

THE UNCLEAN AMONG THE CLEAN

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Prayer

Almighty God we bless your name. We thank you lord for a day like this. We thank you lord for your goodness and mercy upon our life.

Father, we are about to study your word through one of your servants. Father pls put your word in his heart so he can teach us your word accurately and let us adhere to it for in Jesus mighty name i pray...Amen

Introduction

You are all welcome to today's study in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. I must confess to us that the Lord is set to open up the portals of our spirits to receive deeper revelations from His ever flowing fountain of life once again, yes His words are Yea and Amen! Do not skip this study for any reason, let the Holy Ghost fill your heart and inspire you. Let's delve into it quickly!

Bible Texts: John 13:1-38

John.13.1 - Now before the feast of the passover, when Jesus knew that his hour was come that he should depart out of this world unto the Father, having loved his own which were in the world, he loved them unto the end.

John.13.2 - And supper being ended, the devil having now put into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray him;

John.13.3 - Jesus knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he was come from God, and went to God;

John.13.4 - rose from supper and laid aside His garments, took a towel and girded Himself.

John.13.5 - After that, He poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet, and to wipe them with the towel with which He was girded.

John.13.6 - Then cometh he to Simon Peter: and Peter saith unto him, Lord, dost thou wash my feet?

John.13.7 - Jesus answered and said unto him, What I do thou knowest not now; but thou shalt know hereafter.

John.13.8 - Peter saith unto him, Thou shalt never wash my feet. Jesus answered him, If I wash thee not, thou hast no part with me.

John.13.9 - Simon Peter saith unto him, Lord, not my feet only, but also my hands and my head.

John.13.10 - Jesus saith to him, He that is washed needeth not save to wash his feet, but is clean every whit: and ye are clean, but not all.

John.13.11 - For he knew who should betray him; therefore said he, Ye are not all clean.

John.13.12 - So after he had washed their feet, and had taken his garments, and was set down again, he said unto them, Know ye what I have done to you?

John.13.13 - You call Me Teacher and Lord, and you say well, for so I am.

John.13.14 - And since I, the Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you ought to wash each other's feet.

John.13.15 - I have given you an example to follow. Do as I have done to you.

John.13.16 - Verily, verily, I say unto you, The servant is not greater than his lord; neither he that is sent greater than he that sent him.

John.13.17 - If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them.

John.13.18 - I speak not of you all: I know whom I have chosen: but that the scripture may be fulfilled, He that eateth bread with me hath lifted up his heel against me.

John.13.19 - Now I tell you before it come, that, when it is come to pass, ye may believe that I am he.

John.13.20 - Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that receiveth whomsoever I send receiveth me; and he that receiveth me receiveth him that sent me.

John.13.21 - When Jesus had thus said, he was troubled in spirit, and testified, and said, Verily, verily, I say unto you, that one of you shall betray me.

John.13.22 - Then the disciples looked one on another, doubting of whom he spake.

John.13.23 - Now there was leaning on Jesus' bosom one of his disciples, whom Jesus loved.

John.13.24 - Simon Peter therefore beckoned to him, that he should ask who it should be of whom he spake.

John.13.25 - He then lying on Jesus' breast saith unto him, Lord, who is it?

John.13.26 - Jesus answered, He it is, to whom I shall give a sop, when I have dipped it. And when he had dipped the sop, he gave it to Judas Iscariot, the son of Simon.

John.13.27 - And after the sop Satan entered into him. Then said Jesus unto him, That thou doest, do quickly.

John.13.28 - Now no man at the table knew for what intent he spake this unto him.

John.13.29 - For some of them thought, because Judas had the bag, that Jesus had said unto him, Buy those things that we have need of against the feast; or, that he should give something to the poor.

John.13.30 - He then having received the sop went immediately out: and it was night.

John.13.31 - Therefore, when he was gone out, Jesus said, Now is the Son of man glorified, and God is glorified in him.

John.13.32 - If God be glorified in him, God shall also glorify him in himself, and shall straightway glorify him.

John.13.33 - Little children, yet a little while I am with you. Ye shall seek me: and as I said unto the Jews, Whither I go, ye cannot come; so now I say to you.

John.13.34 - "Let me give you a new command: Love one another. In the same way I loved you, you love one another.

John.13.35 - By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.

John.13.36 - Simon Peter said unto him, Lord, whither goest thou? Jesus answered him, Whither I go, thou canst not follow me now; but thou shalt follow me afterwards.

John.13.37 - Peter said unto him, Lord, why cannot I follow thee now? I will lay down my life for thy sake.

John.13.38 - Jesus answered him, Wilt thou lay down thy life for my sake? Verily, verily, I say unto thee, The cock shall not crow, till thou hast denied me thrice.

Study

This account of the scriptures is one that calls for a sober reflection as the Lord Jesus Christ talks about what was about to befall Him and about His betrayal. The Lord had many disciples, out of whom at a point chose 70, and then from the 70, He chose 12, and from the 12, He had three, and from the 3, He had 1. But as things were, the 12 were the ones with whom He made a covenant of heavenly blessings, such as:

- **Sitting on 12 thrones to judge Israel**

- The establishment of His church on earth after His resurrection and ascension, for He committed the great commission into their hands. It had been written that someone would betray Christ, and according to the divine plan, it was getting to the time this must happen. Satan, also being part of those who were to carry out this plan, put it into the heart of Judas Iscariot to betray the Lord.

John 13:2 KJV

And supper being ended, the devil having now put into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray him.

Satan put it into the heart of Judas to betray the Lord in order to ruin the kingdom of God, not knowing that he stepped to ruin his own kingdom. It is something to think about that someone like Judas could still be among the disciples of Christ. How did he get to be among the 12? It is another thing to think about that the chief priests and soldiers did not meet any of Christ's disciples to reveal Christ to them, probably because they had thought that none of them would consent to it because of the kind of person they had known Christ to be. But yet Satan spoke into the heart of Judas, and he welcomed the thoughts of betraying his beloved Master. Satan has the ability to put his desires in the hearts of men. It is therefore the responsibility of everyone to filter their thoughts carefully so they will know which is which. Many people, like Judas, did not recognize Satan's voice when he was putting it into their hearts, and this has led them into grave errors and mistakes.

Matthew 15:19 KJV

For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies:

Many of the past mistakes people suffer from are as a result of what Satan puts in their hearts, and they could not recognize. Therefore, Judas himself went to deliver the Lord into their hands.

Matthew 26:14-16 KJV Then one of the twelve, called Judas Iscariot, went unto the chief priests, [15] And said unto them, What will ye give me, and I will deliver him unto you? And they

covenanted with him for thirty pieces of silver. [16] And from that time he sought opportunity to betray him.

Are you following carefully?

Before Judas went to the chief priests, Satan took full possession of Judas, and he was doing all he did under the influence of a power stronger than him.

John 13:27 NLT "When Judas had eaten the bread, Satan entered into him..."

Before Satan took full possession of Judas, he first worked into his heart. Since Judas welcomed the thoughts, Satan then gained full access to his life. The first access he got was through his voice, which gained ground in Judas' heart. After that, Satan took full possession of him and total control over him. We can say Satan hijacked Judas. Assuming Judas had not welcomed the thoughts initially but rebuked them, it would not have gotten to the stage of him being fully possessed. The same method Satan used on Judas is still the same method he uses today. He takes full possession of people, but it doesn't happen suddenly.

It happens when we open up our lives to him, and this starts from the heart. For example, before a person can harm another person, it is because Satan took possession of such a person. At that point, the individual is being controlled by a power stronger than them. For it to have gotten to that level, it means the person had accommodated subtle thoughts projected by Satan into their heart. This opened the door for Satan. Before a person starts to masturbate, they would have entertained a level of sexual and lustful thoughts in their heart. Then the act starts physically. Assuming they did not welcome the thoughts, there is a very low possibility for them to go into such acts. The Lord knew what was

already happening in the heart of Judas. That was why He declared that not all of them were clean.

John 13:10-11 NLT

Jesus replied, "A person who has bathed all over does not need to wash, except for the feet, to be entirely clean. And you disciples are clean, but not all of you." [11] For Jesus knew who would betray him. That is what he meant when he said, "Not all of you are clean."

They were all seated around Christ as He washed their feet, but Judas' heart was not there with them. Christ was speaking to them, and Satan was speaking into the heart of Judas at the same time, to which Judas consented. Instead of him shutting the voice immediately, he welcomed it and meditated on it. This made him unclean because God does not see as man sees; He looks at the heart. Judas' heart was defiled already. In the same way, today, even in the body of Christ, there are many unclean people among the clean. Those with defiled hearts are unclean. You cannot have a defiled heart and claim to be holy! It disqualifies one from standing in the presence of God.

Psalms 24:3-4 KJV

Who shall ascend into the hill of the LORD? or who shall stand in his holy place? [4] He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart; who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity, nor sworn deceitfully. Many are physically present in the church, listening to the Word of God, but Satan is busy projecting his desires into their hearts to make them unclean. Many welcome such thoughts, not knowing that it will lead to full possession of their lives by Satan.

Who is following, please?

In the wilderness church, as Joshua was leading the children of Israel, Satan spoke covetousness into the heart of Achan, and this led to the destruction of himself and his family. In Elisha's ministry, Satan spoke greed into the heart of Gehazi, which he succumbed to.

2 Kings 5:20 KJV

But Gehazi, the servant of Elisha the man of God, said, Behold, my master hath spared Naaman this Syrian, in not receiving at his hands that which he brought: but, as the LORD liveth, I will run after him, and take somewhat of him. Through this, Gehazi earned an everlasting leprosy for himself and his descendants! Satan is not resting. He spoke the voice of betrayal into Judas' heart, and Judas died a terrible death. There is no one recorded in the scriptures who died the way Judas did. After hanging himself, his body was not found for a long time. It got swollen, fell from the tree, and his stomach burst! This is the result a man gets when he allows impure thoughts in his heart. At first, such thoughts might seem scintillating, but the end of it is bitterer than wormwood.

This is why the scriptures advise:

Proverbs 4:23 KJV

Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life.

The case of Ananias and Sapphira tells us that Satan is still in the business of derailing men through the projection of evil thoughts into their hearts. They lost their lives unexpectedly. Many have run into serious problems, and it is becoming as if they cannot be delivered from this bondage. This is because Satan is after the souls of men. If not, why should a man who just finished ministering powerfully on the altar step down from the altar and

go straight into committing adultery? This is strange and not ordinary!

Satan speaks:

- **Lust into the hearts of men and women**, leading to seduction and immoralities.
- **Envy and hatred into hearts**, resulting in murder.
- **Greed and covetousness**, bringing about stealing and embezzlement.
- **Unbelief**, birthing heresies and blasphemies.
- **Deceit**, leading to hypocrisy.
- **Evil communication**, which births wickedness.

No sin escapes the passage of the heart except an unconscious one. If this is so, how can an unholy person be found in the midst of holy men? This is possible because if Judas could be among the 12, then it is very possible to have unclean people among the clean in the Church of Christ.

Jeremiah 5:26 KJV For among my people are found wicked men: they lay wait, as he that setteth snares; they set a trap, they catch men.

Unclean men are wicked men found among the people of God. God Himself declared that wicked men are among His own people. These are the tares among the wheat. In every gathering of believers, there are always two sets of people: the clean and the unclean. You are to choose where you want to belong.

Are you still with me?

Unclean people in the body of Christ and the problem of the church

The same way Judas was a problem among the disciples of Christ, unclean people are a major problem in the body of Christ today. If we look at what ended Judas' life, we see that the end of the unclean is devastating. Judas committed suicide and ended up in hellfire! We must be careful and not allow Satan to have a single access into our lives because he will seek to take full possession of our lives if we are not vigilant. **Are you clean?** If God should take His searchlight and search through your heart, will He not find all sorts of uncleanness there? Why look at a brother or sister seductively? Focusing on the backside or breasts of a strange lady can pull you down! Listening to the deceptive voice of a brother or focusing on his money can bring you serious regrets.

Let the Holy Spirit guide your thoughts. Remember that the state of your heart is a reflection of who you are. Why not search your heart today to know the state of your relationship with God? Do not be the bad egg in your local church. Some people have turned themselves into strongmen in the body of Christ, whom Satan is using to perform all sorts of evil works to destroy the church. Satan will eventually destroy them without remedy if they do not repent. Today, many unclean people seek to make those who are clean like themselves for their own agenda. If care is not taken and quick measures are not implemented to deal with the unclean in the church, they might quench the Holy Spirit's presence.

Measures to be taken to stop the activities of the unclean among the clean in the church

1. Always preach Spirit-filled sermons that expose unclean activities in and outside the church.

2 Timothy 4:2 KJV Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine.

2. Do not be afraid of anyone while preaching.

Jeremiah 1:8 KJV Be not afraid of their faces: for I am with thee to deliver thee, saith the LORD.

3. Live an exemplary life.

1 Timothy 4:12 KJV 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.

4. Discipline erring members; do not tolerate evil.

1 Corinthians 5:13 KJV But them that are without God judgeth. Therefore put away from among yourselves that wicked person.

5. Maintain God's standard of holiness without compromise.

1 Peter 1:15-16 KJV But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation; Because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy.

6. Rebuke those who persistently remain in sin openly before all.

1 Timothy 5:20 KJV Them that sin rebuke before all, that others also may fear.

7. Let the church always pray fervently.

1 Thessalonians 5:17 KJV Pray without ceasing.

8. Organize regular retreats for workers, ministers, and the church as a whole.

Mark 6:31 KJV And he said unto them, Come ye yourselves apart into a desert place, and rest a while: for there were many coming and going, and they had no leisure so much as to eat.

9. Do not focus on money.

1 Timothy 6:10 KJV For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.

10. Emphasize love extensively.

John 13:34 KJV A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another.

11. Constantly teach about God's judgment.

2 Corinthians 5:10 KJV For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad.

12. Continually preach about heaven and hell.

Matthew 25:46 KJV And these shall go away into everlasting punishment: but the righteous into life eternal.

Invitation

If you know that you are still living in sin and you are ready to repent and begin to live your life in strict obedience to God so that you can overcome every sin in your life to make heaven, please place your right hand on your chest and say this prayer with your mouth.

Say,

"Lord Jesus, I accept You as my personal Lord and Savior. I believe that You died for me and took away my sins so that I will not face the penalty of them. I surrender my life to You today, and I make a decision to obey and follow You. Come into my life now and accept me as Your child. Thank You for saving me, in Jesus Christ's name I pray, Amen."

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