THE LORD OUR SANCTIFICATION!

Exodus 31:12-17

INTRODUCTION: The Lord in our Scripture reading this morning is speaking to Moses so that he can share a message with the people of Israel of God's perfect plan for their lives. If you are presently disappointed with your life presently as you have failed to live up to the standards God has set forth in His Word for your life your question may be "Is there really any hope for me?" The clear answer from Scripture is "Yes!" We are living in a day when personal purity has been set aside. We as Christians must return to personal purity; purity of the mouth—purity of our motives—as we serve a God Who will sanctify our lives.

I. THE PROBLEM OF PURITY!

Exodus 31:13: the word "sanctify" here is the same word that we get our words "holy and pure" from. Our God demands purity from His people. In fact, God's Word is saturated with His call for His people to live sanctified lives. 1 Thessalonians 5:23-24; Leviticus 20:7-8. Deep in every born-again son and daughter of God is a desire to live a sanctified life, but that desire must be coupled with a deep determination to live a sanctified life. Why is a sanctified life so difficult to have? James 3:10-12. By our very nature, without a supernatural work of the Holy Spirit we don't have a chance of living a truly sanctified life. Maybe today it is true for you that although you desire to live a holy life you know it is not happening.

II. THE POSSIBILITY OF PURITY!

You may seriously doubt that a sanctified life is possible for you, but the Word of God tells us that it is possible for anyone who will truly surrender their lives to the Lord. God gave Moses some instructions that would make holy living a possibility. Exodus 31:13; Revelation 21:7-8; 2 Corinthians 5:17. You can experience purity, not only in heaven some-day, but right here on this present earth!

III. THE PERSON OF PURITY!

Exodus 31:13: God's system for our purity is not rooted in a system or a plan, it is rooted in a Person and the work that Person will do in you when you come to Him by faith. Religion is not the answer, but a relationship with Jesus Christ is the answer to our sanctification. Our God's character is perfect: Isaiah 6:1-3. Three times in those verses God is called holy! Revelation 4:8-11: three times in these verses God is called holy! Our God is perfect and pure and sinless in His character! That holy, perfect and pure God sent His only begotten Son into this world of unholy, sinful, and imperfect people to pay the price for sin so that we would place our faith in that Savior to forgive us of our unholiness and sin so we could learn of His character and become like Him in holiness.

IV. THE PLAN OF PURITY!

If today you truly desire to live a sanctified life before the Lord, you must realize how rare an individual you are becoming because today in our society living a sanctified life is not a very common goal. Psalm 51:1-10: Our God desires to give you a new heart, a clean heart! God has a plan for your sanctification. First, you must be born again. Our sanctification starts at our conversion and is intensified by our commitment: Romans 12:1-2. Just as Israel was asked to set aside a day so we also are called to set aside a day for worship: Exodus 31:14-15; Hebrews 10:24-25. Our God's plan is for His people to set aside a day as holy: Psalm 119:89. Our purity will be intensified according to our commitment. John 14:15; John 14:21; Luke 6:46. Purity of life will be indicated by our conduct: Isaiah 55:6-7.