

Yahweh M'Kaddesh

I am the LORD who makes you holy.
Leviticus 20:8

Introduction: We all have habits. Some habits in life are nothing more than general routines but a few habits have the potential to be life-changing. You have the potential of developing habits that can make you holy.

This is important because God is holy and you are not. Last week we looked at the name of God, Qedosh Yisrael, the Holy One of Israel. Today we take it one step further – Yahweh M'Kaddesh – I am the Lord who makes you holy.

Holiness is the goal and it's not going to change. Sin will not be acceptable. It's not like 1000 years after this is written it becomes, I am the Lord who tolerates sin. Our God will always be the Lord who makes you holy. It is in God's nature to make you holy because He is holy.

What does personal holiness look like?

For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the likeness of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers.
Romans 8:29

Predestined means God has a predetermined purpose. For Christians, God's predetermined purpose for every Christian is to conform them to the likeness of His Son.

So what does that look like? Jesus gives us His priorities from the Old Testament:

Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: Love your neighbor as yourself. All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.
Matthew 22:37-40

You can reduce this to its most basic form: Love God and love people. When you move toward love for God and a love for people you are becoming more like Jesus Christ. This is personal holiness – a love for God and a love for people and it is the normal Christian experience.

This is what you have available to you: The Word of God, Holy Spirit and people. You cannot develop consistent personal holiness unless you are involved in regular, loving, challenging relationships centered on the Word of God. You can train yourself to be holy by developing habits that get you in the Word; around other people and yielded to the Holy Spirit.

Yahweh M'Kaddesh invites you to a lifelong journey and He will work with you and in you to make you holy.