



Exodus 3:14

JESUS – NAME ABOVE ALL NAMES
“JEHOVAH”
(I Am That I Am)



THE JEHOVAH —TITLES

Ex. 3:13 And Moses said unto God, Behold, *when* I come unto the children of Israel, and shall say unto them, The God of your fathers hath sent me unto you; and **they shall say to me, What is his name? what shall I say unto them?**

14 And God said unto Moses, **I AM THAT I AM:** and he said, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, **I AM** hath sent me unto you.

Review

- ❖ While observing the “burning bush,” Moses was discussing with the Lord about going back to Egypt, and asked God for identification to relate to the Israelites:
- ❖ The Hebrew word that is the English transliteration of “I AM THAT I AM” is commonly called the Tetragrammaton:

Tetragrammaton

We have already considered the English usage of “J” instead of “Y” which produced the transliteration of JHVH as Jehovah.

Ex. 6:3 And I appeared unto Abraham, unto Isaac, and unto Jacob, by *the name of* God Almighty, but by my name JEHOVAH was I not known to them.

Original Word: יהוה **Transliteration:** Jhvh

Definition: the proper name of the God of Israel

<https://biblehub.com/hebrew/3068.htm>

❖ God appeared to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob as *El Shaddai*, but to Moses as *Jehovah*.

We have covered four variations of Jehovah:

Jehovah-El Elyon = *The Lord Most High*,

Jehovah-Jireh = *The Lord Our Provider* and

Jehovah-Rapha = *The Lord Our Healer*

(also, **Jehovah-Rophi**).

Jehovah-Shalom = *The Lord of Our Peace*

Jehovah-Nissi = *The Lord Our Banner*

Tonight, as we continue “JESUS – NAME ABOVE ALL NAMES,” we observe another “Jehovah Title” --
“**Jehovah-MeKaddishkem**” = *The Lord Who Sanctifies*
(or Jehovah M'kaddesh / Jehovah Mekadesh—variant spellings) found in Ex. 31:12-13:

Ex. 31:12 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,
13 Speak thou also unto the children of Israel, saying,
Verily my sabbaths ye shall keep: for it *is* a sign
between me and you throughout your generations;
that ye may know that **I am the LORD that doth
sanctify you.**

Jehovah Mekoddishkem

- ❖ Jehovah is God's personal name.
- ❖ *Mekoddishkem* comes from a Hebrew word meaning "to sanctify," "to make holy," "to set apart as holy." So Jehovah Mekoddishkem describes God as the One who sanctifies or makes holy. This name for God appears in Ex. 31:12-13.

Original Word: קִדַּשׁ; **Transliteration:** qadash

Definition: to be set apart or consecrated

<https://biblehub.com/hebrew/6942.htm>

Lev. 20:7 Sanctify yourselves therefore, and be ye holy:
for I *am* the LORD your God.

8 And ye shall keep my statutes, and do them: **I *am* the
LORD which sanctify you.**

- ❖ In these verses, Jehovah Mekoddishkem describes God as the One who sanctified His people Israel, made them holy, and set them apart as His own.
- ❖ God sanctified the Sabbath, the High Priest, the Tabernacle, the offerings, etc.

Gen. 2:3 And God blessed the seventh day, and **sanctified** it: because that in it he had rested from all his work which God created and made.

- ❖ Ex. 13:2 **Sanctify** unto me all the firstborn, whatsoever openeth the womb among the children of Israel, *both* of man and of beast: it *is* mine.
- ❖ Ex. 28:41 And thou shalt put them upon Aaron thy brother, and his sons with him; and shalt anoint them, and consecrate them, and **sanctify** them, that they may minister unto me in the priest's office.

Ex. 29:27 And thou shalt **sanctify** the breast of the wave offering, and the shoulder of the heave offering, which is waved, and which is heaved up, of the ram of the consecration, *even of that which is for Aaron, and of that which is for his sons: ...*

43 And there I will meet with the children of Israel, and *the tabernacle* shall be **sanctified** by my glory.

44 And I will **sanctify** the tabernacle of the congregation, and the altar: I will **sanctify** also both Aaron and his sons, to minister to me in the priest's office.

Ex. 40:9 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.**

Lev. 21:23 Only he shall not go in unto the vail, nor come nigh unto the altar, because he hath a blemish; that he profane not my sanctuaries: for **I the LORD do sanctify them.**

❖ The same is true of us today. As God's people, we are set apart to live holy lives.

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

❖ That is God's standard for His children. We know that all too often we do not act like holy, sanctified people. But notice what God actually says in these verses. He says, "...that ye may know that **I am the LORD that doth sanctify you.** [Jehovah Mekoddishkem]." Ex. 31:13

❖ It is *God* who is doing the sanctifying, the making holy—not us.

Phil. 1:6 Being confident of this very thing, that **he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ:**

Phil. 2:13 For **it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of *his* good pleasure.**

- ❖ We have been set apart, made saints and redeemed by the blood of Jesus Christ, our Jehovah-Mekoddishkem. Therefore, we must continue to live a holy life that pleases God (1 Peter 1:13-25).
- ❖ Holiness is not something we must achieve by our own efforts. Holiness is a state created and given by God.

- ❖ The people of God are called to maintain the holiness that he has already conferred upon them by his grace, in promise and redemption.
- ❖ The emphasis on these verses is "a believer should live differently because God has made you different. Be what you are". (2 Cor. 5:17)

FOUR ESSENTIAL THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT SANCTIFICATION:

1. Being sanctified is God's work—not ours. The changes in our life that make us more like the Lord Jesus are the work of the Holy Spirit.

Phil. 2:12 Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling.

13 For **it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of *his* good pleasure.**

Rom 15:16 That I should be the minister of Jesus Christ to the Gentiles, ministering the gospel of God, that the offering up of the Gentiles might be acceptable, **being sanctified by the Holy Ghost.**

Jn. 15:5 I am the vine, ye *are* the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: **for without me ye can do nothing.**

Heb. 10:10 By the which will **we are sanctified** through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once *for all*.

2. Sanctification requires our cooperation.

- ❖ It is God, through the Holy Spirit, who works in us, to help us, both to want to become more like Jesus and to actually do those things that make us more like Him.

❖ But He won't *force* us to do good. In Galatians 5, where the apostle Paul describes what it is like to become more like Jesus, he repeatedly urges us to “walk in the Spirit,” (verse 16); “live in the Spirit,” (verse 25); be “led by the Spirit,” (verse 18).

Gal. 5:16 *This* I say then, **Walk in the Spirit**, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh. ...

18 But if ye **be led of the Spirit**, ye are not under the law. ...

25 If we **live in the Spirit**, let us also **walk in the Spirit**.

❖ The Holy Spirit will deliver us from sin, but it is our responsibility to cooperate with Him in the work of becoming more like Jesus.

1 Thess. 5:19 Quench not the Spirit.

❖ The Bible says, “Follow . . . holiness” (Hebrews 12:14).

Heb. 12:14 Follow peace with all *men*, and **holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord:**

3. Sanctification is a process. The goal of sanctification is to become more like Jesus by being “set apart unto holiness.”

- ❖ But it is a goal, and we don't achieve any worthwhile goal overnight.
- ❖ Sanctification is a process that continues as long as we live.
- ❖ When we ask Jesus to forgive our sins, He does so immediately. But sanctification is a journey, one in which we keep traveling steadily toward the goal. Even Paul was moved by the Holy Spirit to write to the church in Philippi...

Phil. 3:12 Not as though I had already attained, either were already perfect: but I follow after, if that I may apprehend that for which also I am apprehended of Christ Jesus.

13 Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but *this* one thing *I do*, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before,

14 **I press toward the mark for the prize** of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.

❖ We will not reach the full likeness of Jesus until we see Him face to face when He comes to take us home with Him. The apostle John wrote,

1 Jn. 3:2 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.

4. God uses the truths revealed in the Bible to sanctify us. When on Earth, Jesus prayed for His followers, asking God in “the High Priestly Prayer” the night before Calvary in Jn. 17:17...

Jn. 17:17 **Sanctify them through thy truth:** thy word is truth.

- ❖ As a believer is continually immersed in the Word of God, the effect of the Word will be to continually spiritually refine the submissive saint.
- ❖ Believers are encouraged to study and meditate in God’s Word:

Josh. 1:8 This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but **thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein**: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and **then thou shalt have good success.**

Psa. 1:2 But his delight *is* in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he **meditate day and night.**

2 Tim. 3:16 All scripture *is* given by inspiration of God, and *is* profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:

17 **That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.**

2 Tim. 2:15 **Study to shew thyself approved unto God**, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, **rightly dividing the word of truth.**

❖ If we carefully study God's Word, He will change us to be more and more like Jesus. After all, He is Jehovah Mekoddishkem—the Lord Who Sanctifies Us.”

Heb. 13:12 Wherefore Jesus also, **that he might sanctify the people** with his own blood, suffered without the gate.

Summary

- ❖ “Jehovah-MeKaddishkem” = *The Lord Who Sanctifies* was active in the Old Testament to emphasize His holiness.
- ❖ The doctrine of sanctification is just as prevalent in the New Testament.

Heb. 13:8 **Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever.**

Conclusion

1 Thess. 5:23 And the very God of peace **sanctify you wholly**; and *I pray God* your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

24 **Faithful is he that calleth you, who also will do it.**