

Encountering God

- 1) The order of salvation
- 2) The process of sanctification
- 3) The importance of consecration

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"You contribute nothing to your salvation, except the sin that made it necessary." - Jonathan Edwards

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God conforms us into the image of Jesus.

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CONSECRATE:

To be set apart from something - to something. To be set apart from that which is profane and to be dedicated or consecrated to that which is holy.

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"God desired to teach His people the seriousness of dealing with Him. He chose to restrict His presence, manifesting it to a degree but not fully. He restricted access to Himself in order to show His people that He was not a human-conceived god like an idol, who could be handled, or kissed or otherwise manipulated physically or approached casually. If a human king required approaching with the greatest of care, should not the King of Kings be honored even more carefully and respectfully?"

3 Questions for personal examination:

- Am I fully committed to God?
- What in my life is distracting me from full surrender and devotion to God?
- What am I committing to do about it?