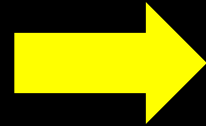


REMEMBERING OUR PURGING

2 Peter 1:9, Proverbs 16:6

2 Peter 1:5-8

FAITH



CHARITY
VIRTUE
GODLINESS
BROTHERLY KINDNESS
KNOWLEDGE
PATIENCE
TEMPERANCE

2 Peter 1:9

But he that lacketh these things is blind, and cannot see afar off, and hath forgotten that he was **purged** from his old sins.

PURGED

“*purged*” is also translated as **CLEANSED** or **WASHED**

CONTEXT OF PROVERBS

1 Kings 3:11-12

¹¹ And God said unto him, Because thou hast asked this thing, and hast not asked for thyself long life; neither hast asked riches for thyself, nor hast asked the life of thine enemies; but hast asked for thyself understanding to discern judgment; ¹² Behold, I have done according to thy words: lo, I have given thee a wise and an understanding heart; so that there was none like thee before thee, neither after thee shall any arise like unto thee.

CONTEXT OF PROVERBS

Proverbs 2:6

For the LORD giveth wisdom: out of his mouth cometh knowledge and understanding.

THE GOAL

Practically, *Proverbs 16:6* will help us:

- (1) REMEMBER how we were eternally CLEANSED of sin
- (2) GROW us in SANCTIFICATION

Proverbs 16:6

*By mercy and truth iniquity is **purged**: and by the fear of the Lord men depart from evil.*

Proverbs 16:6

*“By mercy and truth **iniquity** is purged....”*

INIQUITY is DIRTY and needs to be CLEANSED!

The root of this word “**iniquity**” is translated as
WICKED or **PERVERSE**

Where does **iniquity** come from?
What does **iniquity** have to do with US?

THE ORIGIN OF INIQUITY

Ezekiel 28:12-15

¹² Son of man, take up a lamentation upon the king of Tyrus, and say unto him, Thus saith the Lord God; Thou sealest up the sum, full of wisdom, and perfect in beauty.

¹³ Thou hast been in Eden the garden of God; every precious stone was thy covering, the sardius, topaz, and the diamond, the beryl, the onyx, and the jasper, the sapphire, the emerald, and the carbuncle, and gold: the workmanship of thy tabrets and of thy pipes was prepared in thee in the day that thou wast created.

THE ORIGIN OF INIQUITY

¹⁴ Thou art the anointed cherub that covereth; and I have set thee so: thou wast upon the holy mountain of God; thou hast walked up and down in the midst of the stones of fire.

¹⁵ Thou wast perfect in thy ways from the day that thou wast created, till **iniquity** was found in thee.

INIQUITY IN US

Romans 5:12

Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned.

Psalms 51:5

*Behold, I was shapen in **iniquity**; and in sin did my mother conceive me.*

INIQUITY SEPERATES

Isaiah 64:6

*But we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags; and we all do fade as a leaf; and **our iniquities**, like the wind, have taken us away.*

KEY POINT

Because of OUR INIQUITY, we cannot have
FELLOWSHIP WITH GOD

HOPE IN PROVERBS

*“By **mercy** and **truth** iniquity is purged”*

MERCY and **TRUTH** cleanses away INIQUITY!

*Where can this **MERCY** and **TRUTH** be found?*

MERCY

The first mention of a form of the word “mercy” in
Genesis 19:16

MERCY ON LOT

Genesis 19:15-16

¹⁵ And when the morning arose, then the angels hastened Lot, saying, Arise, take thy wife, and thy two daughters, which are here; lest thou be consumed in the iniquity of the city.

MERCY ON LOT

*¹⁶ And while he lingered, the men laid hold upon his hand, and upon the hand of his wife, and upon the hand of his two daughters; **the Lord being merciful unto him:** and they brought him forth, and set him without the city.*

What we learn from the first mention of “mercy” is that:

MERCY is from the LORD

MERCY comes before JUDGMENT

MERCY is UNEARNED

MERCY

What is mercy?

God withholding judgment that is rightly deserved

MERCY IN JUDGES

Judges 21:25

In those days there was no king in Israel: every man did that which was right in his own eyes.

MERCY IN JUDGES

Nehemiah 9:26-27

²⁶ Nevertheless they were disobedient, and rebelled against thee, and cast thy law behind their backs, and slew thy prophets which testified against them to turn them to thee, and they wrought great provocations.

MERCY IN JUDGES

27 Therefore thou deliveredst them into the hand of their enemies, who vexed them: and in the time of their trouble, when they cried unto thee, thou heardest them from heaven; and according to thy manifold mercies thou gavest them saviours, who saved them out of the hand of their enemies.

KEY POINT

God offers his MERCY by giving
a SAVIOR

THE SAVIORS IN JUDGES

6 MAJOR SAVIORS

Judges 2 – *OTHNIEL*

Judges 3 – *EHUD*

Judges 4-5 – *DEBORAH/BARAK*

Judges 6-8 – *GIDEON*

Judges 10-12 – *JEPHTHAH*

Judges 13-16 – SAMSON

6 MINOR SAVIORS

Shagmar, Tola, Jair, Ibzan, Elon, Abdon



OUR SAVIOR FROM SIN

John 8:34

*Jesus answered them, Verily, verily, I say unto you,
Whosoever committeth sin is the servant of sin.*

1 Timothy 1:15

*This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptation,
that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners; of
whom I am chief.*

WHAT ABOUT TRUTH?

Proverbs 16:6

*“By mercy and **truth** iniquity is purged”*

CHRIST IS THE TRUTH!

John 14:6

*Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, **the truth**, and the life:
no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.*

KEY POINT

Jesus Christ came to be our SAVIOR
and FREE us from ALL INIQUITY

Titus 2:13-14

¹³ *Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ;*

¹⁴ *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 3:5-6

⁵ *Not by works of righteousness which we have done, **but according to his mercy he saved us**, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost;*

⁶ *Which he shed on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Saviour*

Romans 10:13

For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved

KEY QUESTIONS

Do you understand that you are in bondage to sin?

Have you asked Jesus to save you?

SANCTIFICATION

Proverbs 16:6

*By mercy and truth iniquity is purged: and by the fear of the Lord men **depart from evil.***

2 Timothy 2:19

*Nevertheless the foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, The Lord knoweth them that are his. And, **let every one that nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity.***

Ephesians 1:13

In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise...

Galatians 5:16-17

¹⁶ This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh. ¹⁷ For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would.

KEY QUESTION

What things in my life has the Holy Spirit called me to **DEPART** from?

FEARING GOD: KEY TO SANCTIFICATION

Proverbs 16:6

*By mercy and truth iniquity is purged: and by **the fear of the Lord** men depart from evil.*

2 Corinthians 7:1

*Having therefore these promises dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in **the fear of God.***

What is the fear of the Lord?

Choosing to live a life submitted to God's word, preparing for the Judgment Seat of Christ.

1 Peter 3:15

*And if ye call on the Father, who without respect of persons judgeth according to every man's work, pass the time of your sojourning here in **fear**:*

KEY PRINCIPLE

Fearing God is a matter of the HEART, not
only the HEAD

Deut. 5:29, Ps. 86:11, Col. 3:22

IT'S A HEART THING....

Deuteronomy 5:29

*O that there were such an **heart in them**, that they would fear me, and keep all my commandments always, that it might be well with them, and with their children for ever!*

Psalms 86:11

*Teach me thy way, O LORD; I will walk in thy truth: unite **my heart** to fear thy name.*

Colossians 3:22

*Servants, obey in all things your masters according to the flesh; not with eyeservice, as menpleasers; **but in singleness of heart**, fearing God;*

GROWING IN GODLY FEAR

*Psalm 86:11 **Teach me thy way, O LORD**; I will walk in thy truth: unite my heart to fear thy name.*

1) Let God teach you

Psalm 34:11 Come, ye children, hearken unto me: I will teach you the fear of the LORD.

Deuteronomy 4:10 ...I will make them hear my words, that they may learn to fear me all the days that they shall live upon the earth, and that they may teach their children.

GROWING IN GODLY FEAR

Psalm 86:11 Teach me thy way, O LORD; I will walk in thy truth: unite my heart to fear thy name.

2) Choose to walk in the Spirit (not the flesh)

Galatians 5:16 This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh

Romans 7:18 For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh,) dwelleth no good thing: for to will is present with me; but how to perform that which is good I find not.

GROWING IN GODLY FEAR

*Psalm 86:11 Teach me thy way, O LORD; I will walk in thy truth: **unite my heart to fear thy name.***

3) Unite your heart to his truth in prayer

Jeremiah 17:9 The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?

Psalm 119:10 With my whole heart have I sought thee: O let me not wander from thy commandments.

KEY POINT

Growing in godly fear requires aligning your heart with the truth of God's word **DAILY**

Based on what I learned today:

What evil is the Lord calling me to DEPART from?

Am I willing to REPENT and begin FEARING God, NOW?