

Jehovah M'Kaddesh — The Lord our Sanctification

After Adam and Eve sinned, God had a plan to renew and restore fellowship with humanity. After their first encounter with God following their sin, mankind has tried to hide from the presence of the most holy God. When God would come near, He would see the sin and wickedness of mankind. So God took note of the distresses, weakness, sickness, and difficulties that sin had brought. In extreme love, God provided ways and means to come near and intervene to save, heal, protect, and supply.

In Biblical history, people were overwhelmed by their weaknesses and sins in God's presence. God always made provision so that they could come near.

When Moses saw the burning bush, he drew near to the place not knowing that God was there.

When God spoke to him from the burning bush, He told Moses to take off his shoes for he was on holy ground. Moses could not continue walking as he had in God's presence. In God's holy presence, Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look upon God, (Exodus 3:6).

When God provided the Tabernacle and the priesthood in the wilderness, He was making a way for people to come near.

God had called Moses, Aaron, Nadab, Abihu and seventy elders of Israel to come and worship from afar, but they could not come near, (Exodus 24). After they ate and drank in the presence of God, Moses was called up into the mountain to meet with God. All of the instruction and commands Moses received provided access and fellowship with God. God considered everything that was necessary so that weak and sinful people could be brought near. All of the sacrifices and commandments were given to sanctify the people He had claimed.

Leviticus 20:7-8 NKJV Consecrate yourselves therefore, and be holy, for I am the Lord your God. And you shall keep My statutes, and perform them: I am THE LORD WHO SANCTIFIES you.

God was saying, "I AM JEHOVAH M'KADDESH." — He is THE LORD WHO SANCTIFIES.

Jehovah M'Kaddesh is not only a Holy God, He comes to our aid to make us holy. Even God's prophets, priests, and kings realized they were not worthy to enter into God's holy presence. That is why God sent His Son into this world to seek and to save that which is lost.

Luke 19:10 NKJV For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost.

Jesus Christ came into this world so that the sinner could be made clean in God's presence. God is not just interested in making us different, He wants to make us better. His goal is to set us apart from the world so that He may save, bless, heal,

and protect. God wants to meet with us so that He can bring about the change that needs to take place in our lives.

Deuteronomy 14:2 NKJV For you are a holy people to the Lord your God, and the Lord has chosen you to be a people for Himself, a special treasure above all the peoples who are on the face of the earth.

He is Jehovah M'Kaddesh — the God who sanctifies.

The good news is that God accepts us just as we are today, but He refuses to leave us in the condition He found us.

- He wants to reconstruct our lives and transform and renew our minds.
- He wants to change our path and our destiny.
- He wants to take away the sadness and give us His joy and gladness.
- He wants to change our anxiety into peace.
- He wants to give us His loving kindness and tender mercies.
- He wants to show us His love and compassion.
- He wants to save, sanctify, and make us His own.

David's highest purpose was to seek the face of God.

He knew that his help, strength, and salvation came from God. David knew that he could not thrive or survive without God.

Psalm 27:7-9 NKJV Hear, O Lord, when I cry with my voice! Have mercy also upon me, and answer me. When You said, "Seek My face," My heart said to You, "Your face, Lord, I will seek." Do not hide Your face from me; Do not turn Your servant away in anger; You have been my help; Do not leave me nor forsake me, O God of my salvation.

Take note of David's total dependance on God. He had a deep knowledge that his help was in the Lord.

Psalm 27:14 NKJV Wait on the Lord; Be of good courage, And He shall strengthen your heart; Wait, I say, on the Lord!

God outlined requirements for rescue from judgment and sin.

2 Chronicles 7:14 NKJV If My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land.

There is a renewed encounter with God that began happening with young people.

As they humbled themselves in God's presence, they began experiencing a great renewal and visitation. In Acts 2, Simon Peter reminded people of God's promise for an encounter that would happen in the last days. Peter was reminding people in Jerusalem and Judea of the words God spoke through the prophet Joel.

Acts 2:17-18 NKJV ‘And it shall come to pass in the last days, says God, That I will pour out of My Spirit on all flesh; Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, Your young men shall see visions, Your old men shall dream dreams. And on My menservants and on My maidservants I will pour out My Spirit in those days; And they shall prophesy.

God is turning the hearts of young and old people back to Him.

Solomon was told that when God’s people will humble themselves, and pray and seek His face, and turn from their wicked ways, He would hear from heaven.

Jehovah M’Kaddesh wants to cleanse and sanctify.

He does this so that He may be known as Jehovah Shammah - the Lord is there.

- He wants His people to know that He is Jehovah Nissi - the Lord who give us victory.
- He wants you to have an encounter with Jehovah Shalom — the God who calms all our fears.
- He cleanses and sanctifies so you may know Jehovah Jireh — the God who provides.
- He is Jehovah Roi - the God Who lives, sees, and provides.

God is reaching out with an encounter to turn many from sin to serve the living God. As with most encounters with God, people are being changed. Jehovah M’Kaddesh is the God Who sanctifies.

Acts 2:21 NKJV And it shall come to pass That whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.’

God has a goal in mind for each of you. He has His eyes fixed on you. He is not finished working in your life. He is in the process of bringing you into a deeper and higher relationship with Himself. He is calling you closer and closer.

Philippians 1:6 NLT I am sure that God, Who began the good work within you, will continue His work until it is finally finished on that day when Christ Jesus comes back again.

God is going to continue His work within you... until His goal for each of your lives is satisfied.

He knows exactly what He wants to do in you.

Most of us have some ideas about what God is doing.

- Some think God’s goal for us is heaven. God does want to get you into heaven.
- Some think that God is interested in getting us to think right and have a correct set of beliefs. It is important that we learn what God has said and walk in obedience to the faith we have in Him.

God has a greater goal or destination than that in mind.

- Some think that God wants to draw us into deeper worship and praise.

- God is not just interested in making you feel better about yourself.
- Jehovah M’Kaddesh wants to change us inside and out. Galatians 4:19 tells us God wants Christ to be formed in us.

2 Corinthians 3:17-18 NLT For the Lord is the Spirit, and wherever the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. So all of us who have had that veil removed can see and reflect the glory of the Lord. And the Lord—who is the Spirit—makes us more and more like him as we are changed into his glorious image.

He wants to transform our minds and our lives.

God calls Himself Jehovah M’Kaddesh.

He tells us, *“I am the God who sanctifies you.”* God is working in us to make us holy. The Greek for *“holy”* means to be *“set apart.”*

Much of the encounter God is having with people today is to bring them back to their first love for God.

He is a jealous God. He loves you with a fervent and everlasting love. God wants you to love Him with all of your heart, mind and strength.

In Isaiah 42, Israel was revealed as being blind — unable to understand or see, deaf — because they would not listen, defeated, sinfully disobedient, and spiritually insensitive.

Isaiah 43:1 NKJV But now, thus says the Lord, who created you, O Jacob, And He who formed you, O Israel: “Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by your name; You are Mine.”

“But God” is a sign of Jehovah M’Kaddesh’s intervention.

These words are applicable to every one God has called.

He has provided the only true redemption for your soul. He has personally called and claimed you, and has offered the blood of His Son as the cleansing from all our sins.

1 John 1:7 NKJV But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.

Jehovah M’Kaddesh will make a difference in your life.

God so loved the **World** that **HE** gave His only Son. Jesus Christ went to the cross and paid the ultimate price so you could be freed from sin and its power. Through the work of the cross and the power of His blood He can change your life.

Take a scan through the Bible and you will see Jehovah M’Kaddesh working in many individual’s lives.

He calls people who are the worst kind of sinners. He chooses people who are

weak and small in their own eyes.

Deuteronomy 7:7-8 NKJV The Lord did not set His love on you nor choose you because you were more in number than any other people, for you were the least of all peoples; but because the Lord loves you...

1 Peter 2:9-10 NKJV But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light; who once were not a people but are now the people of God, who had not obtained mercy but now have obtained mercy.

Jehovah M'Kaddesh is working in your lives.

He is calling you to come near and seek His face. He is saving and sanctifying. He is setting you apart and saying, "You are mine!" He is saying, "I have determined to show you my mercy, power, and grace." He is calling you out of your destructions and is bringing you into His favor in Christ.