

Scriptures: Lev. 20:7-8 – Deut. 9:1-3 – Jos. 1:1-9
Singing: 303:1-3 – 308:1-3 – 321:1-4 – 313:1,4, 5

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God calls you to devote yourselves to Him as He is devoted to sanctify you

I. Cherish the promise of God to sanctify you wholly

- A. God's testaments are filled with promises about your restoration
1. Consider God's own commentary on Lev. 20:8 in Ezek. 36:24-28
 - a. it provides a standard of true conversion

 - b. it also provides a source of joy and solid hope in pursuit of holiness

 2. The LORD's promise is *God's sovereignty* in doing His salvation work
- B. Sanctification varies (Matt. 13:8) but will be complete: Heb. 12:23 & Phil. 3:21

II. Yet while cherishing His promise, God expects you to sanctify yourself

- A. The Savior's call is to *sanctify yourself* (Lev. 20:7; 1 Peter 1:15-17)
1. Define 'to sanctify'
- B. This call is illustrated in God's command to Israel to conquer Canaan
1. Consider His promise and command: Deut. 9:3; Jos. 1:3-9; Phil. 2:12-13

 2. Don't expect the work to sanctify to be easy

 3. But when you obey God, you can count on Him: Ex. 23:22-23; 27-30

 4. Keep your eyes on Christ Jesus: Heb. 12:3-4; 1 John 5:4; John 15:4

C. God's call to sanctify yourself: 1 Tim. 4:7; 6:11-12; Romans 13:14; Phil. 2:12; Heb. 12:14-15; Romans 12:1-2; 1 John 2:15 1 Thess. 5:16-23 etc.

1. Exercise yourself to be godly (1 Tim. 4:7)

2. Flee away & follow after righteousness (1 Tim. 6:11)

3. Fight the good fight (1 Tim. 6:12)

4. Put on the Lord Jesus Christ (Romans 13:14)

D. Our Captain reminds you: *whatever you sacrifice for Him, will not be a loss!*

1. There will be a pay day (2 Cor. 5:9-10; Gal. 6:7-8; Rev. 20:12)

a. for the wicked – ungodly – unbelievers

b. for the righteous – godly – believers

2. The pay day for God's disciples will still be a *grace-day* (Luke 17:12) yet a *reward day*

a. Matt. 19:29; Ps. 19:11; 58:11; Prov. 25:22; Is. 62:11; Matt. 6:4, 6, 18; 10:42; 1 Cor. 3:14; Rev. 22:12

3. But how God's saints be rewarded? (1 Cor. 3:14-15)