

PURITY

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The earth is the Lord's, and the fulness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein. For he hath founded it upon the seas, and established it upon the floods. Who shall ascend into the hill of the Lord? or who shall stand in his holy place? He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart; who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity, nor sworn deceitfully. He shall receive the blessing from the Lord, and righteousness from the God of his salvation. Psalm 24:1-5.

A Pure Person

“Even a child is known by his doings, whether his work be pure, and whether it be right” (Prov. 20:11). “The way of man is froward and strange: but as for the pure, his work is right” (Prov. 21:8). “With the pure thou wilt shew thyself pure; and with the froward thou wilt shew thyself unsavoury” (II Sam. 22:27). “With the pure thou wilt shew thyself pure; and with the froward thou wilt shew thyself forward” (Psa. 18:26). “Unto the pure all things are pure: but unto them that are defiled and unbelieving is nothing pure; but even their mind and conscience is defiled” (Titus 1:15). “Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God” (Matt. 5:8). “And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure” (I John 3:3). “The thoughts of the wicked are an abomination to the Lord: but the words of the pure are pleasant words” (Prov. 15:26). “Lay hands suddenly on no man, neither be partaker of other men's sins: keep thyself pure” (I Tim. 5:22). “Now the end of the commandment is charity [love, ASV] out of a pure heart, and of a good conscience, and of faith unfeigned” (I Tim. 1:5).

A Pure Proclamation

“The words of the Lord are pure words: as silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times” (Psa. 12:6). “The statutes of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart: the commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes” (Psa. 19:8). “Thy word is very pure: therefore thy servant loveth it” (Psa. 119:140). “Every word of God is pure: he is a shield unto them that put their trust in him” (Prov. 30:5).

A Pure People

“Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ. Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works”

(Titus 2:13-14). “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” (I Pet. 1:22). “There is a generation that are pure in their own eyes, and yet is not washed from their filthiness” (Prov. 30:12). “This second epistle, beloved, I now write unto you; in both which I stir up your pure minds by way of remembrance” (II Pet. 3:1). “But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be intreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy” (Jas. 3:17). “Flee also youthful lusts: but follow righteousness, faith, charity, peace, with them that call on the Lord out of a pure heart” (II Tim. 2:22). “Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity” (I Tim. 4:12). “Rebuke not an elder, but intreat him as a father; and the younger men as brethren; The elder women as mothers; the younger as sisters, with all purity” (I Tim. 5:1-2). “Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world” (Jas. 3:17). “Holding the mystery of the faith in a pure conscience” (I Tim. 3:9). “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” (Phil. 4:8).