

Introduction

- Lesson text: [Ps. 24:3-6](#)
1. All month long we are examining the theme of “Clear Christianity.”
 2. Today, our focus will be on the second definition of practicing purity.

I. Purity in the Old Testament

1. The ark of the covenant and the mercy seat were to be overlaid with pure gold ([Ex. 25:10-22](#)).
 - a. [Ex. 25:11, 17](#): pure (*tahor* H2889 adjective) “The word denotes the absence of impurity, filthiness, defilement, or imperfection. It is applied concretely to substances that are genuine or unadulterated as well as describing an unstained condition of a spiritual or ceremonial nature” (Vine Vol. 1, p. 36).
2. Pure olive oil was to be brought by the children of Israel to burn in the golden lampstand ([Ex. 27:20](#)).
 - a. pure (*zak* H2134 adjective).
 - i. “*pure*, i.e. unmixed, free from foreign substances” (BDB 269).
 - ii. “**clear**, i.e., pertaining to oil lacking sediment, and so pure or clear in appearance” (DBL Hebrew).
 - b. We are the light of the world and thus must be pure ([Mt. 5:14](#))!
3. God’s Word is pure ([Ps. 12:6](#), [19:8-9](#), [119:140](#); [Pr. 30:5](#)).
 - a. [Ps. 19:8](#): pure (*bar* H1249 adjective) the meaning is pure or clean.
 - b. [Ps. 19:9](#): clean (*tahor* H2889 adjective) the meaning is unstained or defiled.
 - c. [Ps. 119:40](#); [Pr. 30:5](#): pure (*tsarap* H6884 verb) “The believer can take comfort in the Word of God which alone on earth is tried and purified and by which we can be purified” (Vine vol. 1 p. 260).

II. The Purpose of Purity

1. The pure will see God one day ([Ps. 24:3-6](#)).
 - a. Jesus confirmed the message of the Psalmist ([Mt. 5:8](#)).
 - b. We can only see God’s face in Heaven ([Rev. 22:1-4](#)).
 - c. Therefore, in order to go to Heaven, I must be pure!

III. Practicing Purity

1. Purity begins with the mind ([Php. 4:8](#)).
 - a. think on (*logizomai* G3049 verb, present, imperative) “to give careful thought to a matter, think (about), consider, ponder, let one’s mind dwell on” (BDAG 598).
 - b. The purpose (end) of God’s commandments ([1 Tim. 1:5](#)).
 - c. The wisdom from above is first pure ([Jm. 3:17](#)).
2. Purity connects with the conscience ([1 Tim. 3:9](#); [2 Tim. 1:3](#)).
 - a. Our minds and consciences can become defiled ([Tt. 1:15](#)).
3. Purity is heard in our speech ([Pr. 15:26](#); [Jm. 1:26](#)).
 - a. Our speech must not be corrupt ([Eph. 4:29](#)).
 - b. Our speech must be seasoned with salt ([Col. 4:6](#)).
4. Purity is shown in our actions ([Pr. 21:8](#); [Jm. 1:27](#)).
 - a. Lust must be fled from ([2 Tim. 2:22](#); [Mt. 5:27-28](#)).
 - b. The home must be protected ([Heb. 13:4](#)).

Conclusion

1. God is the pure God and demands purity from His people.
2. If we wish to go to Heaven, we must be pure!
3. In order to become pure, one must be first cleansed ([Heb. 10:22](#); [1 Pt. 1:22-23](#)).
 - a. Cleansed in the waters of baptism ([Ac. 22:16](#); [1 Pt. 3:21](#)).
4. We then must continue being pure as God’s children ([1 Jn. 3:1-3](#)).