

# gOD as Sanctifier

April 1 - April 8

**Sanctify**—to cleanse, to purify internally by renewing the soul.

*Jesus calls us to Himself so that we may live in fellowship with Him. In the light of His mercies and His sacrifice for us, we are called to submit our wills to His will. As we yield to the Holy Spirit working within us, we are made more like Christ. We trust in God's promise that this ongoing work of sanctification will bring God glory in our lives, in the church and in the world.*

## Scriptures for Meditation

**John 7:37-39** | . . . Jesus stood and cried out, saying, " If anyone is thirsty, let him come to Me and drink. He who believes in Me, as the Scripture said, 'From his innermost being will flow rivers of living water.'" But this He spoke of the Spirit, whom those who believed in Him were to receive . . .

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**Hebrews 12:1-2** | Let us also lay aside every encumbrance and the sin which so easily entangles us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the-author and perfecter of faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame.

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**1 Peter 1:13-16 , 22-23** | Therefore, prepare your minds for action, keep sober *in spirit*, fix your hope completely on the grace to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ. As obedient children, do not be conformed to the former lusts *which were yours* in your ignorance, but like the Holy One who called you, be holy yourselves also in all *your* behavior; because it is written, "You shall be holy, for I am holy."

Since you have in obedience to the truth purified your souls for a sincere love of the brethren, fervently love one another from the heart, for you have been born again not of seed which is perishable but imperishable, *that is*, through the living and enduring word of God.

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**1 Thessalonians 5:23-24** | Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be preserved complete, without blame at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Faithful is He who calls you, and He also will bring it to pass.

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**Philippians 1:6** | For I am confident of this very thing, that he who began a good work in you will perfect it until the day of Christ Jesus.

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### Matthew 5:3-9

“Blessed are the poor in spirit,  
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are those who mourn,  
for they will be comforted.

Blessed are the meek,  
for they will inherit the earth.

Blessed are those who hunger and  
thirst for righteousness,  
for they will be filled.

Blessed are the merciful,  
for they will be shown mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart,  
for they will see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers,  
for they will be called children of God.

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- Thank Father God for His Holy Spirit who fills, sanctifies, and empowers His people
- What encumbrance or weight in your life is Jesus calling you to lay aside, so that you may better run your race or fix your eyes on Him?
- What have you heard from the Lord regarding what will be required of you in this next season of church life?

For further meditation  
Phil 2:5-8, Romans 8: 12—17

## Other Notes