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WHO MAY ABIDE IN HIS PRESENCE?

"The one who has clean hands and a pure heart, who does not trust in an idol or swear by a false god. They will receive blessing from the LORD and vindication from God their Savior." (Psalm 24:4-5). "As for me, I will be vindicated and will see your face; when I awake, I will be satisfied with seeing your likeness."

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To abide in God's presence, we are to have clean hands and a pure heart. In David's prayer that privilege is only granted to those who do not plan evil with their mouth, nor conceive evil in their heart.

A young rich ruler came to Jesus, and asked Jesus what he must do to have eternal life; he was in other words asking what he must do to abide in God's presence. The answer of Jesus was a very simple one, but yet a hard

one: “go and sell all that you have, give the money to the poor, then come and follow Me (Matthew 19:21); the young rich man left sorrowfully and never returned. He kept the law to the letter, but he did not surrender all to Jesus; his most difficult problem was self-denial; he was wealthy, but he had no compassion for his fellow men; his heart and hands were not given to God, so God could use them for His glory.

This may not yet make proper sense, but let put the verse in the context in which it can be well understood.

As followers of Christ, if our heart is not pure, the mind which is its reflection will be claimed by the enemy; and the hand which follows the dictates of the mind will as well be claimed by the enemy. The secret of a pure heart and clean hand is total surrender to God.

If people living in the end times do not totally surrender themselves to God, the enemy of souls will claim the minds and hands as his, and put his unclean marks on them. But if instead their heart and hands belong to God, the God of heaven will instead be the One to put His holy seal on their foreheads.

What do you have in your mind? Is your heart clean? Does your heart reflect the love of God? Does your hand act as one who has God’s love in the heart?

Do you want to see His face? Do not give your heart and hands to the devil. The secret: surrender all to Jesus. Ask God to create in you a clean heart, and to renew a right spirit within; your hand will simply follow the pure impulse that comes from within.

May God help us all for the sake of seeing His face with a clean heart and pure hands. Amen (Psalm 15)

Yours in the blessed hope.

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