

WHOM THE FATHER HATH SANCTIFIED

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The Lord possessed me in the beginning of His way, before His works of old. I was set up from everlasting, from the beginning, or ever the earth was Prov.8:22,23.

That I may cause those that love me to inherit substance; and I will fill their treasures. Prov.8:21.

The earliest record of God sanctifying **in the earth**; is recorded in Genesis 2:3. ...God blessed the seventh day, and sanctified it: because that in it He had rested from all His work which God created and made. We know that this was and is referring to the Sabbath.

The Lord said to Moses: Sanctify to me all the firstborn, whatever openeth the womb among the children of Israel; both of man and beast, is mine. Ex.13:2.

And thou shalt take the anointing oil, and anoint the tabernacle, and all that is therein, and shalt hallow it, and all the vessels thereof: and it shall be holy. And thou shalt anoint the altar of the burnt offering and all his vessels, and sanctify the altar: and it shall be an altar **most holy**.

And thou shalt anoint the laver and his foot, and sanctify it. And thou shalt bring Aaron the holy garments, and anoint him, and sanctify him; **that** he may minister unto me in the priests office.

And thou shalt bring his sons, and clothe them with coats: and thou shalt anoint them as thou didst anoint their father, that they may minister unto me in the priests office: for their anointing shall surely be an everlasting priesthood throughout their generations. Ex.40:9-15.

In the divine administration of the old testament; things, places, times, and people were sanctified; consecrated for a holy purpose; and with that the Mosaic acts of purification; but when applied to the people its effectiveness did nothing to purify them morally or spiritually before God.

However, these were God's teaching tools. To demonstrate to the Jews and to us the importance of spiritual cleansing. These tools were symbolic to the greater things that lay ahead. But also shows the gracious purpose of God to actually accomplish the work.

God made it very clear that whatever or whomever is to be in His presence must be set apart, sanctified, purified, and undefiled!

In both the old and new testament writings; God tells us to sanctify ourselves. Let the priests also which come near to the LORD, sanctify themselves, lest the LORD break forth upon them. Ex.19:22.

For I am the LORD your God: ye shall therefore sanctify yourselves, and ye shall be holy; for I am Holy. ... Lev.11:44.

Sanctify yourselves therefore, and be ye holy for I am the LORD your God. And ye shall keep my statutes, and do them: I am the LORD which sanctify you. **Lev.20:7,8.**

For God hath not called us unto uncleanness, but unto holiness. **1 Thess.4:7**

But as He which hath called you is Holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation; because it is written, be ye holy; for I am Holy. **1 Pet. 1:15.**

But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear: having a good conscience that, whereas they speak evil of you, as of evildoers they may be ashamed that falsely accuse your good conversation in Christ. **1 Pet.3:15,16.**

God set Christ apart to be the ONE to sanctify His creation. Jesus did not become sanctified- He is sanctified because He proceeded forth and came from God! **John.8:42.** Jesus is sanctified because He is God incarnate. I and my Father are one. **John 10:30.**

And now, brethren, I commend you to God and to the word of His grace, which is able to build you up, and to give you an inheritance among all them which are sanctified. **Acts 20:32.**

.... that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in me (Christ). **Acts 26:18.**

For this cause He is the mediator of the New Testament, that by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions that were under the first testament, they which are called might receive the promise of eternal inheritance.

For where the testament is, there must also of necessity be the death of the testator. For a testament is of force after men are dead: otherwise it is of no strength at all while the testator liveth.

Where upon neither the first testament was dedicated without blood. The amplified reads this way: So even the old (first) covenant (God's will) was not inaugurated and ratified and put in force without the shedding of blood.

For when Moses had spoken every precept to all the people according to the law, he took the blood of calves and of goats, with water, and scarlet wool, and hyssop, and sprinkled both the book, and all the people. Saying, This is the blood of the testament which God hath enjoined unto you.

Moreover he sprinkled with blood both the tabernacle, and all the vessels of the ministry. And almost all things are by the law purged with blood; and without shedding of blood is no remission. **Heb.9:15-22.**

Then said He, Lo, I come to do thy will, O God. He taketh away the first, that He may establish the second. By the which will we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all. **Heb. 10:9,10.**

...Christ is not entered into the holy places made with hands, which are the figures of the true; but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us! **Heb.9:24.**

Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet (suitable, sanctified) to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light: who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of His dear Son: In whom we have redemption through His blood, even the forgiveness of sins. Col.1:12-14.

The sanctified Christ, came to earth, gave himself for our sins and rose from the dead; in order that, God could set us apart, and sanctify us, make us holy, purify us from our sins.

Sanctify our hearts to impart Holy sanctions, make us legitimate children; obedient children productive in our Father's work and conducive to receive spiritual blessings.

Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when He shall appear, we shall be like Him: for we shall see Him as He is. **1 John 3:2.**

The ultimate in sanctification, when our faith becomes sight.

....I beheld, and lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues; stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands; and cried with a loud voice, saying, Salvation to our God which sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb.

And one of the elders answered, saying unto me, What are these which are arrayed in white robes? And whence came they? And I said unto him, Sir, thou knowest. And he said to me, These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

I exhort you brethren: Holdfast! For He that will come, shall come and will not tarry. **Amen.**

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