

“Purity”

Is. 6:1-8

Open:

- The book of Isaiah was written to...
 - **Reveal** to God’s people the wickedness of their way. **Is. 1:2-4**
 - **Remind** God’s people of God’s judgment on sin. **Is. 1:7-9**
 - Show Gods people the need of their **Return** to obedience of God’s Word. **Is. 1:17-19**
- Isaiah is called to deliver a message to Israel
 - Message of Purification to an unclean people. **Is. 1:16-17**
 - Message of Judgement to an unconfessed people. **Is. 1:5-6, 20**
 - Message of Hope to those who choose to repent of their sins. **Is. 1:18-19**
- By the time Isaiah is done receiving this message from God (in chapter 5), we find Isaiah (in chapter 6) realizing the lack of faith (**Rom. 14:23**) in his own life.
 - Isaiah like many other children of God had been lulled to sleep over the last 52 years of the good reign of King Uzziah. **vs. 1**
 - Grew cold and indifferent.
 - Grew comfortable with who they were.
 - Transferred their faith from a faith in the King of kings to a faith in who the king was.
 - It was not until Isaiah realized that his focused had shifted from who God was and that God was in control that he recognized the condition of his own life. **vs. 2-5**
 - The Holiness of God revealed the impurities of his own life.
 - The Presence of God revealed the power of God available in his life.
 - The Message of God revealed the lack of obedience in his life.
 - Once Isaiah recognized who he was when compared to God, we find not only a purging from sin in his life, but we also find a renewal of purpose in his life. **vs. 6-8**
 - We find the power of God bringing humility into his life.
 - We find the Word of God purging the sin into his life.
 - We find the voice of God bringing a renewed purpose in his life.

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- The standard of purity is not what I determine, but what God has predetermined. **Is. 5:20-24**
 - Purity is not being cleaner than those around me; but by being as clean as God.
- Only when I see God for who He is, can I see myself as I should (as God sees me). **Is. 6:1-5**
 - When I’m focused on the actions of those around me, I become distracted by the lack of obedience in my own life.
- An individual cannot be pure until they recognize the impurities in their life. **Is. 6:6-8**
 - We will never truly be cleansed until we see our need of cleansing.

I. We need to recognize the importance of purity in our life as a child of God.

- **Is. 1:16** “Wash you, make you clean; put away the evil of your doings from before mine eyes; cease to do evil;”
 - **James 4:8** “Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and purify your hearts, ye double minded.”
- A. Until we see God for who He is and as He is, we will never see ourselves for who we are
1. Isaiah – **Is. 6:5** “Then said I, Woe is me! for I am undone; because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips: for mine eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts.”

2. David – **Ps. 51:3-5** *“For I acknowledge my transgressions: and my sin is ever before me. [4] Against thee, thee only, have I sinned, and done this evil in thy sight: that thou mightest be justified when thou speakest, and be clear when thou judgest. [5] Behold, I was shapen in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive me.”*
3. Unclean generation – **Prov. 30:12-13** *“There is a generation that are pure in their own eyes, and yet is not washed from their filthiness. [13] There is a generation, O how lofty are their eyes! and their eyelids are lifted up.”*

B. We need to recognize purity in our life cannot come by our own ability.

1. **Prov. 20:9** *“Who can say, I have made my heart clean, I am pure from my sin?”*
2. **Ps. 51:2,7,10** *“[2] Wash me thoroughly from mine iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. [7] Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean: wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. [10] Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me.”*
3. **Ps. 119:9-11** *“Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? by taking heed thereto according to thy word. [10] With my whole heart have I sought thee: O let me not wander from thy commandments. [11] Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee.”*

C. I will never be close to God in a personal way, until I’m living in a pure way.

1. **Ps. 24:3-6** *“Who shall ascend into the hill of the LORD? or who shall stand in his holy place? [4] He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart; who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity, nor sworn deceitfully.[5] He shall receive the blessing from the LORD, and righteousness from the God of his salvation. [6] This is the generation of them that seek him, that seek thy face, O Jacob. Selah.”*
2. **Ps. 15:1-5** *“LORD, who shall abide in thy tabernacle? who shall dwell in thy holy hill? [2] He that walketh uprightly, and worketh righteousness, and speaketh the truth in his heart. [3] He that backbiteth not with his tongue, nor doeth evil to his neighbour, nor taketh up a reproach against his neighbour. [4] In whose eyes a vile person is contemned; but he honoureth them that fear the LORD. He that sweareth to his own hurt, and changeth not. [5] He that putteth not out his money to usury, nor taketh reward against the innocent. He that doeth these things shall never be moved.”*

II. There needs to be a purity of mind, heart, and body in the life of a child of God

- God wants us to have a pure life, so we can enjoy the full benefit of salvation, a relationship with his creation. **Is. 1:25** *“And I will turn my hand upon thee, and purely purge away thy dross, and take away all thy tin:”*
- We are commanded to keep ourselves pure. **I Tim. 5:22b** *“... neither be partaker of other men’s sins: keep thyself pure.”*

A. Pure mind. – As children of God, not only do we have access but we are commanded to think with the same spiritual mind that Jesus thought with while he was here on earth. **Phil. 2:5** *“Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus:”*

1. Purity of thought comes by what the mind thinks about. **Phil 4:8** *“Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things.”*
 2. Purity of thought comes by the meditating on God’s Word. **II Peter 3:1-2** *“This second epistle, beloved, I now write unto you; in both which I stir up your pure minds by way of remembrance: [2] That ye may be mindful of the words which were spoken before by the holy prophets, and of the commandment of us the apostles of the Lord and Saviour:”*
- B. Pure heart. – As children of God, we are to have a heart that is clean and free from sin. **Heb. 10:22** *“Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water.”*
1. Not only are we to not entertain impure things, but we are to flee from those impurities that would defile our hearts. **II Tim. 2:22** *“Flee also youthful lusts: but follow righteousness, faith, charity, peace, with them that call on the Lord out of a pure heart.”*
 2. We are to fervently love one another out of a pure heart. **I Peter 1:22** *“Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit unto unfeigned love of the brethren, see that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently:”*
- C. Pure body. – We need to realize our bodies are not our own. **I Cor. 6:19-20** *“What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? [20] For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God’s. “*
1. You cannot keep your body pure if you are constantly in and around the impure things of this world. – **I Cor. 6:15-19** *“Know ye not that your bodies are the members of Christ? shall I then take the members of Christ, and make them the members of an harlot? God forbid. [16] What? know ye not that he which is joined to an harlot is one body? for two, saith he, shall be one flesh. [17] But he that is joined unto the Lord is one spirit. [18] Flee fornication. Every sin that a man doeth is without the body; but he that committeth fornication sinneth against his own body.”*
 2. Knowing that we will one day stand before Jesus, should drive us to live a pure life He would be proud of. – **I John 3:2-3** *“Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is. [3] And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure.”*

Close:

- When is the last time you compared your life to how God wants you to be living?

Isaiah 1:18

“Come now, and let us reason together, saith the LORD: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool.”