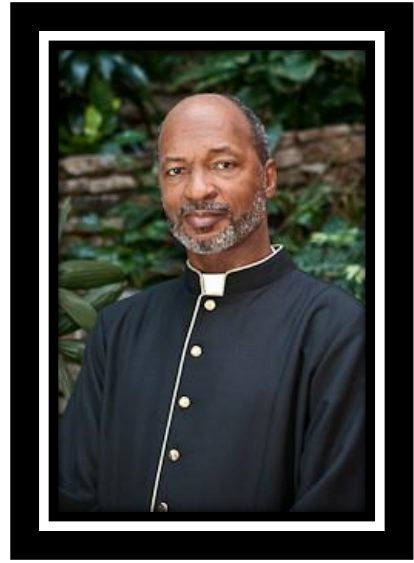


The Bishop's Corner

Sanctify God's name

Praise the Lord Saints,

“But I have pity for my holy name, which the house of Israel had profaned among the heathen, whither they went. Therefore say unto the house of Israel, Thus saith the Lord God: I do not this for your sakes, O house of Israel, but for mine holy name's sake, which ye have profaned among the heathen, whither ye went. And I will sanctify my great name, which was profaned among the heathen, which ye have profaned in the midst of them: and the heathen shall know that I am the Lord, saith the Lord God, when I shall be sanctified in you before their eyes. For I will take you from among the heathen, and gather you out of all countries, and will bring you into your own land. Then will I sprinkle clean water upon you, and ye shall be clean: from all your filthiness, and from all your idols, will I cleanse you. A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh. And I will put my spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes, and ye shall keep my judgments, and do them. And ye shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers and ye shall be my people, and I will be your God” (Ezekiel 36: 21-28 KJV).



We come into the house of God to glorify and sanctify Him. When we live holy and righteous, we sanctify God. God has to sanctify His name so He cleanses us and gives us a new heart so that the world will know that He is a good God, and He's not like any other god.

“But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of Him who hath called you out of darkness into His marvelous light” (I Peter 2:9 KJV).

We're chosen because we have gone along with God's program. When we ask God to save us, He chooses us. Our king is the king of heaven and we are peculiar because God has sanctified and set us apart from the world. We in turn should sanctify the Lord's name in our daily lives.

The way of salvation was chosen before the foundation of the world, not individual people. It is by God's grace that we are saved. I am so glad that God chose to save me. People who have the Holy Ghost are part of Christ's church; and in the church, ministers have a calling to serve the people, and they must sanctify the Lord's name.

God bless you,

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