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Purge – Pt 2 Purge thyself of sin – be a vessel unto honour

This is our second study on the topic – “purge”. In our previous study we established the meaning of the word, and three points – (1) The scriptures attest to God only purging sins, (2) all things are purged by the law with blood, (3) Christ purged our sins on the cross and then sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high! In this study we establish – (1) the Father purges every believer that bears fruit, that he may bear more fruit, (2) purge out the old leaven, and (3) purge thyself and be a vessel unto honour, meet for the masters use and prepared unto every good work.

Our three points established from the scriptures –

1. The Father purges every believer that bears fruit to bear more fruit

“I am the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman. Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away: and every branch that beareth fruit, he purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit” (Jn.15: 1 & 2).

3. Purge thyself and be a vessel unto honour – fit for the master’s use

“Nevertheless the foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, The Lord knoweth them that are his. And, Let every one that nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity....If a man therefore purge himself from these, he shall be a vessel unto honour, sanctified, and meet for the master’s use, and prepared unto every good work” (2Tim 2:19 & 21).

Illustration

When you go to a Bible college and talk with those who are in ministry training you see many different reasons for people going into such training –
My wife wants to be a minister’s wife, I believe I am called by the Lord.
I have always wanted to be a minister.
I want my PHD, my doctorate of divinity.

Question to think about.

- i) How do we purge ourselves of sin?
- ii) What two questions would we ask each person in ministry – pastor, preacher, or teacher, or evangelist that believes they are their in obedience to a call from God?

Answer from the scriptures

i) implement mercy and seek truth and iniquity is purged

“By mercy and truth iniquity is purged...” (Prov.16: 6).

Fear God and you will depart from iniquity

“and by the fear of the Lord men depart from evil” (Prov.16: 6).

ii) Our two questions for a person in ministry–

First question: what is your response to the English text of the 1611 Authorised bible being holy Scripture?

Second question: what is your response to a doctrine that you believe to be truth being error – if it can be shown to be contrary to the scriptures – sound doctrine?

WHY are these important questions?

Because the minister of God, a preacher of righteousness, is “set in the body” by the Father to edify, teach truth, they are recognised by the Father as a vessel that purges themselves of sin, fears God and departs from iniquity, whom God honours, sanctifies and has been prepared for every good work. If a student at Laidlaw college rejects the truth of the Authorised Bible and sound doctrine then God has not set them to teach! If you desire the office of a bishop it is a good thing. Purge out the old leaven, purge yourself of every sin, depart from iniquity & love truth and mercy.