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The Names of Love - Part 17 - Jehovah Mikadesh

Lev. 20:8; 26, “Keep My decrees and follow them. I AM the LORD, who makes you holy. You are to be holy to Me, for I the LORD am holy; and I have set you apart from the peoples to be Mine.”

The Name of God in this passage is Jehovah Mikadesh; The Lord Who Sanctifies.

The word sanctify in scripture means to set apart for a purpose. Sanctification is God’s act of making His people holy, or set apart to do His work. This happens through the blood of Jesus Christ. 1 Pt. 1:13-16, “As obedient children, do not conform to the evil desires you had when you lived in ignorance. But just as He Who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do; for it is written: “Be holy, because I AM Holy.”

You are so special to God, that He has chosen to set you apart for a purpose. He wants to use you to draw others to Himself. This can only happen when we allow Him to be first in our lives. John 3:30, “He must increase, but I must decrease.” As we grow in our obedience, He uses us to complete His purpose here on this earth. And, His purpose is that all people should be saved. 1 John 2:2, “He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world. God’s purpose is that all should come to Him and then be set apart for His holy purposes. He wants you to become His own, and yet He will never force Himself upon you nor make you love Him. This can only come from a heart that has realized that He is my Holy God and that He loves me more than anyone else could ever love me. He has paid the ultimate price to purchase my salvation and He will always be there for me.

Many years ago, a dear friend of mine bought me a special gift. It was a very expensive pen that I carried for years and used to write almost every sermon. I loved that pen and would still be using it today had I not lost it when I was helping an elderly lady up when she had fallen. It must have fallen out of my pocket during this ordeal. That pen was special to me, not because it was a good pen (it was), but because of who gave it to me. You are so much more special to God than a pen or a car or anything in this world. You were so special that: “God made Him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God.” 2 Cor. 5:21
Dear Jehovah Mikadesh, You have set Your children apart to do Your will. We are not just here to exist, but to live an abundant life and to tell others about Your salvation. Help us Lord to do just that. There is no greater purpose. In Jesus Name, Amen