



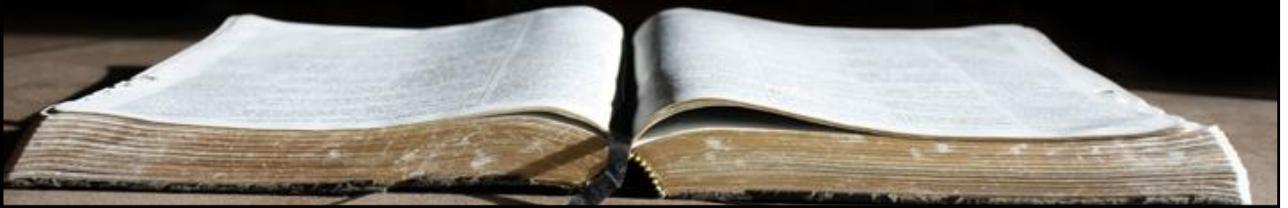
2 Corinthians 6:14-18, 7:1 (NKJV)

14 Do not be unequally yoked together with unbelievers. For what fellowship has righteousness with lawlessness? And what communion has light with darkness? **15** And what accord has Christ with Belial? Or what part has a believer with an unbeliever? **16** And what agreement has the temple of God with idols? For you are the temple of the living God. As God has said: "I will dwell in them and walk among them. I will be their God, and they shall be My people."



2 Corinthians 6:14-18, 7:1 (NKJV)

17 Therefore “Come out from among them and be separate, says the Lord. Do not touch what is unclean, and I will receive you.” **18** “I will be a Father to you, and you shall be My sons and daughters, says the Lord Almighty.”
1 Therefore, having these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.



Outline

1. The **Command**
2. The **Promises**
3. The **Cleansing**



1. The **Command**

- Do not be unequally yoked with unbelievers



2. The **Promises**

- I will dwell in you;
- I will walk among you;
- I will be your God;
- You shall be my people;
- I will welcome you;
- I will be a Father to you;
- You shall be my sons and daughters.



2. The **Promises**

There will be a life marked by the following contrasts:

- Contrasts in our walk
- Contrasts in our wisdom
- Contrasts in our worship



Come Out!
Be Separate!



3. The **Cleansing**

- Perfecting Holiness because without Holiness, it is impossible to see God

Hebrews 12:14 (NIV) Make every effort to live in peace with everyone and to be holy; without holiness no one will see the Lord.

3. The **Cleansing**

- Perfecting Holiness because He is Holy

1 Peter 1:15-16 (NKJV)

15 but as He who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, **16** because it is written, "Be holy, for I am holy."

3. The **Cleansing**

- Perfecting Holiness because He is Perfect

Matthew 5:48 (NKJV) Therefore you shall be perfect, just as your Father in heaven is perfect.



3. The **Cleansing**

- Perfecting Holiness because He is Pure

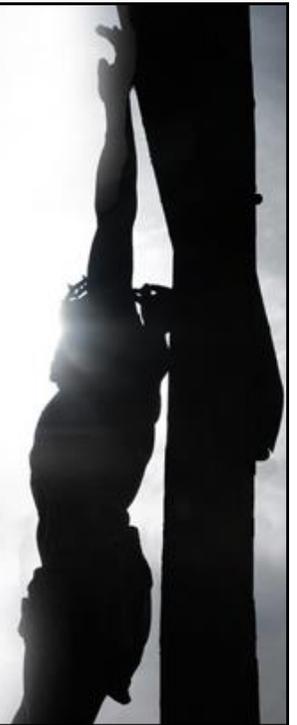
1 John 3:3 (NKJV) And everyone who has this hope in Him purifies himself, just as He is pure.



3. The **Cleansing**

- Perfecting Holiness that we may not sin

1 John 2:1 (NKJV) My little children, these things I write to you, so that you may not sin. And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous.



3. The **Cleansing**

- Perfecting Holiness in Obedience

Philippians 2:12-13 (NKJV)

12 Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling;

13 for it is God who works in you both to will and to do for His good pleasure.



3. The **Cleansing**

- Perfecting Holiness as it is well within our ability

1 Corinthians 10:13 (NKJV)

No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear it.



3. The **Cleansing**

- Perfecting Holiness with His Help

Exodus 14:13-14, 21 (NKJV)

13 And Moses said to the people, "Do not be afraid. Stand still, and see the salvation of the Lord, which He will accomplish for you today. For the Egyptians whom you see today, you shall see again no more forever. **14** The Lord will fight for you, and you shall hold your peace." **21** Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea; and the Lord caused the sea to go back by a strong east wind all that night, and made the sea into dry land, and the waters were divided.



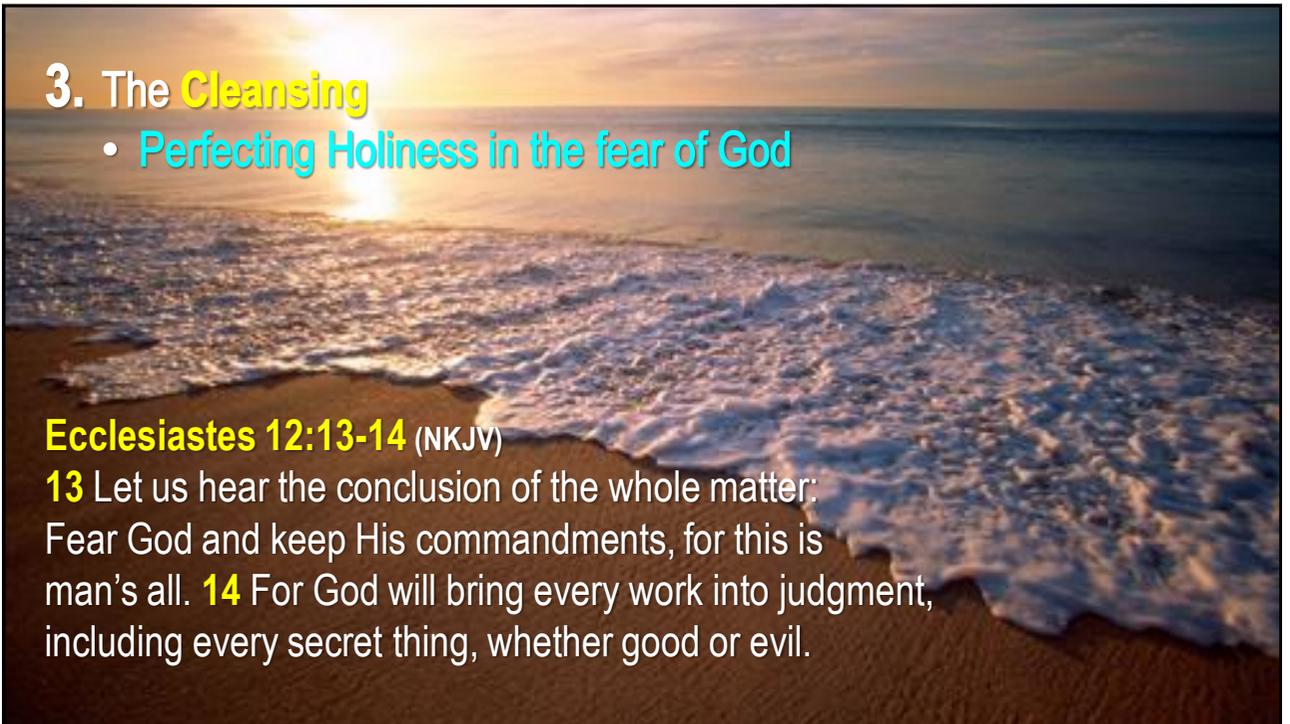


3. The **Cleansing**

- **Perfecting Holiness in the fear of God**

Proverbs 3:7 (NKJV) Do not be wise in your own eyes; fear the Lord and depart from evil.

Proverbs 8:13 (NKJV) The fear of the Lord is to hate evil; pride and arrogance and the evil way and the perverse mouth I hate.



3. The **Cleansing**

- **Perfecting Holiness in the fear of God**

Ecclesiastes 12:13-14 (NKJV)

13 Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God and keep His commandments, for this is man's all. **14** For God will bring every work into judgment, including every secret thing, whether good or evil.



Conclusion

Be an overcomer!

A believer living in the holy fear of God

See the messages to the 7 churches
in Revelation 2 & 3

Conclusion

Revelation 3:17-18 (NKJV)

17 Because you say, 'I am rich, have become wealthy, and have need of nothing'—and do not know that you are wretched, miserable, poor, blind, and naked— **18** I counsel you to buy from Me gold refined in the fire, that you may be rich; and white garments, that you may be clothed, that the shame of your nakedness may not be revealed; and anoint your eyes with eye salve, that you may see.

Conclusion

Romans 8:35, 37 (NKJV)

35 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?

37 Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us.

Conclusion

This **Holiness** is

Not an inability to sin;
but an ability not to sin

Not freedom from temptation;
but power to overcome temptation