

The Purifier

[28] After this, Jesus, knowing that all was now finished (ended), said in fulfillment of the Scripture, I thirst. [29] A vessel (jar) full of sour wine (vinegar) was placed there, so they put a sponge soaked in the sour wine on a stalk, reed of hyssop, and held it to His mouth. [30] When Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, it is finished! And He bowed His head and gave up His spirit. John 19:28-30

The country you and I live in called America, has been a super power globally, both by corrupted means, but also by the blessings of our Creator:

- The United States makes up 5% of the world population and consumes one third of all the worlds' resources.
- We throw away 28 million tons of trash every year.
- We throw away almost 9 million tons of furniture every year.
- We use 80% of our newly purchased products only once before discarding them according to the forum of people's politics and planet thoughts
- Many Americans feel they have a right to be happy as long as they can work for it or have earned it.
- Yet in our pursuit of happiness America is one of the world's most unhappiest countries in the world.
- We spend 100 billion dollars a year alone in sports entertainment in pursuit of ultimate happiness.
- According to the U.S? Commerce department Americans spend 1. 2. Trillion dollars on non-essentials in pursuit of personal and family happiness.
- The USA Today says we will spend 17.3 billion dollars on the Easter holidays.
- And now with a 20% increase from last year Americans now spend a whopping five hours a day on their mobile devices.
- Yet we lock up more people in jail than any other country.
- We lead the world with obesity and the production of pornography.
- We are in more pain than other population in the world with a 35 billion dollar prescription market and an opioid epidemic. We saw 33, 000 people die last year from opioid overdose. All in pursuit of happiness.
- Next to China America is second for performing abortions according to the Charles Lozier institute

These statistics clearly show us Americans do not know how to find and preserve happiness on their own terms and cultural value system.

- The bottom line to interpreting these statistics is both Americans and Bible believers are greatly affected.
- The spirit of insanity, deception, and discontentment has now impacted both the church and the society at large.
- Less and less Americans attend church every Sunday. Now researchers say less than 40% of our American population attends church every Sunday.
- More and more Americans now turn to self-help knowledge and non-religious methodologies to pursue personal happiness.
- The problem with this is the creator designed the human race in such a way you can only find happiness on his creature design. And not designs from pop psychology, spiritual gurus, or secular humanism.
- So when we seek happiness on our own terms or try to medicate our pain on our own terms we create emotional and spiritual impurities that we cannot get rid of.

- Doctors and psychologist are now discovering that diseases such as Alzheimer's, dementia, bi-polar, arthritis, and stomach disorders are deriving from not coping with pain and hurt in a healthy way.

The Bible teaches us the only true source to continual happiness is experiencing the power and love of the cross of Jesus Christ!

- Power for healing and deliverance and love is found when you and I personalize Calvary into our pain and disappointments.
 - Our self-help disciplines cannot cure the impurities of wrong thinking and demoralized emotions that die in relationships.
 - Eventually your mind and will seek out alternatives to cope with those things you cannot change in your life.
 - But please allow me to take you on a short Bible journey for God to show us the wonders of His working power and love for us personally during this resurrection season.
 - Look back at **John 19:29**
- A. Hyssop is medicinal. It was used for two reasons in this passage. One to fulfill scripture showing us Jesus was the creator manifested in real flesh and blood and two, to show us Calvary's love is the only answer for purification of a wounded heart.
- B. Hyssop is a purifier for sin and leprosy in the Bible.
- C. In **Numbers 19:5-7** It tells us the power of Calvary's love. And how it is more superior to any other kind of self-help love you try to use to medicate your problems.

[5] The heifer shall be burned in his sight, her skin, flesh, blood, and dung. [6] And the priest shall take cedar wood, and hyssop, and scarlet stuff and cast them into the midst of the burning heifer. [7] Then the priest shall wash his clothes and bathe his body in water; afterward he shall come into the camp, but he shall be unclean until evening.

- D. Leprosy was so bad that even the priest himself had to go to the Sanhedrin to be declared clean. They used hyssop for this process.
- E. Jesus took the hyssop to show us all spiritual leprosy and impurities you wrestle with can be conquered if you choose to reach out for Calvary's love today. Because these verse tell us these impurities can only be dealt with by the power of Calvary's love as you praise and worship the Lord Jesus Christ.

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- We all are facing some very serious impurities around us and in our own homes.
- Impurities such as attention deficits and the inability to shake resentments, and past hurts and states of discouragement that are not going away.
- Renting one more movie, shopping more, and doing food overdose is not purifying the mind, will, and emotions in your life.
- Staying busy with your job or the children does not deal with the impure thinking and emotions you and I battle with.

Hebrews 13:11-13 AMPC

[11] For when the blood of animals is brought into the sanctuary by the high priest as a sacrifice for sin, the victims' bodies are burned outside the limits of the camp. [12] Therefore Jesus also suffered and died outside the city's gate in order that He might purify and consecrate the people through the shedding of His own blood and set them apart as holy for God. [13] Let us then go forth from all that would prevent us to Him outside the camp at Calvary, bearing the contempt and abuse and shame with Him.

- Do you see the correlation between the Old Testament sacrifices and Jesus being the ultimate conquered for dealing with impurities in our lives?
- The Hebrew writer wants you to see this so when it's time to pray and seek happiness for your life you are doing it according to the power of Calvary and not in your own self-centered ways.
- The Hebrew writer shows us the secret to conquering our impurities in **Hebrews 9:16-21 AMPC**

[16] For where there is a last will and testament involved, the death of the one who made it must be established, [17] For a will and testament is valid and takes effect only at death, since it has no force or legal power as long as the one who made it is alive. [18] So even the old first covenant (God's will) was not inaugurated and ratified and put in force without the shedding of blood. [19] For when every command of the Law had been read out by Moses to all the people, he took the blood of slain calves and goats, together with water and scarlet wool and with a bunch of hyssop, and sprinkled both the Book (the roll of the Law and covenant) itself and all the people, [20] Saying these words: This is the blood that seals and ratifies the agreement (the testament, the covenant) which God commanded me to deliver to you. [21] And in the same way he sprinkled with the blood both the tabernacle and all the sacred vessels and appliances used in divine worship.

- Hyssop given to Jesus for His death represents a hope to hopeless challenges you and I now face.

This topic is important today because we are facing constant distractions and attacks of impurities on the mind, will, and emotions that is causing an erosion in our love for Jesus Christ.

Song of Songs 2:8-10 AMPC

[8] Vividly she pictured it the voice of my beloved shepherd! Behold, he comes, leaping upon the mountains, bounding over the hills. [9] My beloved is like a gazelle or a young hart. Behold, he stands behind the wall of our house, he looks in through the windows, he glances through the lattice. [10] My beloved speaks and says to me, Rise up, my love, my fair one, and come away.

- These verses are depicting the distractions that hinder His love from permanently changing us.
- For example the hills, the mountains, the windows, and lattice all reveal distractions from experiencing His love.
- This causes us to pick up other forms of happiness to medicate pain and feel good about ourselves.
- One of these distractions the Lord told me, at 2:30am, praying in the church Friday night, was the mobile devices and electronic devices.
- God said is the apostolic crack of for my people.
- It's causing emotional adultery and fornication with me and the members of the household.
- Because they live together but do not care to bond in spiritual and emotional communication for intimacy.
- But the crown of thorns, the pierced heart, and the hyssop from Calvary is your only answer for impurities.
- I give you joy and peace and strength to die out and crucify self for others around you to receive your love.
- I don't give you power and joy from a church service so you can live an isolated self-indulging life.
- Only Calvary's hyssop will purify the impossible things in your life right now!

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- We are not recognizing the power and effects of our mobile devices.
 - And how it is impacting our love relationships with each other.
 - And we have used them to avoid each other and the challenge of the Holy Ghost to grow in intimacy with each other.
 - It is now proven that mobile devices have created anxiety disorders and serious mood swings of depression.
 - They call this apostolic crack in the secular world as nomophobia.
1. What provisions have you made to deal with these constant instructions and time consuming issues?
 2. Because God is seeking a gr after purity with you and your mind in this season.

Luke 11:34 AMPC

[34] Your eye is the lamp of your body; when your eye (your conscience) is sound and fulfilling its office, your whole body is full of light; but when it is not sound and is not fulfilling its office, your body is full of darkness.

Psalms 51:7 AMPC

[7] purify me with hyssop, and I shall be clean ceremonially; wash me, and I shall in reality be whiter than snow.

- Hyssop is medicinal for healing and purification.
- Calvary gives us the power to claim and walk in inner purity of the mind will emotions and spirit.
- Purity from seducing and wicked forces.
- Purity from mobile devices, lab tops, TV that is killing communication purity in our homes.
- Jesus took the hyssop to help our faith conquer impurities of the heart.
- It's what comes out of the heart that defiles the mouth Matt. 15:18
- To conquer the impurities of **John 14:28-30**

9 How can a young person stay on the path of purity? By living according to your word. Psalms 119:9

Psalms 24:3-4 AMPC

[3] Who shall go up into the mountain of the Lord? Or who shall stand in His Holy Place? [4] He who has clean hands and a pure heart, who has not lifted himself up to falsehood or to what is false, nor sworn deceitfully.

Titus 1:5, 15 AMPC

[5] For this reason I left you behind in Crete, that you might set right what was defective and finish what was left undone, and that you might appoint elders and set them over the churches (assemblies) in every city as I directed you.

[15] To the pure in heart and conscience all things are pure, but to the defiled and corrupt and unbelieving nothing is pure; their very minds and consciences are defiled and polluted.

- The crown the mouth and the heart of Jesus from Calvary controls purity

John 19:1-2 AMPC

[1] SO THEN Pilate took Jesus and scourged (flogged, whipped) Him. [2] And the soldiers, having twisted together a crown of thorns, put it on His head, and threw a purple cloak around Him.

- Close with this verse again in **Hebrews 9:15-20 AMPC**

[15] Christ, the Messiah is therefore the Negotiator and Mediator of an entirely new agreement (testament, covenant), so that those who are called and offered it may receive the fulfillment of the promised everlasting inheritance--since a death has taken place which rescues and delivers and redeems them from the transgressions committed under the old first agreement. [16] For where there is a last will and testament involved, the death of the one who made it must be established, [17] For a will and testament is valid and takes effect only at death, since it has no force or legal power as long as the one who made it is alive. [18] So even the old first covenant (God's will) was not inaugurated and ratified and put in force without the shedding of blood. [19] For when every command of the Law had been read out by Moses to all the people, he took the blood of slain calves and goats, together with water and scarlet wool and with a bunch of hyssop, and sprinkled both the Book (the roll of the Law and covenant) itself and all the people, [20] Saying these words: This is the blood that seals and ratifies the agreement (the testament, the covenant) which God commanded me to deliver to you.

➤ ***Heb. 9:19 goes with John 19:29***

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