

- They were no **different** than anyone else
- They weren't **better** than the other nations
- They had not **earned** their status
 - God had **chosen** them
 - He had actually **created** them

The **LORD** [Yahweh] had said to Abram, “Leave your native country, your relatives, and your father's family, and go to the land that I will show you. **I will make you into a great nation.**” – Genesis 12:1-2 ESV

Then he said [to Jacob], “I am **God** [Elohim], the **God** of your father. Do not be afraid to go down to Egypt, for there I will make you into a great nation.” – Genesis 46:3 ESV

The total number of Jacob's direct descendants who went with him to Egypt, not counting his sons' wives, was sixty-six. In addition, Joseph had two sons who were born in Egypt. So altogether, there were **seventy members** of Jacob's family in the land of Egypt. – Genesis 46:26-27 NLT

- **God’s miracle of multiplication**
 - For 4 centuries in Egypt, they flourished

But the people of Israel were fruitful and increased greatly; they multiplied and grew exceedingly strong, so that the land was filled with them. – Exodus 1:7 NLT

*That night the people of Israel left Rameses and started for Succoth. **There were about 600,000 men**, plus all the women and children. A rabble of non-Israelites went with them, along with great flocks and herds of livestock. – Exodus 1:37-38 NLT*

*The **LORD** [Yahweh] did not set his heart on you and choose you because you were more numerous than other nations, for you were the smallest of all nations! Rather, it was simply that the **LORD** loves you, and he was keeping the oath he had sworn to your ancestors. – Deuteronomy 7:7-8 NLT*

Consecrate yourselves, therefore, and be holy... – Leviticus 20:7 ESV

consecrate – *qāḏaš* (kaw-dash’) – “set yourselves apart”

“...the Leviticus passage conveys God’s expectation that the Israelites live in keeping with their status as His special treasure. Their behavior was to match their identity as His chosen ones. They were already holy because God had hand-picked them; now they were to live like it.” – Ken Miller, *Devotionary™ on the Names of God*

- They were to live as His “treasured possession”
 - In obedience to His laws
 - In keeping with His will
 - In gratitude for His grace and mercy
 - And as a reflection of His holiness (set-apartness)

*The **LORD** spoke to Moses, saying, “Say to the people of Israel, Any one of the people of Israel or of the strangers who sojourn in Israel who gives any of his children to Molech shall surely be put to death. The people of the land shall stone him with stones. I myself will set my face against that man and will cut him off from among his people, because he has **given one of his children to Molech**, to make my sanctuary unclean and to profane my holy name.” – Leviticus 2:1-3 ESV*

*“And if the people of the land do at all close their eyes to that man **when he gives one of his children to Molech**, and do not put him to death, then I will set my face against that man and against his clan and will cut them off from among their people, him and all who follow him in whoring after Molech.” – Leviticus 20:4-5 ESV*

*“If a person turns to mediums and necromancers, **whoring after them**, I will set my face against that person and will cut him off from among his people.” – Leviticus 20:6 ESV*

- **Identity, affinity, and fidelity**

- Identity: They belonged to *Jehovah*
- Affinity: They were loved by Him
- Fidelity: They were to remain faithful to Him

whoring – *zānâ* – commit adultery, play a harlot

*“I am the **LORD** [Jehovah] your **God** [Elohim]”* – Leviticus 20:7 ESV

- Appears 37X in 9 chapters
- Speaks of their **covenantal relationship**
- They were permanently bound to *Jehovah*

*“I will make you exceedingly fruitful, and I will make you into nations, and kings shall come from you. And **I will establish my covenant between me and you and your offspring after you throughout their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you.**”* – Genesis 17:6-7 ESV

*“I will take you to be my people, and I will be your **God**, and you shall know that I am the **LORD** your **God**, who has brought you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians.”* – Exodus 6:7 ESV

“...the Israelites had a difficult time living up to their holy identity. According to God, they were holy, but they found it virtually impossible to maintain the standard God had given them. Over the centuries, they repeatedly failed to obey God’s Law, choosing instead to compromise their convictions and blend in with the nations around them. This did not make them any less holy or set apart in God’s eyes. In fact, it caused Him to punish them for bringing shame and dishonor to His name. They ended up in captivity again, this time in Assyria and Babylon.” – Ken Miller, *Devotionary™ on the Names of God*

- **Great expectations**

*“You shall be holy, for I the **LORD** your God am holy.”* – Leviticus 19:2 ESV

- God expected them live out their identity
- They were to live set-apart lives

*“But you shall keep my statutes and my rules and do none of these abominations, either the native or the stranger who sojourns among you (for the people of the land, who were before you, did all of these abominations, so that the land became unclean), **lest the land vomit you out** when you make it unclean, as it vomited out the nation that was before you.”* – Leviticus 18:26-28 ESV

*“You shall therefore keep all my statutes and all my rules and do them, **that the land where I am bringing you to live may not vomit you out.** And you shall not walk in the*

customs of the nation that I am driving out before you, for they did all these things, and therefore I detested them.” – Leviticus 20:22-23 ESV

*“You shall **follow my rules and keep my statutes and walk in them.** I am the LORD your God. You shall therefore **keep my statutes and my rules...**” – Leviticus 18:4-5 ESV*

*“But you shall **keep** my statutes and my rules...” – Leviticus 18:26 ESV*

*“You shall **keep** my statutes...” – Leviticus 19:19 ESV*

*“And you shall **observe** all my statutes and all my rules, and **do them...**” – Leviticus 19:37 ESV*

- **Sanctification requires participation**

- Elohim had **set them apart**
 - But they were to **stand out**
- He gave them a **code of conduct**
 - But they had to **carry it out**
- He made a **covenant** with them
 - But they had to **live it out**

*“Look, I now teach you these decrees and regulations just as the LORD my God commanded me, **so that you may obey them** in the land you are about to enter and occupy. **Obey them completely**, and you will display your wisdom and intelligence among the surrounding nations. When they hear all these decrees, they will exclaim, ‘How wise and prudent are the people of this great nation!’ For what great nation has a god as near to them as the LORD our God is near to us whenever we call on him? And what great nation has decrees and regulations as righteous and fair as this body of instructions that I am giving you today?” – Deuteronomy 4:5-8 NLT*

- A lifelong journey of sanctification
 - Sanctification is *Jehovah’s* job
 - They had **been** sanctified (set apart)
 - Were **becoming** sanctified (called out)
 - And would **be** sanctified (cleaned up)
- Their **identity** would never change
 - They would always be **set apart**
- - But their **identification** *would* change
 - They wouldn’t always **stand out**
- Yet their **eternity** was secure
 - *Jehovah* would **step in**

“Therefore, give the people of Israel this message from the Sovereign LORD: I am bringing you back, but not because you deserve it. I am doing it to protect my holy name, on which

*you brought shame while you were scattered among the nations. I will show how holy my great name is — the name on which you brought shame among the nations. And **when I reveal my holiness through you** before their very eyes, says the Sovereign LORD, then the nations will know that I am the LORD.*

*“For I will gather you up from all the nations and bring you home again to your land. Then I will sprinkle clean water on you, and **you will be clean. Your filth will be washed away,** and you will no longer worship idols. And **I will give you a new heart, and I will put a new spirit in you.** I will take out your stony, stubborn heart and give you a tender, responsive heart. And I will put my Spirit in you so that you will follow my decrees and be careful to obey my regulations.” – Ezekiel 36:22-27 NLT*

*But we ought always to give thanks to God for you, brothers beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the firstfruits to be saved, **through sanctification by the Spirit and belief in the truth.** To this he called you through our gospel, so that you **may obtain the glory** of our Lord Jesus Christ. – 2 Thessalonians 2:13-14 ESV*

And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away.” – Revelation 21:2-4 ESV

- **Jehovah-M’Keddesh** – The LORD Who Sanctifies You
 - You have **been** sanctified (set apart)
 - You are **being** sanctified (called out)
 - One day you will **be** sanctified (cleaned up)

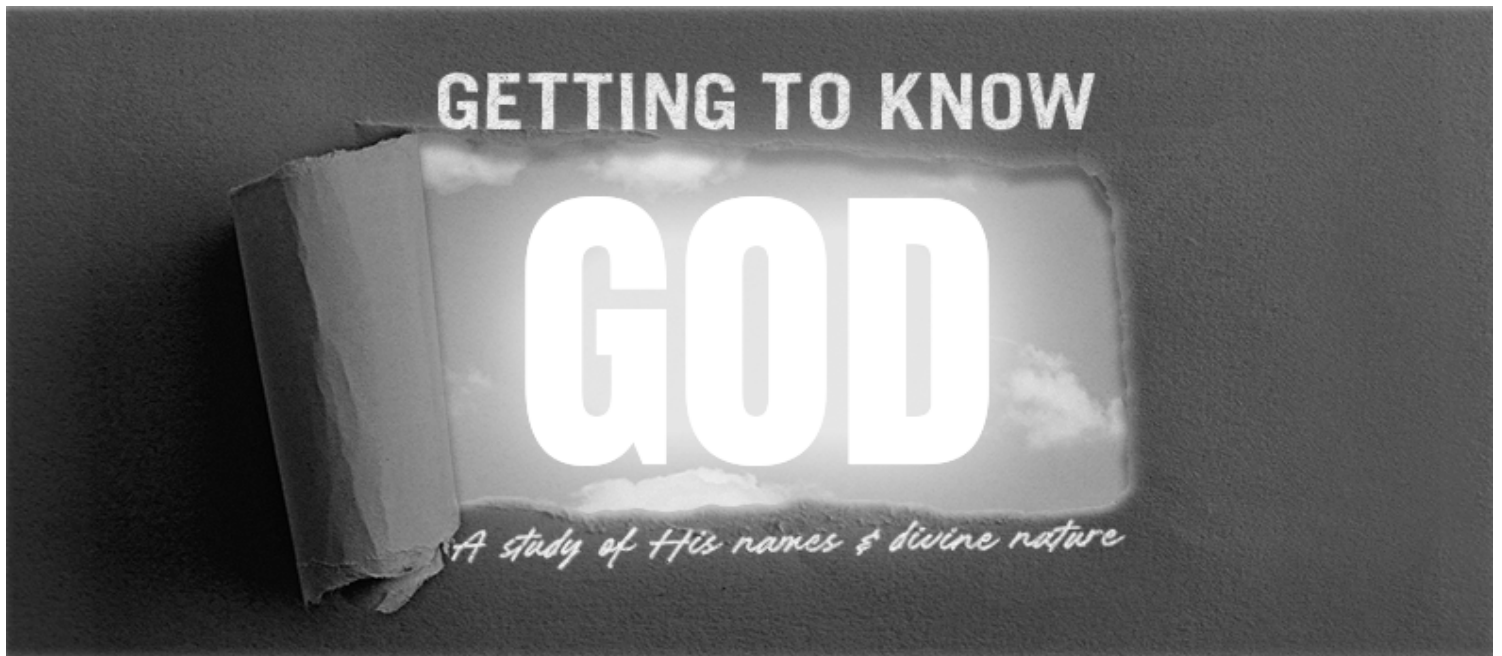
*Beloved, **we are now children of God,** and what we will be has not yet been revealed. We know that when Christ appears, **we will be like Him.** – 1 John 3:2 BSB*

- **Discussion Questions**

Why is standing out the hardest part of being set apart by God? What makes it so difficult?

Does the thought that Jehovah is the one who sanctifies provide you with any comfort or sense of relief? Why should it?

Why is it important to we remember our sanctification is a process that has a beginning, a middle, and an end?



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SPRING SERIES 2025 – WEEK 6 HOMEWORK

WEEK 6 – *Jehovah-Shalom*: The LORD Is Peace

Jehovah-Shalom is derived from two key components: **Jehovah** (or **Yahweh**), which is the personal name of God in the Old Testament, and **Shalom**, which means "peace" in Hebrew. Together, the name **Jehovah-Shalom** translates to "The Lord is Peace." This name appears in the book of Judges, specifically in **Judges 6:24**, where the Israelite judge Gideon, after an encounter with an angel of the Lord, builds an altar and names it "Jehovah-Shalom." In this context, it signifies God's provision of peace and His assurance that He is the source of both spiritual and physical well-being. **Shalom** (peace) in the Old Testament context is much deeper than just a state of tranquility; it includes concepts like completeness, wholeness, welfare, and success. When God is described as Jehovah-Shalom, it reflects His role in bringing about spiritual reconciliation and inner peace for His people, as well as His commitment to their overall flourishing. **Jehovah-Shalom** represents God as the source of true peace, affirming His desire to bring harmony, well-being, and wholeness to His people. It emphasizes God's comforting presence during times of fear and His role in reconciling and restoring peace.

- Read pages 71-76 of Ken's Devotional™ on the names of God. Write down any key thoughts or insights you got from considering the name **Jehovah-Shalom**.

- Read Judges 6:1-6. Describe the predicament the Israelites find themselves in:

- Now read verses 7-10. What did God accuse them of, and why is that important when you consider what we learned in last week's lesson?
- Read verses 11-18. What does verse 13 reveal about Gideon's views concerning God's sovereignty and involvement in the lives of His people?

In what ways is Gideon's response similar to that of Moses in Exodus 3?

What did God promise Gideon in verse 16 and where have we seen this promise before?

- Read verses 19-24. What sign did God give the reluctant and doubtful Gideon?

Why would it be significant that the angel used a staff to accomplish his sign? Where have we seen this before?

Look closely at verses 23-24. Why do you think the angel brought up the topic of peace at this moment? What was it that Gideon lacked peace about?

Why would the angel assure Gideon he would not die? Why would death even be a concern for Gideon at this point in the story?

When Gideon named the spot "the LORD is Peace," what do you think he was trying to convey about Jehovah?

Read the following passages and write their main point in your own words.

John 14:27:

Philippians 4:7:

Isaiah 26:3:

2 Thessalonians 3:16: