

For His Name to Be Sanctified, Needing to Express Him in Our Living with a Daily Life Separated unto God and Saturated with God

For His name to be sanctified, we should express Him in our living with a daily life separated unto God and saturated with God (1 Pet. 1:15-17; 2 Pet. 1:4; cf. Isa. 11:2). In the world the name of God the Father is defiled. Many times this is because we do not live Christ, and we do not live under His heavenly indwelling rule. Can the Father's name be sanctified if we do not live under His rule? Absolutely not! This is why 1 Peter 1:15 says, "But according to the Holy One who called you, you yourselves also be holy in all your manner of life." That means our entire manner of life should be separated unto God, and not just separated unto God, but saturated and soaked with God. Peter goes on to say, "Because it is written, 'You shall be holy because I am holy'" (v. 16). This means that we need to become God in His holy nature, but of course not in His Godhead. He is holy in His nature and He says, "Be holy because I am holy."

First Peter 1:17b says, "Pass the time of your sojourning in fear." Brother Lee shared with the co-workers once that when we train our young people, we need to train them to fear the Lord. To fear the Lord means that we have a holy awe of the Lord. It does not mean that we are afraid of Him in the sense that we are scared. We regard, respect, and revere Him to the uttermost. We are in fear of offending Him as the Head. If someone were to come to a meeting and sit down slouched in their chair with their feet propped up, we would question whether they feared the Lord. How could we exercise our spirit like that? Would we sit like that if we were sitting with a president or with a king? How much more should we be respectful when we are in the presence of God? It takes our whole being to exercise our spirit in the meetings.

Isaiah 11:2 says that Christ was filled with the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of Jehovah. The indwelling Spirit within us is the Spirit of the fear of Jehovah. This means that the Spirit infuses us with a wondrous awe of God, with a regard of our Father God. We revere, honor, regard, and respect Him. We consult Him about every detail of our life. We are in fear of offending Him as the Head. Brother Lee once said that no man ever feared God the way Jesus did. He did everything under God the Father's headship. This is the way we need to live. We need to live a sanctified life in the fear of the Lord. (Crystallization Study of Matthew, Vol. 1, Message 4, Ed Marks)