

Parasha 30: Kedoshim (Holy Ones)

Vayikra/Leviticus 19:1-20:27

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We now come to our second parasha of the week... *'Kedoshim or Holy Ones'*. In this parasha we find the crux of the entire book of Vayikra/Leviticus. It is about *'holiness'*. Now if the truth be known, what we think we know about this subject is most probably **NOT** what it is in reality. So many who seek to define *'holiness'* see it as *'what we do or don't do'*. **WRONG!** The fact is, it is **NOT** until you see the Bible as **ONE WHOLE BOOK** that you will ever even come close to understanding what *'true holiness'* is. Only from the *'unique perspective of the Hebraic Mindset'* is this even possible. Keep reading and let YHWH *'lift the veil of revelation'*. In the process you will find, *'holiness'* is meant for a *'nation under restoration'*... **THE WHOLE HOUSE OF YISRAEL...** Including both the Jewish House and the Non-Jewish House Of Yosef/Ephraim!

I will never forget one time while traveling through the mountains, we stopped to stretch and get some refreshments. I remember coming upon a sign for an upcoming Gospel event. On one side of the sign in bright letters it read, there was going to be *'Holy Ghost singing... Holy Ghost preaching... and Holy Ghost power.'* On the other side of the sign there was a big... **NO!** This was followed by: *'Women wearing make-up. Women with short dresses. Women with pants. Men with long hair. Men wearing jeans. No Smoking... etc.'* Suddenly, I laughed. The thought came into my mind, *'Here we have a Gospel meeting, but the only thing missing is going to be the sinners!'* Most of them were going to fall under the **NO** category!

Now while the above observation of the situation may be amusing, there is really nothing funny about it. If the understanding of *'holiness'* is only one of *'exterior estimation'*, then we are missing the whole point. Are there no *'outward, physical aspects of holiness'*? Yes, most assuredly, **BUT...** the *'holiness'* that YHWH is calling His people to begins at a much deeper level. The very opening two verses of our parasha prove this to be true. Let's quote them, and then move on so YHWH by His HaRuach HaKodesh/The Spirit of His Holiness can open our heart and mind to what *'true holiness'* is.

One Imperative Distinction

Before me go further, we must make one *'imperative distinction'* about YHWH's holiness. Everything we are about to read and study about holiness is true, **BUT...** **THE COVENANT THROUGH WHICH YHWH'S HOLINESS IS TRANSMITTED CHANGED FROM MOSHE AT MT. SINAI TO THE FINAL RENEWED COVENANT RELEASED BY OUR ADON/LORD YESHUA AT HIS ENTHRONEMENT.** The difference? Two words: **HEART AND SPIRIT!** Beloved, YHWH ALWAYS LOOKS TO THE HEART WHETHER IT WAS IN MOSES DAY OR IN THE DAY FOLLOWING OUR MASTER YESHUA'S

REDEMPTIVE WORK. HOWEVER, THE FINAL RENEWED COVENANT, PROPHESED AND PROMISED THROUGH YIRMEYAHU/JEREMIAH 31:27-34, DID NOT STOP AT THE HEART. **IT WENT DIRECTLY INTO THE MATRIX OF THE HUMAN SPIRIT.** The moment a person BELIEVES upon the redemptive work of our Master Yeshua's death, burial and resurrection, **YHWH INFUSES ETERNAL LIFE INTO THEIR HUMAN SPIRIT! OUR RESURRECTED/BORN AGAIN HUMAN SPIRIT RECEIVED THE DIVINE SPERM/SEED OF THE ALMIGHTY. THE DNA OF YHWH IS RESIDENT IN US! (Galatians 5:22-23)**

Now pay close attention as you read this next statement. **WHEN THE HUMAN SPIRIT IS BORN AGAIN... HAVING BELIEVED UPON OUR LORD YESHUA'S REDEMPTIVE WORK... THE HUMAN SPIRIT IS RAISED FROM DEATH TO LIFE... ALL WHO BELIEVE ARE NOT ONLY SONS AND DAUGHTERS OF A NATION... THEY ARE SONS AND DAUGHTERS OF A REDEEMED FAMILY! THEIR HUMAN SPIRIT IS BORN AGAIN AND CONTAINS THE VERY SEED/SPERM OF THE ALMIGHTY!** We can't go into the depths of what this means here, but I am going to quote a verse from the First Epistle of Yochanon/John. Read it. Read it again. **MERMORIZE IT!** Let the depth and reality of its implications permeate your entire being! I am quoting the verse from the *Amplified Classic Edition Bible*.

*“No one born (begotten) of God [deliberately, knowingly, and habitually] practices sin, for God's nature abides in him [His principle of life, the divine sperm, remains permanently within him]; and he cannot practice sinning because he is born (begotten) of God. By this it is made clear who take their nature from God and are His children and who take their nature from the devil and are his children: no one who does not practice righteousness [who does not conform to God's will in purpose, thought, and action] is of God; neither is anyone who does not love his brother (his fellow believer in Christ/Mashiach).” (1 John 3:8-9 Amplified Bible Classic- *definitions*)*

Holiness: True And False

*“And Hashem [YHWH] spoke unto Moshe, saying, Speak unto kol Adat Bnei Yisroel [whole Assembly of the Children of Yisrael], and say unto them, Ye shall be kedoshim (holy ones): for I Hashem Eloheichem [YHWH Your Mighty One] am kadosh [holy/set apart]” (Vayikra/Leviticus 19:1-2 OJB- *definitions mine*)*

These are the words of YHWH concerning His people. It is interesting that the word 'Adat' used to identify Yisrael in the above verse, is actually 'more than an assembly'. It literally means, 'a state witness'. Yisrael is to function as a 'witness' among the nations. There are witnesses in all kinds of legal proceedings. However, to be a 'state witness' is one that carries with it a very peculiar kind of authority. What does a witness do? Simply put, 'a witness tells what is known'. A 'state witness' however, is one that has been 'given authority' to not only tell what is known, but he/she has the authority **TO SET A PRECEDENT BY THEIR TESTIMONY!** In other words, Yisrael, in its 'special role as a state's witness', not only has the right to tell the truth about what is known concerning YHWH but has the 'authority' to have that testimony serve as 'establishing a precedent that determines or defines the One of whom that testimony is made'. Yisrael serves a 'unique purpose' among the nations, because of the intimate place she holds with her Creator. What she has experienced of Him becomes a 'kind of barometer' by which all others will come to

view and understand YHWH's essence. When it comes to the 'subject of holiness', what Yisrael has 'come to know' creates a strong precedence. Why? Because YHWH brought Yisrael into being by His own 'prophetic determination'. This nation alone exists as the 'prophetic instrument' by which YHWH will work out and fulfill both His 'eternal and redemptive purposes'. YHWH has bestowed 'da'at/intimate (**revelation**) knowledge' to the people of Yisrael through His Torah and the operation of His HaRuach HaKodesh/The Spirit of His Holiness. The truthfulness of her testimony in this relationship with YHWH, carries a 'dimension of understanding' by which all other such understanding will be measured! If you can grasp this, then you will understand the depth of the meaning which the words of Rav Sha'ul in the 'Messianic Writings' (**Matthew-Revelation**) truly have,

*“And to enrobe yourself in the Adam HeChadash (the new Man, humanity) having been created according to the demut Hashem [image of YHWH] in tzidkat Eloheinu [righteousness of The Mighty One] and in the KEDUSHA HAEMES [HOLINESS OF THE TRUTH].”
(Ephesians 4:24 OJB- emphasis/definitions mine)*

Please pay attention to the 'emphasized portion' of the above verse. It says that we are to 'enrobe ourselves in the humanity of the **NEW MAN** of whom the Mashiach is Head'. This 'new humanity' is one that is according to the 'very image of YHWH Himself' and carries with it His very own **RIGHTEOUSNESS AND HOLINESS!** In other words, the 'holiness of YHWH' is **TRUE HOLINESS!** What this means is, if there is something that exists that is **TRUE HOLINESS**, then there is **ALSO SOMETHING EXISTING** that can be said to be **FALSE HOLINESS!** The implications of this are of great consequence!

YHWH Himself Is The Definition Of True Holiness

“... Ye shall be kedoshim (holy ones): FOR I HASHEM ELOHEICHEM [YHWH Your Mighty One] AM KADOSH [HOLY/SET APART]” (Vayikra/Leviticus 19:2b- OJB emphasis/definitions mine)

I've gone back to our opening verse in our parasha to quote the above fragment. Why? Because YHWH herein reveals to us 'how to define what true holiness is'. It does not begin with something that is 'done' or as most who try and define holiness erroneously, 'make it something not done'. **TRUE HOLINESS IS NOT A THING AT ALL. TRUE HOLINESS IS A WHO! YHWH ALONE, HIMSELF, IS THE DEFINITION OF TRUE HOLINESS!** See what He says to Yisrael... 'be kedoshim' (**holy ones**). In what way? The answer? **I YHWH AM HOLY.** In other words... **BE AS I AM!**

Now, does the above seem to be a goal that is too high to attain? Let's go ahead and get the bad news out of the way. **IT IS!** It is **IF** we 'begin within ourselves as the origination' of such effort. Mark this down and be absolutely clear in understanding what is being said. **THERE IS NO EFFORT ON OUR PART, WHICH BEGINS WITH US AS THE POINT OF ORIGINATION, WHICH WILL CULMINATE IN SOME DEGREE OF ATTAINED HOLINESS. THERE WILL BE NOTHING EQUAL TO THE REALITY OF TRUE HOLINESS. WHY? BECAUSE... TRUE HOLINESS IS NOTHING LESS THAN YHWH HIMSELF!** We cannot **DO** enough or **NOT DO** enough that will in some way **EQUAL OUT** to be **TRUE HOLINESS**. Those who use any religious tradition, Christian, Jewish or otherwise to set up rules and parameters that will somehow hopefully end in attaining a 'degree of holiness'

acceptable to YHWH are headed for failure. They are embarking on a lesson that is at best futile, and at worse, a strong delusion! It may *'look'* like holiness. Others may declare their standard *'to be holiness'*, **BUT IT IS NOT!** Nor will it **EVER CULMINATE** in anything, but a **GROSS MISREPRESENTATION OF WHAT TRUE HOLINESS IS. TRUE HOLINESS IS YHWH HIMSELF!**

So, if that is true, then is YHWH unrighteous? How can He ask something of us knowing that there is no hope for us ever arriving at the desired end? Before we answer that, let us first clarify again what YHWH has done for us. He has given us the **TRUE** and **UNMISTAKABLE** means to define what **TRUE HOLINESS** is. The answer is... **HE ALONE IS TRUE HOLINESS!** Now, let us state emphatically, that YHWH indeed is righteous. His righteousness is revealed in His holiness. That is why one of the most recognized Titles of YHWH in the writings of the Sages of Yisrael is, **HAKADOSH BARUCH HU... THE HOLY ONE, BLESSED BE HE.** In our Torah parasha this week, YHWH **THREE TIMES** makes the declaration that *'our holiness'* **MUST BE** like unto His own. He Himself **IS** the standard by which all **TRUE HOLINESS** is measured. The first time we quoted from Vayikra/Leviticus chapter nineteen verse two. Our next quote is:

“Consecrate yourselves as kadosh [holy], therefore, and be ye kedoshim [holy ones]: for I am Hashem Eloheichem. [YHWH your Mighty One]” (Vayikra/Leviticus 20:7 OJB-definitions mine)

And...

“And ye shall be kadoshim [holy ones] unto Me: for I Hashem [YHWH] am kadosh [holy], and have separated you from the nations, that ye should be Mine.” (Vayikra/Leviticus 20:26 OJB-definitions mine)

The Torah Instruction: The Need For Holiness

“And Hashem Elohim [YHWH the Mighty One] commanded the adam [man], saying, Of every etz of the gan [tree of the garden] thou mayest freely eat; But of the Etz HaDa’as Tov v’Rah [Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil], thou shalt not eat of it; for in the yom [day] that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.” (B’resheet/Genesis 3:16-17 OJB-definitions mine)

As we are about to see, holiness is about *'distinction'*. YHWH is Himself *'Echad/One'*. A compound unity of Divinity... **NOT A TRINITY!** There is **NO** fragmentation. **NO** separation or mixture in Him. In the beginning, when YHWH placed man in the Garden, he was created like unto his Creator. YHWH *'instructed'* the man that he could freely eat of every tree of the garden but one: **THE TREE OF THE KNOWLEDGE OF GOOD AND EVIL.** YHWH further instructed that in the day that he ate of this tree **HE WOULD DIE!**

The *'Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil'* was the **ONLY TREE** in the garden that was inherently a *'mixture'*. All the other trees, including the *'Tree of Life'*, produced **ONLY** *'one kind of fruit'*. There was **NO MIXTURE.** The ingestion of the *'mixed fruit of the forbidden tree'* introduced **DISSECTION** into man’s being. Man became **FRAGMENTED.** As a result, his *'soul was inordinately elevated'* so that he no longer simply *'had A SOUL... HE BECAME SOULICAL!* What does that mean? He was **MUTATED BY HIS CHOICE** to disobey YHWH’s

clear instructions. Instead of becoming a *'spiritual man'* he became a *'natural man'*, who was in essence, *'controlled/dominated'* by his soul (**1 Corinthians 2:14**)... he became a *'soul-man'*. A being controlled by his *'mind, emotion and will'*. The result was *'confusion'*. He was *'then made subject'* to the *'inclinations and imaginations'* of the deepest recesses of the soul... *'the yetzer/inclination'*. The entrance of sin into man's being caused his spirit to taste death. As a result, his human spirit *'sank down into the dominion of the soul-realm'*. His human spirit became **IMPRISONED** in a *realm of fragmentation and mixture*'. Thus, you hear the cry of King David's heart concerning the power of YHWH.

"He restores my soul..." (Tehillim/Psalms 23:3a- NASB/New American Standard Bible)

This is the power that YHWH begins to bring us to, when we come into His redemption through *'believing upon'* His Son, Mashiach/Messiah Yeshua. He then calls us to His Torah and begins the *'process of sanctification'*. The Torah, under the guidance of YHWH's HaRuach HaKodesh/The Spirit of His Holiness, *'restores our soul'*. **WE BEGIN THE PROCESS OF BEING RESTORED TO YHWH'S HOLINESS... OR WHOLENESS.** Man fell in the beginning by *'not guarding YHWH's commandments'*. Man is **RESTORED** by *'learning to keep and obey YHWH's commandments'*.

In the beginning **SIN ENTERED INTO MAN BY HIS MOUTH!** He **ATE** what YHWH told him not to. He ingested into himself the *'essence of the fruit of the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil'*. That essence is **MIXTURE!** Adam lost his *'unique distinction'* in being the **FIRST SON** of the Mighty One. As a result, all who descend from Adam bear **HIS, NOT YHWH'S IMAGE!**

"This is the Sefer Toldot [Book of the Generations of] Adam. In the yom [day] that barah Elohim [the Mighty One created] Adam, in the demut Elohim [likeness of the Mighty One] He made him;

Zakhar and nekevah [Male and female] He created them; and blessed them, and called the shem [name] of THEM "Adam," in the yom [day] when THEY were created.

And Adam lived a hundred and thirty shanah [years] and fathered in his OWN DEMUT [LIKENESS] and AFTER HIS TZELEM (IMAGE) and called shmo Shet [his name Seth]:"
(B'resheet/Genesis 5:1-3 OJB- emphasis/definitions mine)

Did you notice what this passage says? In the beginning YHWH created mankind in His own *'likeness and image'*. Yet shortly after the fall, after the birth of Habel/Abel and Kayin/Cain, Adam began to bring forth offspring. Yet, they were **NOT** in the *'likeness and image'* of YHWH, but **AFTER MAN'S OWN LIKENESS AND IMAGE! ADAM CANNOT PASS ONTO HIS DESCENDANTS WHAT HE DOESN'T POSSESS NATURALLY WITHIN THE MATRIX OF HIS BEING.** Therefore, Shet/Seth began to bear the *'likeness and image'* of his father. He also *'inherited the mixture'* of his father's matrix. **HOLINESS COULD NO LONGER BE REALIZED FROM THE INNER REALM OF MANKIND'S SPIRIT.** It must be *'reintroduced to man'* from **ANOTHER SOURCE...** YHWH's Torah! As Torah enters the heart, then mankind may once again know *'the holiness, distinction of being made in the likeness and image of his Creator!'*

One of the ways YHWH restores us to *'wholeness'* (**be ye holy**) is by learning to *'obey the instructions of His Torah'*. One of the most central tenets of YHWH's Torah *'instructions'* is to

understand **WHAT FOOD IS**. The instructions in the Torah concerning 'dietary restrictions' are one of the 'first steps' in YHWH's 'process of restoring our soul from the fragmentation' that sin has inflicted on us. It's one of the reasons why there is 'so much controversy' when we return to YHWH and His Torah. Hasatan (**may his memory be blotted out forever**) knows this. Our learning 'how to eat' in obedience to YHWH's 'loving instructions' (**His Torah**) is shutting one of the major doorways (**the mouth**) the darkness uses to 'keep us chained' to sin. Going a step further, learning to 'keep our mouth from allowing the tongue to speak words of death, anger, hate... etc.' and **SPEAK LIFE**, will further bring YHWH's shalom into our lives. ****[See parasha 'Metzora', YHWH's judgement on 'lashon hara/the evil tongue' for further insights]**

The Holy One Who Makes Holy

"Neither shall ye profane Shem Kodshi [My Holy Name]; but I will be treated as kadosh [holy] among the Bnei Yisroel [Children of Yisrael]: I am Hashem [YHWH], the One MAKING you Kadoshim [Holy Ones], That brought you out of Eretz Mitzrayim [Land of Egypt], to be for you Elohim (your G-d/your Mighty One): I am Hashem [YHWH]." (Vayikra/Leviticus 22:32-33 **OJB-emphasis/definitions mine**)

We have seen that 'true holiness' is nothing less than YHWH Himself! He in turn asks that Am Yisrael be 'expressive of that same kind of holiness'. The dilemma we are faced with is, if 'true holiness' is YHWH Himself and since we are not Him, then how can we do what He has asked? We must first understand 'holiness' as YHWH reveals it in His Torah.

There are those who say that there is no grace in the Torah. That statement is one of prejudice against the Torah, referred to derogatorily as **Law**. It is wholly untrue! Grace can be found throughout the Torah and the entire TaNaKh/Hebrew Scriptures. (**As we have seen, erroneously referred to as the 'Old Testament' in the theology of the church of Christendom**). If there was no grace in the Torah, then Yisrael would have never survived their time in the wilderness. YHWH repeatedly showed Yisrael His grace (**referred to in Hebrew as 'chesed, meaning grace or favor/mercies'**) Here in our above quoted verse, we find YHWH's grace being shown to Yisrael in that He who is holy is also the One who **MAKES** Yisrael holy. Herein lies the righteousness of YHWH who asks His people to be holy as He is Holy... **HE ALONE MAKES THEM HOLY!** The word in Hebrew for 'holy' used here is the verb 'kadash', and it is in the 'causative sense'. This means that YHWH is the One who **CAUSES** Yisrael to be holy. He **MAKES** them so. Theirs' is not to 'attain such holiness' by their own efforts. The holiness of YHWH is too superior. It is too high to attain on their own. They must 'receive' that holiness from **HIM WHO IS HOLY!**

The key to understanding the 'how' this holiness was/is 'attained', is given to us in the verse quoted above. YHWH, as the Redeemer of Yisrael, brought His people out of the land of their bondage in Mitzrayim/Egypt. He 'sanctified/separated them' apart from the darkness, evil and uncleanness in which they existed there. In so doing, He showed Yisrael His grace and mercies and gave them a 'standing of righteousness' through the blood of the Pesach lambs slain in obedience to His command. He revealed His holiness to both Mitzrayim/Egypt and to Yisrael, by showing Himself to be 'different', literally **OTHER THAN** all the false mighty ones worshipped by the Mitzrim/Egyptians. No other mighty one could do what YHWH did in delivering His people. That 'distinction' was the expression of the 'holiness of YHWH' as **THE** only **TRUE** and **SET-APART MIGHTY ONE** of heaven and earth. Yisrael was, in turn, made holy... 'set apart

by that redemptive deliverance'. They were then instructed to **KEEP** themselves 'holy/set apart' by pursuing the 'instructions/mitzvot/commandments' of YHWH. The Torah became the 'door' by which Yisrael 'gained access' to YHWH's holiness. Yisrael's holiness was **NOT** 'attained' by their efforts alone. It was **GIVEN TO THEM** by YHWH who delivered them and gave them access to His HaRuach HaKodesh/The Spirit of His Holiness! Now, having been made 'holy/set apart' by YHWH, they were instructed to **KEEP** their status by **MAINTAINING** their 'distinction' as YHWH's 'covenant nation' through loving obedience to His Torah instructions.

Holiness Means To Be Other Than

Having now begun to understand the true essence of what 'real holiness' is... **YHWH Himself**; let us go a little further. I alluded to our next point above when I said YHWH is 'different or distinct' from His creation, especially in the fallen state in which it now exists. This 'distinction' means to literally be 'other than'.

"And also the Netzach Yisroel (Eternal One of Israel) will not lie nor relent: for He is not an adam [man], that He should change His mind." (Sh'muel Alef/1Samuel 15:29 OJB-definitions mine)

This is the famous verse used by the anti-missionaries in Orthodox Judaism to supposedly refute the truth that YHWH 'manifested' a portion of Himself in human flesh... Yeshua of Natzaret. He called this 'manifestation' of Himself... **HIS SON!** He did this in order to 'reconcile the world' in redemption to Himself. (**11 Corinthians 5:19**) This is the first prerequisite of 'eternal redemption': **YHWH ALONE CAN REDEEM!** The verse quoted above **DOES NOT SAY** that YHWH 'would not or could not' **become** a man. It simply says that He is **NOT** 'like mankind' as fallen mankind exists at present. He is 'other than' man, who in his fallen state is subject to lying or being subject to vacillating determinations. If YHWH chose to 'manifest' Himself in humanity, He would be 'truthful and consistent' in His choices. He would be 'other than' what mankind is known to be at present. This is exactly what He did through 'manifesting' Himself in human form. We know Him as Yeshua... **THE SON**. To be 'other than' is more than just being 'different'. It means to **ACTIVELY RESEMBLE** the One who is 'other than'. Let's listen to our Master,

"... The one having seen me has seen [Elohim/The Mighty One] HaAv [The Father]..."
(Yochanon/John 14:9b OJB- definition mine)

Do you see that? Our blessed Master Yeshua was a 'perfect representation' of YHWH's glory as 'The Father'. (**Ivrim/Hebrews 1:1-5**) To have **SEEN or HEARD** Rebbe Yeshua, was to have **SEEN and HEARD** 'The Father' Himself! This is what is meant to be holy. It is to be 'other than' the common expression of anything. It is to 'manifest' YHWH who has chosen us. He who Himself is 'other than'. In all that we are and do, Mashiach is 'in us'. (**meaning... 'in union' with us**) He 'indwells' us by YHWH's HaRuach HaKodesh/The Spirit of His Holiness. (**Colossians 1:27**) Mashiach means 'Anointed One'. When the 'anointing' of YHWH by His HaRuach HaKodesh/The Spirit of His Holiness causes Mashiach to live and move 'in us', then it can be said to those having **SEEN** us, it is to have **SEEN** Him! This is what it means to be 'distinct' as He, YHWH is holy. It is literally to 'recover' what Adam lost due to the fall... 'the likeness and image' of his Creator!

This again is **ONLY** possible through the grace that YHWH has given to us. Just as He did for Yisrael. He made them *'holy/set apart/distinct'*. He made them *'other than'*, just as He Himself is *'other than'*. He is working that same *'image and likeness'* in us who believe!

Further Understanding Of Holiness

The noun *'holy'* in Hebrew may also be used as both an *'adjective and a verb'*. Both are spelled with the same Hebrew *'consonant'* letters. It is *'how the vowel letters'* are placed that determines which usage they have. The word *'holy as a verb'* in Hebrew is *'kadash'*. It is spelled 'שְׁדָּשׁ'- *'sheen-dalet-qof'* ****[read right to left]**. Hebrew words all come from the earliest form of the Hebrew language known as *'Paleo Hebrew'*. This early form of Hebrew ascribed pictures with meanings to each of the Hebrew letters. In *'Paleo Hebrew'* the picture of the letter *'qof'*- ק, is '⚡'. Its meaning is *'horizon/time/movement'*. The picture of the letter *'dalet'*- ד is a *'door/access'*. The letter *'shin'*- ש... has come to represent *'The Name of YHWH as El Shaddai and fire'*. So, when you put these together you have the meaning: *'to view the process of time, bringing access to the door of El Shaddai's fire'*. It literally means: **TO MOVE IN TIME TO THE DOOR TO ACCESS EL SHADDAI'S FIRE**. This is the *'process'* where we are *'transformed to be holy, other than'*, as our Creator!

Now, continuing with the *'adjective form'* of the word for *'holy'*, this is the word *'kadosh'*. Everything we learned above about the *'verb form'* remains the same. The only difference is, you add the Hebrew letter **vav/ו** and it becomes *'kadosh'*. It looks like this: שְׁדָּוֶשׁ- *'sheen-vav-dalet-qof'* ****[read right to left]** The *'vav'* in *'Paleo Hebrew'* is a picture of a *'hook or a nail'*- ו. It is *'that which joins'*. So, by adding the **vav/ו** to *'kadash'* you get *'kadosh'*. The meaning of *'kadosh'* is the same as *'kadash'* except now, as an *'adjective'*, the word *'describes what happens when we become connected to El Shaddai'*. Take a moment and think... Who is the *'door'* revealed in Scripture? It is our blessed Master Yeshua! (**Yochanon/John 10:7**) So, by **MOVING IN TIME THROUGH THE DOOR, YESHUAH HAMASHIACH, WE HAVE ACCESS AND BECOME CONNECTED TO EL SHADDAI'S FIRE!** He who is **HOLY**, in turn **MAKES** us **HOLY!** We access our Master by prayer, praise, study of the Torah (**He is the Living Torah**) and obedience. As we do, YHWH, through His HaRuach HaKodesh/The Spirit of His Holiness, both **MAINTAINS** and **INCREASES** the *'degree of His holiness'* we experience. We become **LIKE** our Mighty One who *'makes us holy'*. We become **OTHER THAN** as He is... **HOLY!** Amein.

Practical Aspects Of YHWH's Holiness

This whole Torah parasha on *'Kedoshim/Holy Ones'* gets right down to the nitty gritty of how Yisrael was to live their daily lives. We have made this observation before, but it is good to bring it up again. The Torah has more to do than just what most would be concerned with in the sense of the spiritual. YHWH's Torah touches every part of our lives. There is no such thing in our lives, as Yisrael as a *'separation'* between the *'sacred and the secular'*. Every aspect of our life is to be holy before YHWH and the world in which we live. The Torah has as much to say about our relationships both familial and friendships, as well as how we conduct our business affairs. Even our intimacy between husband and wife, as it does about those areas we deem as *'spiritual'*. YHWH, in our present parasha/portion, is bringing His people into the physical *'Land of Promise'*, their inheritance. In so doing, He made it clear that the reason The Land was being made available to them, was because those nations who had been there previously violated His standards. They

were mired in worship of false mighty ones... idolatry. They were engrossed in all manner of sexual perversion and dark depravities. They violated relationships on every level. They sought after demons in occultic practices and black powers. In the process they had so corrupted themselves that they became *'beyond hope of redemption'*. The very land itself vomited them out. What was left, YHWH Himself determined for Yisrael, His chosen nation, was to possess.

In contrast, YHWH gave clear instruction that as His people, Yisrael was to remain *'holy/separate'* from these wicked expressions. If they *'listened and obeyed'*, **THEN** they would enjoy the blessing of The Land as their inheritance. It was a land flowing with milk and honey. If not, then the judgments that had befallen their predecessors would come upon them! Yisrael **MUST** *'maintain'* the gift of YHWH's *'holiness'*. He had provided this *'gift'* for them by His *'chesed/grace and mercies'*. When the nations around Yisrael *'saw them'*, what these nations **SAW** should reveal YHWH their Mighty One to them. Just as He is *'other than'* them, so Yisrael must be too!

“Ye shall therefore be shomer [on guard] over all My chukkot [illogical statutes], and all My mishpatim [judgments], and do them; that HaAretz [The Land], whither I bring you to dwell therein, vomit you not out.

And ye shall not walk in the chukkot [occult/dark statutes] of HaGoy [The Nations], which I cast out before you; for they committed all these things; Therefore, I abhorred them. But I have said unto you, Ye shall inherit their land, and I will give it unto you to inherit it, an Eretz zavat cholov udevash [a Land flowing with milk and honey]: I am Hashem Eloheichem [YHWH Your Mighty One], which have separated you from the peoples.” (Vayikra/Leviticus 20:22-24 OJB- definitions mine)

We say the following blessing as we continue each week's study of the Torah...

Chazak u'Barukh... Strength and Blessing!

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****This ends our Torah parasha for this week. The Two Addendums to follow separately are a *'continuation of thought'* on YHWH's holiness from the *'Messianic Writings/Matthew-Revelation'*. May Abba YHWH bless as you read...**