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Purity

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Purity is the condition or quality of being pure; freedom from anything that contaminates, pollutes, etc., freedom from any admixture or modifying addition; cleanness; freedom from guilt or evil; innocence. Purity is completely, one hundred percent essence without any contamination.

God is the only pure, uncontaminated being. He can never be defiled in any way because He cannot change. He is pure in His being and cannot in any way be affected by any kind of source that would change His purity. He is complete and perfect and is pure God, no additives or fillers. Maybe purity is better understood as the absence of anything foreign to what He is.

This is the message which we have heard from Him and declare to you, that God is light and in Him is no darkness at all. (I John 1:5. All scriptures are taken from the New King James Version.)

God compares His purity to the pureness of light, free from any defilement. God in His holiness is pure: free from all that defiles and pure in essence. Just as He Himself is pure His words are also pure.

The words of the LORD *are* pure words,
Like silver tried in a furnace of earth,
Purified seven times. (Psalms 12:6)

Every word of God *is* pure;
He *is* a shield to those who put their trust in Him.
(Proverbs 30:5)

The purity of God goes hand in hand with the holiness of God. The holiness of God is so vast there is no created thing that can be compared to it. Holiness is infinitely beyond being sinless even. Holiness is an infinite chasm which nothing could ever cross to obtain—farther than the stars are from us, and that is nothing in comparison to holiness above even what the created mind of man can think. The holiness of God is the main attribute that God wants His people to know about Him.

Above it stood seraphim; each one had six wings:
with two he covered his face, with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew.
And one cried to another and said:

“Holy, holy, holy *is* the LORD of hosts;
The whole earth *is* full of His glory!” (Isaiah 6:2–3)

God’s holiness cannot even be compared to the angels who have never sinned, while they have a form of holiness because they have not sinned, it pales to darkness when the infinite holiness of God is even thought upon. God is holy with absolute holiness that knows no limit or bounds, and this He cannot impart to any created thing. But a form of this holiness is available through the blood of the Lamb.

Now I am no longer in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to You. Holy Father, keep through Your name those whom You have given Me, that they may be one as *We are*. (John 17:11)

In talking about God’s purity and holiness, it is inconceivable that He would even consider using evolution as a process to create man. His attributes scream out that He cannot lie, and He recorded the creation in a chronological way; even a child reading understands it was six literal days. The idea of evolution is found nowhere in Scripture; the concept comes from rebellious men. He knew evolution would be used by Satan to deceive millions; He defined what a day was: evening and morning. Evolutionary thinking produces racism, genocide, and multiple unpure perversions totally rebelling against our Creator!

Is man born pure? Modern psychology states that man is basically good. God states in Jeremiah 17:9 that modern psychology is wrong:

The heart *is* deceitful above all *things*,
And desperately wicked;
Who can know it?

We are all born in sin! Parents should love their child as the Lord loves us but never think they have any natural good in them since they have inherited the sinful Adamic nature. We have both the propensity to sin and the potential to repent from sin.

All the ways of a man *are* pure in his own eyes,
But the LORD weighs the spirits. (Proverbs 16:2)

Everyone thinks they are right and everyone else is wrong. Beware—don’t believe everything you think.

For as he thinks in his heart, so *is* he. (Proverbs 23:7a)

There is a generation *that is* pure in its own eyes,
Yet *is* not washed from its filthiness. (Proverbs 30:12)

Unfortunately, we can easily deceive ourselves and be deceived by others, and to make it absolutely clear this includes both other people and spiritual beings.

Do not be deceived: “Evil company corrupts good habits.” (I Corinthians 15:33)

Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap. (Galatians 6:7)

Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived. Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor sodomites, nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God. (I Corinthians 6:9–10)

But evil men and impostors will grow worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived. (II Timothy 3:13)

For we ourselves were also once foolish, disobedient, deceived, serving various lusts and pleasures, living in malice and envy, hateful and hating one another. (Titus 3:3)

And James simply tells us not to be deceived!

Do not be deceived, my beloved brethren. (James 1:16)

Too many people are deceived by evolution; sadly, atheists agree that the Bible communicates that the world and everything was created in six literal days. Why do they understand it as it is written and yet some “believers” will not accept His word as written? How much of what God tells us can you disregard or not believe and still have a viable relationship with Him? Would you keep a relationship with someone who did not believe what you told them—someone who took somebody else’s word for things? In this case it is accepting a fallible man, called a scientist, who like the serpent says, “Did God really say that? Science tells us something different.” Actually, science says nothing at all. What we have is evidence and then man’s interpretation as to what the evidence means. The scientific method is incapable of explaining anything outside of the present. To say everything was the same in the past is a huge assumption that cannot be proven.

Evolution demands death before sin. If evolution would have occurred, then the world would not be pure as it was created, and you make God into an ogre who is either incompetent or uncaring about His creation. God’s purity and holiness stand in direct contradiction to evolution! Death before sin is in direct contradiction to what God said was the consequence of disobedience. When they ate the fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil,

breaking their covenant with God, they set in motion a chain of events that changed the universe. It was no longer good and pure as it was created. Impurity and contamination flowed from that point on in the seed of Adam.

Death before the fall leads to bad theology and even to disbelief. One false belief and deception is the flood of Noah. Because of disbelief, people claim it was a local flood, but God is very plain in that it was a worldwide flood. The flood changed planet earth in ways we are not even fully aware of. We have no way of knowing what forces were affected, and they may not have reached equilibrium yet, still having effects on climate in ways we do not know.

A greater deception is coming as Revelation tells us about the world system as God calls His people to not be part of it.

The light of a lamp shall not shine in you anymore, and the voice of bridegroom and bride shall not be heard in you anymore. For your merchants were the great men of the earth, for by your sorcery all the nations were deceived. (Revelation 18:23)

God’s purity and holiness are two of His amazing attributes. We are to be holy as He is holy!

And you shall be holy to Me, for I the LORD *am* holy, and have separated you from the peoples, that you should be Mine. (Leviticus 20:26)

We are to be like Christ if we are redeemed. We are to be pure!

Blessed *are* the pure in heart,
For they shall see God. (Matthew 5:8)

Our hope is in Christ!

And everyone who has this hope in Him purifies himself, just as He is pure. (I John 3:3)

How do we strive to purity? Purity starts in the mind.

Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things *are* noble, whatever things *are* just, whatever things *are* pure, whatever things *are* lovely, whatever things *are* of good report, if *there is* any virtue and if *there is* anything praiseworthy—meditate on these things. (Philippians 4:8)

For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh. For the weapons of our warfare *are* not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds, casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ, and being ready to punish all disobedience when your obedience is fulfilled. (II Corinthians 10:3–6)

We need to be pure in heart! Acting on our lust is the destroyer of purity. First, lust is selfish by nature.¹ You can never be a true disciple if you are on the throne of your life.

No servant can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon. (Luke 16:13)

Second, lust is the natural desires of the fallen nature.¹

For the flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; and these are contrary to one another, so that you do not do the things that you wish. (Galatians 5:17)

We must yield to the Spirit and surrender to His will, and He will empower us to live for Him.

For he who sows to his flesh will of the flesh reap corruption, but he who sows to the Spirit will of the Spirit reap everlasting life. (Galatians 6:8)

This boils down to the fact that the problem is an issue of sin in your life. Have you confessed everything? Do you have a “harmless” pet sin you can’t seem to get rid of? It is our nature to want what we want when we want it. We must crucify the flesh and live by the Spirit. Third, lust is demanding and never satisfied.¹ Whatever lust you struggle with; money, sex, or whatever, there is never satisfaction no matter how much you obtain.

We need to be pure in purpose! Our enemy creates spiritual atmospheres for sin.¹ You need to be aware of locations that encourage sin in your life and avoid them and create an atmosphere of praise and worship. Next, the enemy seduces into sin.¹ Temptations come pleasantly, the sweetness of sin makes it so dangerous. Finally, the enemy’s one purpose is to steal, kill and destroy souls.¹ Souls are perishing!

The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have *it* more abundantly. (John 10:10)

We need to be pure in passion! Three things must happen to have purity of passion.¹ First you must have an encounter with God. Next, there must be the beginning of a personal relationship with God through repentance and brokenness. Finally, you need a life of mercy. Accept the mercy of God and show mercy to others.

Blessed *are* the meek,
For they shall inherit the earth. (Matthew 5:5)

Meekness is willingness to surrender to another person.

Blessed *are* the merciful,
For they shall obtain mercy. (Matthew 5:7)

Mercy is being more concerned about others than yourself.

Does Jesus deserve a pure bride? We are to be pure as He is pure. What practical steps can we take to help us obtain purity? Root out everything that the devil can use against you. If you want your heart and home to be God welcoming, limit anything that is of the world. Television, newspapers, internet, magazines, worldly music, and video games may need to be limited or abandoned. Clean your house and property of anything that distracts from Godliness. Don’t leave anything in your home or on your property that you think would be offensive to our Holy God! Make the Lord feel welcome in your home. Create an atmosphere pleasing to God in your home. Your goal is to minimize the devil’s ability to affect you and maximize the Lord’s ability to affect you. In deciding what to remove or change, ask yourself: “Does this bring me closer to God or does it cause spiritual compromise?”¹

God desires the best for us. He wants us to live up to the potential He created in us. God will pursue us to have a relationship; He will especially pursue those that are His. You can never make peace with sin; it must be dealt with; realize you must let it go before it can get to the cross. At some point the Lord will give us over; that is a place you never want to be. We are all slaves to something, whether we admit it or not. God is a jealous God; He wants what is His. God will not quit until He has all of you; you must be all-in in the relationship with the Creator. God doesn’t want to just set us free; He wants to give us a new life. Our life here is all about the Father finding a bride for His Son.

This is the season we celebrate our Creator’s goodness and mercy. Jesus Christ gave up His position in heaven to become like man in human flesh. He came to die for us! He fulfilled the law so we could have salvation. The law requires a perfect sacrifice, one without blemish to pay for sin. He also had to be kin to be a redeemer; He had to be man, a perfect man without sin. A person could not even save themselves if they sacrificed themselves because they were imperfect and blemished. An angel could not pay for our sins either, even though they have not sinned, they are not kin, human. Jesus was born of a virgin, just as the prophecies in the Old Testament tell us. He lived a perfect life without sin. He obeyed the Father and gave His life on the cross according to God’s plan to redeem men. He rose

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on the third day, proving He could and would also raise us up in due season. He is coming soon! ☩

COMING EVENTS

TASC Zoom Meeting, December 8, 7:00 pm EST

We will be talking about God's holiness and purity and how it is incompatible with evolutionary thinking. We are to be pure as our Lord is pure. Practical ideas will be shared on how to live a life of purity.

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