

The God Who Sanctifies

Ex 29:43-46

Intro:

- Who is God to you?
 - Bringer of gifts and goodies?
 - Wrathful judge and sin counter?
 - God of intimacy, love and concern?
- If we make God in our image, we lose...
- If we allow His working to make us in His image...
- When God reveals His Name, His Nature is seen
- And also, His Heart...

I. I Will Sanctify

- Qadosh – to make Holy, set apart (172x)
 - Gen 2:3 – the 7th day
 - Ex 13:2 – Firstborn of Israel
 - A return to our intended state – freedom & right-ness
- Since the Fall (Ex 29:43-46)
 - ONLY GOD can accomplish this in our lives...
 - It is HIS GLORY that makes Holy, His Presence, His Life
 - To minister to ME – are we getting it yet?
 - 45,46 – I will dwell
 - How we need this today!

II. I Will Covenant

- A Covenant of Rest (Ex 31:12-17) attached
 - This is something we struggle with in our world
 - Loss of the “Blue Laws” – did we really gain anything?
 - God asks us to honor the intent and memory
 - If God put honor on it, what should we do?
- So, do we keep this as others do?
 - 7th day Adventists – required to be saved!
 - Jesus healed (Mt 12:8ff); Made for us (Mk 2:27)
 - They charged Jesus with breaking the Sabbath (Jn 9:16)

III. I Will Grant

- So how do we get to this Glory?
- Eph 3:14-21 – by request
 - According to the riches of His Glory...
 - Strengthened, dwell, rooted, comprehend, fullness
- 2Co 3:18 – by His Face
 - Changed (*metamorphoo*) pres. pass. – transfigured!
 - Same image – glory to glory.. All HIM!
- 2Co 4:6 – By His light on our hearts
 - Give the light of knowledge of glory in Jesus' face!
 - This is the path to His work in us to holiness

Connections:

- God is Holy... no changing that!
- Demands of His Nature required the cross!
- God knows our state, and planned on a path...
- Covenant of His creation is a reminder
- Promises of His work in the Son's face...
- Lay hold of His promise and nature in us
 - We will minister in all we do unto HIM
 - We will be sanctified by the very presence of God
 - And we shall know HIM!