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God's "Be Mine" Valentine

You have probably seen valentines with the words "**Be Mine!**" God expressed His love to His people using those same words in Leviticus 20:26, "*And ye shall be holy unto me: for I the LORD am holy, and have severed you from other people, that ye should be mine.*" God loved His people and wanted them for Himself. It was out of His love for them that He severed them from others to bring them to Himself—that they should, in His words, "**Be Mine!**" The matter of sanctification—being severed or set apart from the world is directly connected to God's love for us. He wants us **only for Himself**. "For thou shalt **worship no other god**: for the LORD, whose name is Jealous, is a jealous God" (Exodus 34:14). **True love is rightfully jealous!** Can you imagine the pain it brings to the heart of God when He sees His people developing an attraction to the world rather than to Him? The love of the world is evidence of a waning love toward God: "Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, **the love of the Father is not in him**" (1 John 2:15). Those who truly love God will happily separate themselves from the unholy things of this world in order to fellowship with the holy God Who calls to them, "**Be Mine!**" Their pursuit is to know Him! They want only to be His "*Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and **purify unto himself a peculiar people***" (Titus 2:14). "Peculiar" means "**special**" or "**one's own.**" Are you **His own**? In Malachi 3:16-17 we read of "*a book of remembrance...for **them that feared the LORD, and that thought upon his name.** And they shall be mine, saith the LORD of hosts, in that day when I make up **my jewels.***" "Jewels" mean "**special treasure.**" Are you **His special treasure**?

Have you heard God's call to, "**Be Mine**" and have you responded?