



GOD'S GREATEST GIFTS: HIS CLEANSING

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Text: I John 1:8-10



Introduction: People are surrounded by gifts from some of God's greatest gifts. Today, we are going to study about one of God's greatest gifts: His Cleansing. We live in a society obsessed with cleanliness. Everywhere you go you see Germ-X! One thing God is known for doing is cleansing His people.

Discussion:

I. Cleansing Is A Gift From God

- A. God's cleansing is a gift that reveals truth.
I John 1:8, John 14:6, John 8:32
- B. God's cleansing is a gift that forgives sin.
I John 1:9, Acts 2:38, Romans 6:1-14
- C. God's cleansing is a gift that matures us.
I John 1:8-10, Romans 3:23, I Peter 2:2-3

II. Cleansing Is A Good Gift

- A. It was good when Naaman was cleansed from leprosy.
II Kings 5:1-14
- B. It was good when David cleansed his soul.
Psalm 51
- C. It was good when Jesus cleansed the temple.
Matthew 21:12-13
- D. It is good when we allow God to cleanse us.
II Peter 1:9

III. Cleansing Is A Perfect Gift

- A. God promises to perfectly cleanse our path.
Psalm 119:9-11, Matthew 7:13-14
- B. God promises to perfectly cleanse our praise.
Psalm 22:3, Hebrews 13:15
- C. God promises to perfectly cleanse our prayers.
Romans 8:26-27, Hebrews 4:16, I Peter 3:12, James 5:16
- D. God promises to perfectly cleanse our purpose.
Romans 8:28-30, Psalm 1:2, Psalm 119:15-16, Psalm 145:4, I Timothy 4:15-16

Conclusion: A description of the priests is given in **I Chronicles 23:18**. It says, "*For their duty was to assist the sons of A aron for the service of the house of the LORD, having the care of the courts and the chambers, the deansing of all that is holy, and any work for the service of the house of God.*" The priests were given the privilege of helping to cleanse the temple of God. Peter teaches us in **I Peter 2:5-9** that we are part of the holy priesthood today. Paul tells us that our bodies are not the temple of God (**II Corinthians 6:16**) and that inside of each of us the Holy Spirit dwells (**I Corinthians 6:19**). Have you submitting to a full cleansing of your holy temple? Are you thankful for God's continual cleansing? Are you still waiting to experience God's cleansing?

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