

קְדוּשָׁה

"We will sanctify Your Name"

The third prayer in the Eighteen Prayers (שְׁמוֹנֵי עָשָׂר), *sh'monei esrei* is the "Kedushah, which means "sanctification." Our word "sanctify" means "to set apart," so when we talk about "sanctifying Your Name," we mean to set apart God's name so that everyone knows He is the One and only true God, and that He is different than all the false "gods" which people "make-believe" actually exist

This prayer begins: "We will sanctify Your Name in this world just as they sanctify it in heaven above." It is this prayer to which Yeshua Himself made reference when, teaching His own talmidim to pray, He began: "Our Father in Heaven, holy is Your Name!" May Your kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven." (Matt 6:9-10)

The first thing we need to know about as we study this third prayer of the *sh'monei esrei* is what we mean by God's Name. In the ancient times, people gave their children a name that would identify what kind of person they were or what kind of person they hoped they would be. For instance, when Abram's name was changed to Abraham, it was because God had promised he would be the "Father of many nations," which is what Av (father) Raham (multitude) means! So when we talk about God's Name, we understand that the Name He has tells us something very important about what He is like. Actually, God has told us that He has many names (that's because He is good, and we need to understand how His goodness has many different expressions). For instance, one of His names is אֵל שַׁדַּי El Shaddai, which means the "God Who gives children." Sometimes He is known just as אֵל, El, which means "Sovereign" or "King." He is also known as אֱלֹהִים, *Elohim*, which identifies Him as the Creator, and יְהוָה, *Yah*, which is a name emphasizing that He is Eternal. The Name which He has given as His memorial Name, or the Name that identifies Him as the God Who acts in our lives (and the history of the world) is יְהוה, the Name we are not sure how to pronounce (because the scribes of ancient times, afraid the Name would be misused, refused to write the vowels when they wrote this Name, and the exact pronunciation has been forgotten.) Since we don't know it's exact sound, we substitute אֲדֹנָי, *Adonai*, (which means "Master" or "Lord") whenever we come to pronounce this Name, and we await the return of Yeshua to hear exactly how the Name is pronounced.

Since these names of God (and there are others as well) tell us something important about God Himself, we should always be very careful how we use the name of God. We should not speak His Name in an unkind way, or even in a joking way. We should always remember that God's Name is sacred, and that when we speak His Name, we are reminding ourselves and others of how great He is, and how kind He is to us.

But we also "sanctify the Name" in our world when we live out His commandments, the *mitzvot*, which He has given us to do. When we live according to His ways, we are telling everyone around us that we worship the One true God, and that He is different than all the other made-up "gods" of the pagan nations. In living according to His Torah, and confessing Yeshua to be our Lord and Savior, we "sanctify His Name in this world, just like it is sanctified in heaven." (Matt 6:9-10)

We will sanctify Your Name...

Find each of the following words.

ABBA
ADONAI
ALMIGHTY
CREATOR
DIVINE
ELOHIM
FATHER
GIVES CHILDREN
GOD

GOOD
HASHEM
HOLY
KING
LORD
MASTER
MELECH
SACRED
SANCTIFY

SAVIOR
SET APART
SOVEREIGN
THE NAME
YAH
YESHUA
YOD HEY VOV HEY

K H D G O D H M E L E C H I D
I G R E H T A F A E N I V I D
N R O T A E R C B L O R D R C
G Y L O H S A B B A A Y O M N
I A N S E T A P A R T T G E Y
E T D M I H O L E H A G R H G
R D M O M Y A H G E N O D S Y
E O A G N C T I R I I O O A T
V O S N A A M C K V E D G H D
O G T I F L I A A D E R C A S
S G E K A E U S T H E N A M E
K N R Y E H V O V Y E H D O Y
G I V E S C H I L D R E N T H
A K N E C A S A N C T I F Y B
D L Y G C M S R I A F E O N M

The Old Man in a Cart



The story of Jacob's love for his son Joseph is well known and loved. Use the code to complete this story.

	a	b	c	d	e	f
1	B	H	P	E	J	C
2	F	L	A	I	O	R
3	T	V	M	S	D	U



Jacob 2, b 2, e 3, b 1, d 3, e his son Joseph more than he loved

Joseph's 1, a 2, f 2, e 3, a 1, b 1, d 2, f 3, d. The brothers were

1, e 1, d 2, c 2, b 2, e 3, f 3, d of Joseph. They 3, d 2, e 2, b 3, e

him to be a 3, d 2, b 2, c 3, b 1, d. Then they 3, a 2, e 2, b 3, e their

father that Joseph must be 3, e 1, d 2, c 3, e. Jacob was very

3, d 2, c 3, e. When Jacob was 2, e 2, b 3, e, he learned that Joseph was

alive! Joseph was a 2, f 3, f 2, b 1, d 2, f in Egypt. Joseph sent some of the

best things in Egypt to his father. He also sent 2, a 2, e 2, e 3, e and

1, f 2, c 2, f 3, a 3, d so Jacob could come to Egypt. Jacob could hardly

1, a 1, d 2, b 2, d 1, d 3, b 1, d the news. The old man probably rode in a

cart on the long 3, a 2, f 2, d 1, c. How happy he was to see the son he

2, b 2, e 3, b 1, d 3, e so much!

Psa. 8:9

O Adonai, our
Master,
How majestic is
Your Name in
all the earth!

