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This Morning's Lesson **Jehovah M-Kaddesh – The LORD Who Sanctifies**

Intro: The word “sanctify” is first used Gen. 2:3 and again in Exodus 13:1-2. The name, Jehovah M-Kaddesh is first mentioned in Leviticus 20:8. Most of us understand that God is holy. We also believe in some way we are to be holy and sanctified ourselves. How does this happen?

1. Jehovah is apart and above all.
 - A. No other besides him - Deuteronomy 4:35
 - B. He was the only God Israel needed - Isaiah 44:1-8
 - C. Hannah's prayer shows understanding of his holiness. 1 Sam.2:2
 - D. Consider from Nathan Stone why God's essential quality of holiness is so important to our understanding of his diety.
 - E. Isaiah's grasp of God holiness changed his life. Isa. 6:3-5

2. Jehovah sanctified the children of Israel.
 - A. His expectations of them to set them apart. Leviticus 18:2-5
 - B. Their acceptance of these expectations would make them separate from other people around them. Lev. 21:6-8
 - C. All the special days and feasts were to separate them. Lev. 23
 - D. Explain why this was so important to Israel as “new settlers”.

3. Today, we are sanctified through Jesus of Nazareth.
 - A. He was set apart to sanctify us. Heb. 10:7-9; 1 Corinthians 1:30; Hebrews 10:10, 14.
 - B. Sanctified to be holy. 1 Peter 1:15-16
 - C. Only his word in our lives makes us separate. John 17:17-19
 - D. Reminders in NT are everywhere. See 1 Cor. 6:9-11; Rom. 12:1ff Consider Paul's words in Galatians 5:25 in their context.
 - E. Is everything holy (sanctified)? If our whole lives are to be holy, how do we demonstrate that we are truly separate?

Conclusion: For this is the will of God, even your sanctification (1 Thessalonians 4:3). May the God of peace sanctify you entirely (1 Thess. 5:23). Don't you think it's time to celebrate our being different!