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“Cleaning God’s House” (3)

“Draw near to God, and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your minds, you double-minded.” (James 4:8)

Spiritual Self Analysis

Isaiah 6:4-5 – (4) “And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke. (5) And I said: ‘Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!’”

1 Corinthians 11:31-32 – (31) “But if we judged ourselves truly, we would not be judged. (32) But when we are judged by the Lord, we are disciplined so that we may not be condemned along with the world.”

James 1:27 – “Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to visit orphans and widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself unstained from the world.”

James 4:4 – “You adulterous people! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God.”

God Expects me to Cleanse myself and Helps me to do it right

Stupid Self Analysis

Proverbs 20:9 – “Who can say, ‘I have made my heart pure; I am clean from my sin?’”

Luke 18:10-12 – (10) “Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. (11) The Pharisee, standing by himself, prayed thus: ‘God, I thank you that I am not like other men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. (12) I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I get.’”

2 Corinthians 10:12 – “Not that we dare to classify or compare ourselves with some of those who are commending themselves. But when they measure themselves by one another and compare themselves with one another, they are without understanding.”

Exposures Ahead

2 Peter 3:10-15(a) – (10) “But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a roar, and the heavenly bodies will be burned up and dissolved, and the earth and the works that are done on it will be exposed. (11) Since all these things are thus to be dissolved, what sort of people ought you to be in lives of holiness and godliness, (12) waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set on fire and dissolved, and the heavenly bodies will melt as they burn! (13) But according to his promise we are waiting for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells. (14) Therefore, beloved, since you are waiting for these, be diligent to be found by him without spot or blemish, and at peace. (15) And count the patience of our Lord as salvation...”

Prayers:

“Search me, O God, and know my heart! Try me and know my thoughts!
And see if there be any grievous way in me, and lead me in the way
everlasting! (Psalm 139:23-24)

“Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter
than snow.” (Psalm 51:7)

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