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## **“Restoration” (7)**

*“And God, who knows the heart, bore witness to them, by giving them the Holy Spirit just as he did to us, and he made no distinction between us and them, having cleansed their hearts by faith.” (Acts 15:8-9)*

### **House Cleaning**

**2 Chronicles 29:3-11** – (3) “In the first year of his reign, in the first month, [King Hezekiah] opened the doors of the house of the LORD and repaired them. (4) He brought in the priests and the Levites and assembled them in the square on the east (5) and said to them, ‘Hear me, Levites! Now consecrate yourselves, and consecrate the house of the LORD, the God of your fathers, and carry out the filth from the Holy Place. (6) For our fathers have been unfaithful and have done what was evil in the sight of the LORD our God. They have forsaken him and have turned away their faces from the habitation of the LORD and turned their backs. (7) They also shut the doors of the vestibule and put out the lamps and have not burned incense or offered burnt offerings in the Holy Place to the God of Israel. (8) Therefore the wrath of the LORD came on Judah and Jerusalem, and he has made them an object of horror, of astonishment, and of hissing, as you see with your own eyes. (9) For behold, our fathers have fallen by the sword, and our sons and our daughters and our wives are in captivity for this. (10) Now it is in my heart to make a covenant with the LORD, the God of Israel, in order that his fierce anger may turn away from us. (11) My sons, do not now be negligent, for the LORD has chosen you to stand in his presence, to minister to him and to be his ministers and make offerings to him.”

**2 Chronicles 29:15-16** – (15) “They gathered their brothers and consecrated themselves and went in as the king had commanded, by the words of the LORD, to cleanse the house of the LORD. (16) The priests went into the inner part of the house of the LORD to cleanse it, and they brought out all the uncleanness that they found in the temple of the LORD into the court of the house of the LORD. And the Levites took it and carried it out to the brook Kidron.”

**2 Chronicles 29:35-36** – (35) “...Thus the service of the house of the LORD was restored. (36) And Hezekiah and all the people rejoiced because God had prepared for the people, for the thing came about suddenly.”

**Key Point: Cleansing brings Restoration and Rejoicing**

### **Clean God's House**

**“Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.”**

**(1 Corinthians 6:19-20)**

**“Since we have these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from every defilement of body and spirit, bringing holiness to completion in the fear of God.” (2 Corinthians 7:1)**

### **Confession brings Cleansing**

**“If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.” (1 John 1:9)**

### **Cleansing brings Restoration**

**“Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. Be wretched and mourn and weep. Let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy to gloom. Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you.” (James 4:8-9)**

### **Questions:**

**What impacted me the most in this message?**

**Do I pray about inner cleansing? (Ps. 51:7, 10)**

**Have I asked God to reveal uncleanness in my life, or do I assume that I'm alright? (Ps. 139:23-24; Prov. 16:2)**