**Here's the "POINT"!**

**GOD (16)**

It is in the gory and immoral context of Lev. 20 that ***"JEHOVAH-M' KADDESH"*** (je-HO-vah M'--KAD-desh)--("*GOD Who* ***SANCTIFIES*** */ makes* ***HOLY****"*) (see Gen2:3, Exo. 13:1-2 (3)), introduces this ***"Nature"*** of HIMSELF and HIS ***"Name"*** to Israel. Read about what GOD warns Israel not to do against the ***"HOLY Name"*** of ***"JEHOVAH"***! Read it and it will make your skin crawl! But, they did it! So often, Israel was anything but ***"HOLY unto the Lord"***! (Ex. 30:10). Is it any wonder that GOD chose this malaise of *"Evil"* in which to teach HIS People of HIS *"pure"* and *"true"* ***"HOLINESS"***?!

GOD teaches that any and all around HIM must be ***"HOLY"/"SANCTIFIED"***. Note that wher-ever **GOD** is, is ***"HOLY Ground"*** (Ex. 3:5, Jos. 5:15). ***"Jerusalem"*** is the ***"HOLY City"*** (Neh. 11:1). ***"Zion"*** was the ***"HOLY Mountain"*** of ***"the Temple"*** (Zech. 8:3). ***"The Tabernacle"***was HIS***"HOLY"*** ***"HOUSE"***(Ex. 29:43, Ps. 43:3, 46:4). ***"The Temple"***  was that same ***"HOLY"*** ***"House"***. (Ps. 5:7, 11:4, 65:4, 138:2, Hab. 2:20). ***"The Sanctuaries"*** of ***"the Tabernacle"*** and ***"the Temple"*** were ***"HOLY"*** and ***"most HOLY"***. (He. 9:3, 8,12, 10:19, Lev. 10:17, Ex. 26:33) Everything in the ***"Tabernacle"*** or ***"Temple"*** was ***"HOLY"***. ***"Aaron"*** and all his *"Garments"* were ***"HOLY TO JE-HOVAH"*** (Ex. 28:36-). ***He*** and ***"his Sons"*** were to be ***"SANCTIFIED"*** (Ex. 30:30). All the ***"Vessels"*** and ***"Bowls"***and ***"Lavers"*** and ***"Altars"*** and ***"Tables"*** and ***"Candlestick"*** and ***"Shew-bread"*** and ***"the Ark of the Covenant"*** and the ***"Oils"*** and ***"Spices"*** and ***"Incense"*** and ***"the Tent of Meeting"*** were ***"HOLY"***! (Ex. 30). ***"And Thou shalt SANCTIFY them that they may be most HOLY: Whatsoever toucheth them shall*** (better be) ***be HOLY"***(Ex. 30:29). All the *"Rituals"* and *"Ceremonies****"*** and ***"Sacrifices"*** and ***"Convocations"*** were to be made ***"HOLY"***! There are too many passages for each of these, to list. The first of all was the annual ***"Day of Atonement"*** *(*Ex. 29, 30, Lev. l, 4, 7, 8, 9, 10, 12, 14, 16, 17, 19, 23, Num 5, 6, 8, 15, 16, 25, 28, 29, 31). Then from yearly to weekly, there was the ***"HOLY Sabbath"***(Gen. 2:3, Ex. 31:13, et.al.) So, from Daily, to Weekly, to Monthly, to Yearly, marked GOD's ***"HOLY"*** times with HIS People. And finally, there was the ***"Year of Jubilee"****-*-when all things returned to their origin every fiftieth year! ***". . .it shall be HOLY. . ."*** , HE said! (Lev.25: 12 / see Lev. 25, 27, Nu.36:4).

So, don't you see that *GOD* and anything connected with HIM is ***"HOLY"***? (. . .or, it had better be!) And remember, that in the previous Article we showed how Man must become ***"SANC-TIFIED"*** or ***"HOLY"*** by his being ***"Begotten-Again*** (***"the First-Born"***) ***of GOD"*** (Ex.4:12, 13:1-2) through his ***"Baptism. . . through the Resurrection of Jesus Christ from the Dead"***! (Jn.3:3, 5, I Pt.1:3, 3:21) And, did you not know that?! Have you not done that?! If not. . . surely, you do not consider yourself ***"Sanctified'*** and ***"Holy"*** before GOD. Do you?!

Understand that GOD didn't declare all these *"People, Places, and Things"* to be ***"HOLY"*** just because HE Could, or just to be Different, or so man could have a *"Doctrine"* to theologically teach. But HE showed and taught him this because it is the very *"essence"* of HIS ***"Being"*** and

of the ***"Christian"***'s ***"HOLY"*** -relationship with HIM! This, along with all HIS other *"Attributes",* tied to it, is ***"GOD"--"JEHOVAH-M'KADDESH"****-*-(***HE Who" SANCTIFIES" /makes" HOLY"***). HE alone can ***"make HOLY"***, as we taught in the last Lesson. Man must be ***"HOLY"*** if he ever has a relationship with ***"HOLY-GOD".*** It is this to which we are leading in these studies.

The point of all this is the ***"Divine Nature"*** of GOD, with HIS ***"HOLINESS"*** at the bottom-line of it all. The Scriptures declare this: ***"Jehovah, HE is GOD; there is none else beside HIM"*** (Deu. 4:35); ***"Thus saith Jehovah the King of Israel, even his Redeemer, Jehovah of Hosts--'I Am the first and I am the last, and beside ME there is no god' "*** (Is. 44:6); ***". . .a Just GOD and a Savior; there is none beside ME"*** (Is. 45:21); ***"There is none HOLY as Jehovah, for there is none beside THEE. . ."*** (I Sa. 2:2). No question! The ***"HOLINESS of GOD"*** tempers all of the great and grand *"Attributes"* of GOD! It, integrated with them all, is what makes ***"GOD"****--****"JEHOVAH-M'KADDESH"****--* (***HE Who "SANCTIFIES" /makes "HOLY"***)!

Read on through the Old Testament and see this Truth taught over and over again, some 35 times of GOD as ***"HOLY"***; some 37 times of ***"HOLY ONE"***; in the New Testament, some 6 times of "***HOLY*** *Father" and "Child"*; some 90 times of *"****HOLY*** *Spirit";* some 6 times as ***"HOLY One"***; and 1 time as***"HOLY Thing"***. So, what is the Lesson? ***"HOLY, HOLY, HOLY is Jehovah of Hosts!"*** (Is. 6:3) In all the ***"Divine Nature"*** of GOD, HIS *"essence"* is in HIS ***"HOLINESS"***! Such thought compelled the Prophet to exclaim--***". . .Oh Jehovah, my God, my Holy One. . .Thou that art of Purer Eyes that cannot behold evil. . .!"***. (Hab.1:12-13) No wonder that ***"Thou shalt have no other gods before ME. . ."***! (Ex. 20:3) Any other ***"gods"*** pale in **no** comparison, in their *"world****liness****"* and ***"godlessness"***! Yes, HE is--***"THOU that are of purer eyes than to behold Evil, and that canst not look on perverseness. . ."*** !(Hab. 1:13). In ***"Revelation"***, over and over, the *"Hosts of Heaven"* and *"Redeemed of the Ages"* all shout and sing and declare the ***"HOLINESS of GOD"***--***"for THOU only art HOLY. . ."***! (Rev. 15:4). We've seen how that GOD was to ***"be SANCTIFIED in them that come nigh to ME"*** (Lev. 10:3); and how we must ***"SANCTIFY the Lord GOD in your Hearts. . ."*** (Is. 8:13, I Pt. 3:15); and for what else, but to ***"Worship HIM in the Beauty of HOLINESS. . ."***! (I Ch. 16:29, Ps. 29:2)

NOW, LET ME ASK YOU ONE MORE IMPORTANT QUESTION: To what do you think all these Old Testament passages are pointing? About what are all those New Testament passages talking? Some may say, *"Heaven"*. Others may apply them just to *"GOD"*. But, Oh no, we would all miss the point, as usual. The Lesson is, if GOD is that way (and HE IS),

then we (***"Christians"***) must be the same! ***"Because it is written--'Be ye Holy, for I Am Holy'."***

(Lev. 11:44f, 19:2, 20:7, lPet.1:16) So, make the Bible application: ***"Know ye not, that ye are***

***the Temple of GOD and that the Spirit of GOD Dwelleth in You? If any man defile the Temple of GOD, him shall GOD destroy; for the Temple of GOD is HOLY, Which Temple Ye are!"***!

(1 Cor.3:126-17, see 1 Cor.6:19-20) What's the Lesson? We had better watch How and Why

we ***"behave"*** before ***"HOLY GOD"*** in HIS ***"HOLY HOUSE"***!

HE is ***"JEHOVAH-M'KADDESH"***, my ***"HOLINESS"***!

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