

THE CLEANSING BY THE WORD

John 15:3

1. WHAT IS GOD'S WILL IN OUR LIFE?
 1. Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away.
 2. Every branch that beareth fruit, he purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit.
 3. To be pure as he is pure.

2. EVERY MAN THAT HATH THIS HOPE PURIFIETH HIMSELF, EVEN AS HE IS PURE.
 1. Now are we the sons of God.
 2. Doth not yet appear what we shall be.
 3. When he shall appear, we shall be like him--for we shall see him as he is.
 4. When the Lord shall build up Zion he shall appear in his glory (Ps. 102:16).

3. AND THE LORD WHOM YE SEEK SHALL SUDDENLY COME TO HIS TEMPLE.
 1. But who may abide the day of his coming?
 2. Who shall stand when he appeareth?
 3. For he is like a refiner's fire; and like fuller's soap.
 1. Shall sit as a refiner and purifier of silver.
 2. Shall purify the sons of Levi.
 3. Purge them as gold and silver.
 4. That they may offer unto the Lord an offering n righteousness.

4. BUT WE ALL, WITH OPEN FACE, BEHOLDING AS IN A GLASS THE GLORY OF THE LORD.
 1. Are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord.
 2. The laver made up of women's looking glasses.
 3. But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed.
 1. For if any be a hearer of the word, and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass.
 2. For he beholdeth himself, and goeth his way, and straightway forgetteth what manner of man he was.

5. THE WORD OF GOD HAS A CLEANSING EFFECT.
 1. *"That he might sanctify and cleanse it (the church) with the washing of water by the word. That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that is should be holy and without blemish."* (Eph. 5:26).
 2. *"Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you."* (Jn. 15:3).