

Purify my Heart

“He will sit like a refiner of silver, burning away the dross. He will purify the Levites, refining them like gold and silver, so that they may once again offer acceptable sacrifices to the LORD” Malachi 3:3 (NLT)

Today He is calling you to come. He is saying, “Come to Me. Let's get personal with each other. Let Me take away those things that hinder you. Let Me purify those areas within you.”

Its time to separate yourself from those things that hurt you. He desires you to know Him in a deeper, more personal way! He wants to purify those areas that hinder you. In both the Old and New Testaments, we find numerous references to the refining of gold and silver by removing the dross. Its the purification process and its all about separation of the impurities.

In today's passage, the prophet Malachi was speaking of a coming judgement because the Levites weren't doing their job and were offering unacceptable sacrifices unto the Lord. They were hanging on to things that they needed to let go. AKA:Dross.....

Dross represents any misplaced dependency, any wrong motive, wrong attitude or wrong action. It means anything that keeps you from being all that God wants you to be. Dross concerns those very things that hinder you, hurt you or hold you back from pursuing Him. They are the dead things that are clinging to you.

When super heated with fire, any impurities (dross) within the silver or gold are burned away as the heat separates them out. We all have dead places in our lives that need a touch from God. These areas can involve our health, our finances, our thought life or our relationships. The good news is our God is a consuming fire (Hebrews 12:29). He knows what needs to burn and what doesn't.

He is calling you to come closer to Him and let Him burn away those things that hinder you. You have a choice to be filled with the fullness of God, “that ye might be filled.” In order for you to know someone you must spend time with them.. Your relationship with God is no different.

“And to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fullness of God” (Ephesians 3:19).

It is God's deepest desire that we know Him intimately. We must surrender those things that hinder us to Him. It is His delight for us to come to Him. God delights when we discover Him in new ways. God delights when we see Him in ways we didn't see Him before.

He longs for us to perceive Him, see Him, and experience Him through our relationship with Him. He wants us to know that we can trust Him in all things at all times. Our thoughts, our actions, our words and our entire beings should be totally on Him, even if it means we have to force ourselves to do it!

To know God is to seek Him. To know God is to let Him remove those things that work against you... He wants to be with you! He wants you to know Him better with each passing day.

Heavenly Father,

In Jesus Name, I submit to You and Your will. I confess my great need of You more than anything else Father. Be my daily bread I pray. I want to feast on You until all other desires fade, my love of the world is destroyed and my heart is stayed on You alone. Satisfy me with Your great love and forgive me I pray for sinning against You. I confess that too often my thoughts, words and actions are not Christ-like and do not honor You.. O God have mercy on me! Destroy my self-focused living and change me by the power of the Spirit at work in me I pray. Help me to be quick to forgive others, always remembering the great debt that has been forgiven me. I confess this day that Yours alone is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. I proclaim with all of heaven "Great and marvelous are your deeds Lord God Almighty. Just and true are Your ways, King of the ages. Who will not fear You, O Lord, and bring glory to Your name? For You alone are holy!" Hallelujah! Praise never-ending be to You O God! In the name of Jesus, the Christ, the Son of the only true God I pray. Amen and amen

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