

# Exodus 19:14

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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## Analysis

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**And Moses went down from the mount unto the people, and sanctified the people; and they washed their clothes.**

Moses descends to consecrate—the mediator applies God's requirements to the people. His back-and-forth movement (up to God, down to people) dramatizes mediation: he brings God's words down and carries people's needs up. 'Sanctified the people' (וַיְקַדְּשׁ, vayqaddesh) shows mediated holiness—Moses, having been with God, makes others holy through transmitted instruction. The people's clothes-washing obeys verse 10's command—they participate in their own consecration. Sanctification involves both divine initiative (Moses sanctifies them) and human response (they wash). The pattern holds: God provides grace, we respond in obedience.

## Historical Context

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Moses' mediatorial role is unique in the ancient world—he's neither king nor priest yet functions as prophet, mediator, and lawgiver. His person prefigures Christ who perfectly combines all three offices.

## Related Passages

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**Genesis 1:1** — Creation of heavens and earth

## Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

### Study Questions

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1. How does Moses' movement between God and people illustrate the nature of mediation?
2. In what ways does sanctification involve both divine action and human response?

### Interlinear Text

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וַיֵּרָד	מֹשֶׁה	מִן	הַהָר	אֶל	הָעָם	וַיְקַדֵּשׁ
went down	And Moses		from the mount		the people	and sanctified
H3381	H4872	H4480	H2022	H413	H5971	H6942
אֶת	הָעָם	וַיִּכְבֹּסוּ	שְׂמֹלֵתָם:			
	the people	and they washed	their clothes			
H853	H5971	H3526	H8071			

### Additional Cross-References

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**Exodus 19:10** (References Moses): And the LORD said unto Moses, Go unto the people, and sanctify them to day and to morrow, and let them wash their clothes,