

# The Threat of Surface-Level Sanctification

## Decoding the Torah: Season 2

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**Core Message:** The Lord introduces Himself in Exodus 20:2 as Yahweh, the personal, self-existent God who intimately knows and claims His people. This foundational commandment calls us to believe in God's existence and acknowledge that He alone is the one true God. The message challenges us to reject the cultural trend of inventing a god of our own making and instead surrender fully to the God who has revealed Himself through the Scriptures and through Messiah Yeshua. When we recognize God's presence in our lives, we experience not only His authority but also His closeness and care.

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### Main Bible Verses (NASB):

- **Core Memory Verse: (Exodus 20:2) "I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery."**
- (Exodus 3:15) 5 God also said to Moses, "Say this to the people of Israel: 'The LORD, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you.' This is my name forever, and thus I am to be remembered throughout all generations.
- (Psalm 139:2-3) You know when I sit down and when I rise up; You understand my thought from afar. You scrutinize my path and my lying down and are intimately acquainted with all my ways.
- (Romans 1:18-25) "For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men who suppress the truth in unrighteousness... For they exchanged the truth of God for a lie and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen."

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### Key Points (Fill-in-the-Blank):

- "To believe in God's \_\_\_\_\_ and that there's only one true God."
  - "God intimately \_\_\_\_\_ you."
  - "He's not just the God. He's not a God that's \_\_\_\_\_ removed."
  - "The Lord said, 'This is my memorial \_\_\_\_\_ forever.'"
  - "Have you submitted to the God who's made Himself \_\_\_\_\_ by intervening in human history?"
  - "God is \_\_\_\_\_ involved in your life."
  - "People invent a God with whom they're \_\_\_\_\_."
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### Notes:

(Use lines below for personal notes)

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## Reflection Questions:

1. What does it mean to you personally that God knows you by name and calls Himself "your God"?

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2. How does the belief in one true God challenge or affirm your current faith practice?

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3. In what ways might culture be pressuring you to form your own image of God based on comfort rather than Scripture?

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4. Based on God's revelation in the Bible, what in your life needs to be surrendered more fully to God's authority and presence?

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## Application Challenge of the Week:

Every day this week, begin your day by declaring out loud: "Yahweh is my God. I believe in Him, and I surrender to His Lordship."

(Or come up with your own as the Lord leads):

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## Prayer Prompts:

- Thank God for revealing Himself personally through His Word and through Yeshua.
- Ask God to help you trust in His nearness and care.
- Invite the Holy Spirit to show you areas where you need to surrender more fully

Resources	Where to find it
Decoding the Torah: Ancient Wisdom for a Modern World by Rabbi K.A. Schneider	<a href="https://discoveringthejewishjesus.com/decoding-the-torah/">https://discoveringthejewishjesus.com/decoding-the-torah/</a>

“The Lord bless you, and keep you; the Lord cause His face to shine on you, and be gracious to you. The Lord lift up His face to you, and give you peace.” Numbers 6:22-27  
(NASB 95’)