## ~PURIFY (162)

[English, cleanse, disinfect, sanitize, decontaminate, clean, rid of impurities, distill, filter, Opposite of, contaminate]

- The altar was purified from sin, by making atonement of it with the bull of the sin offering.
- And you will offer the bull of the sin offering daily for an atonement, and you must purify the altar from sin by your making atonement over it, and you must anoint it to sanctify it. (Exodus 29:36)
- Moses purified the altar from sin by taking the bull's blood and sprinkling it on the horns of the altar.
- And Moses proceeded to slaughter it and take the blood and put it with his finger upon the horns of the altar round about and purify the altar from sin, but the rest of the blood he poured at the base of the altar, that he might sanctify it to make atonement upon it. (Leviticus 8:15)
- To purify a house from sin, the priest had a regular procedure to follow.
- And to purify the house from sin he must take two birds and cedar wood and coccus scarlet material and hyssop. (Leviticus 14:49)
- And he must purify the house from sin with the blood of the bird and the running water and the live bird and the cedar wood and the hyssop and the coccus scarlet material. (Leviticus 14:52)
- Lepers also had to follow a regular procedure to purify themselves from their former condition.
- Such one should purify himself with it on the third day, and on the seventh day he will be clean. But if he will not purify himself on the third day, then on the seventh day he will not be clean. (Numbers 19:12)

- Anyone touching a dead soul, and who would not purify himself thereafter, has defiled Yehowah God's tabernacle and must be cut off from within Israel.
- Everyone touching a corpse, the soul of whatever man may die, and who will not purify himself, has defiled Yehowah's tabernacle, and that soul must be cut off from Israel. Because the water for cleansing has not been sprinkled upon him, he continues unclean. His uncleanness is still upon him. (Numbers 19:13)
- And the clean person must spatter it upon the unclean one on the third day and on the seventh day and must purify him from sin on the seventh day, and he must wash his garments and bathe in water, and he must be clean in the evening. (Numbers 19:19)
- But the man who may be unclean and who will not purify himself, well, that soul must be cut off from the midst of the congregation, because it is Yehowah's sanctuary that he has defiled. The water for cleansing was not sprinkled upon him. He is unclean. (Numbers 19:20)
- When the army then returned from war they had to camp outside the camp of Israel for seven days, purifying themselves and their captives before entering the camp of Israel.
- As for you yourselves, camp outside the camp seven days.

  Everyone who has killed a soul and everyone who has touched someone slain, you should purify yourselves on the third day and on the seventh day, you and your captives. (Numbers 31:19)
- Many articles of common use had to be purified to be used.
- And every garment and every article of skin and everything made of goats hair and every article of wood you should purify for yourselves from sin. (Numbers 31:20)
- The Psalmist asked Yehowah God to purify him from sin, that he might be clean before him.
- May you purify me from sin with hyssop, that I may be clean, may you wash me, that I may become whiter even than snow. (Psalms 51:7)

- At that time, true forgiveness of their long-standing course of error, would be granted to the repentant ones. No more, would he call to heart their wicked course, but he would open his storehouse of knowledge and wisdom, and daily guide and instruct his repentant remnant, blessing them to a glorious future.
- And I will purify them from all their error with which they have sinned against me, and I will forgive all their errors with which they have sinned against me and with which they have transgressed against me. (Jeremiah 33:8)
- Therefore the altar must be prepared by sprinkling righteous blood upon it to purify it from sin and to make atonement for the sacrifices that will follow.
- And you must take some of its blood and put it upon its four horns and upon the four corners of the surrounding ledge and upon the border round about and purify it from sin and make atonement for it. (Ezekiel 43:20)
- The male goat and the bull typified two aspects of sin, rebelliousness and improper use of power respectively. This second purification of the altar was done in the same manner as the first.
- And on the second day you will bring near a buck of the goats, a sound one, as a sin offering, and they must purify the altar from sin the same as they purified it from sin with the young bull. (Ezekiel 43:22)
- Only the very best was ever to be offered to Yehowah.
- This is what the Sovereign Lord Yehowah has said; In the first month, on the first day of the month, you should take a young bull, a son of the herd, a sound one, and you must purify the sanctuary from sin. (Ezekiel 45:18)
- James continues this encouragement by telling his anointed Christian brothers to draw close to Yehowah God. They can do this by knowing his will accurately through study of the Bible, and by praying earnestly through the Holy Spirit for help, and working with it, to grow and progress in a spiritual way so as to be more like their glorious God.
- Yehowah, like each of us, is drawn to other people who are like him, and who manifest his finest qualities in their lives. He loves

spiritual people, those who think about their lives and apply scriptural principles to them daily.

- He promises to draw close to us, if we draw close to him, and we do this by imitation of his wonderful qualities. Therefore James' further counsel to have clean hands and pure hearts. This refers to our fine works, our clean hands, and doing things for the right reasons, or with a pure heart. We must not be unsteady or indecisive in our worship of Yehowah God, the rock of our spiritual lives, but like him, we must be firm for righteousness.
- Draw close to God, and he will draw close to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you indecisive ones. (James 4:8)