

And Behold, Everything is Purified and Clean for You

Text: Luke 11:37-41 Amplified Bible:

37 Now while Jesus was speaking, a Pharisee invited Him to take dinner with him, so He entered and reclined at table.

38 The Pharisee noticed and was astonished [to see] that Jesus did not first wash before dinner.

39 But the Lord said to him, Now you Pharisees cleanse the outside of the cup and of the plate, but inside you yourselves are full of greed *and* robbery *and* extortion and malice *and* wickedness.

40 You senseless (foolish, stupid) ones [acting without reflection or intelligence]! Did not He Who made the outside make the inside also?

41 But [dedicate your inner self and] give as donations to the poor of those things which are within [of inward righteousness] and behold, everything is purified *and* clean for you.

**** In verse 41 Jesus uses the word “Clean” - the Greek word is “katharos” and means: clean, clear, pure.*

- At this moment in time we are hearing every day the necessity and benefits of cleanliness, sanitization, sterilization - not only for ourselves, but for the benefit of others as well. This is a vital truth and Jesus shows us it should go deeper than just the surface of things – that will have far richer and wholesome results!

- Let's reference Mark 7:14-23 where Jesus speaks of an area that requires much more attention to cleanliness than any thing else, but yet will effect the cleanliness of ***everything*** else – *the heart (spirit)*.

- It's the blood of Jesus that truly cleanses: I John 1:7: *...the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses (removes) us from all sin and guilt [keeps us cleansed from sin in all its forms and manifestations].*

- Jesus came to bring a cleanliness from within that, as we stated earlier, will effect the cleanliness and wholesomeness of everything else. Let's look at Matthew 8:1-3:

1 - When Jesus came down from the mountain, great throngs followed Him.

2 - And behold, a leper came up to Him and, prostrating himself, worshiped Him, saying, Lord, if You are willing, You are able to [a]cleansed me by curing me.

3 - And He reached out His hand and touched him, saying, I am willing; be cleansed [b]by being cured. And instantly his leprosy was cured and cleansed.

******As we learned last week from Isaiah 54:14-15 and verse 41 from our text today, let's establish ourselves in the righteousness only Jesus can provide, and thus allow Him to clean, clear, purify, and bring health/wholeness to every area of our lives! In addition to experiencing this beautiful truth ourselves, we are then enabled by the Holy Spirit to give/bring this cleansing and wholeness to everyone Jesus brings us in contact with!***

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