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II Chronicles 29:5, “*And said unto them, Hear me, ye Levites, sanctify now yourselves, and sanctify the house of the LORD God of your fathers, and carry forth the filthiness out of the holy [place].*”

In the first year of the reign of Hezekiah, he restored the house of the LORD and established worship there again. One of the admonitions he gave to the priests is in the above verse. He told them to sanctify themselves, and the house of the LORD, and carry forth the filthiness out of the holy place. We are to do the same today. Not with a physical building, but with ourselves.

1. He commanded the Levites to do this admonition. The priests were to only come from the tribe of Levi. Today we are the priests of God with Jesus being the high priest. Revelation 1:6, “*And hath made us kings and priests unto God and his Father; to him [be] glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.*” Revelation 5:10, “*And hast made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth.*” Hebrews 4:14, “*Seeing then that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast [our] profession.*” With us being the priests, we are to carry out the duties

of cleansing the house of God.

2. Sanctify yourselves, and sanctify the house of God. I included these two points together because under the New Testament, we are the house of God. I Corinthians 3:16, “*Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and [that] the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?*” I Corinthians 6:19, “*What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost [which is] in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?*”

Since God and the Holy Spirit dwells in us, we are to sanctify ourselves. The word for sanctify used in II Chronicles 29:5 means to set apart and make special. It means to make it holy. Our bodies are to be special for the LORD. We cannot use them for sin and worldly things. They are to be set apart and made holy for the service of the LORD.

3. Carry filthiness out of the holy place. When cleaning anything, there is filth removed. Just wiping a window or mopping a floor removes dirt. Likewise, for us to cleanse the house of God, which we are, we have to remove filthiness.

There are things that we can do, think, or say that make us unclean. We need to carry those things out of the holy place, our bodies. Some “messes” are harder to clean up, but we need to rid ourselves of anything or any situation that is keeping our temples from being pure and sanctified before the LORD.

We are told in verse 16 that the filth they removed from the house of the LORD was taken to the brook Kidron. “*And the priests went into the inner part of the house of the LORD, to cleanse [it], and brought out all the uncleanness that they found in the temple of the LORD into the court of the house of the LORD. And the Levites took [it], to carry [it] out abroad into the brook Kidron.*”

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News

—Continue to remember **Shirley Edwards, Alice Vanderstoep, Jean Coffey, Clay Bozarth, Vicki McDaniel, Steve Seaton, Brad Terry, Enola Zigler, Beulah Baker, Louise Greer. Joanna Locke** is now home following a stroke and some heart issues.

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The priests went into the inner part of the house. We are the only humans that can enter into the inner most parts of our hearts and the temple of God. We as priests are able to enter this inner part of ourselves. We know what is there and what needs to be removed.

Note that they brought out all the uncleanness. To leave behind anything unclean leaves the house of God unclean. We cannot choose to mostly follow the LORD and to keep some things that should be removed. All uncleanness must be removed.

It's interesting that the priests took the uncleanness found in the house of God to the brook Kidron. They took the uncleanness to a place of water. Likewise, when we remove uncleanness from ourselves, we wash ourselves in the blood of the Lamb. Revelation 7:14, “. . . *These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.*”

The water in the brook Kidron would have washed away the filth they brought from the house of the LORD. When we first obey the LORD in baptism, we are making ourselves spiritually clean. After that first baptism in water, we then access the blood of Christ to make ourselves clean by our repentance and prayer.

The priests in the time of Hezekiah found much uncleanness in the house of the LORD. It took them only eight days to cleanse it. It's interesting that when Peter is talking about baptism saving us in I Peter 3:20-21, he talks about the eight people saved in the ark.

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Sunday, November 29, 2020		
Classes	--	--
Preaching	15	Jude 1-25
Contribution	\$1023.00	
Evening	--	Mark 11:15-33
Wednesday, December 2, 2020		
Classes	--	Isaiah 57:1-20

Visitors— Nov 29 (AM) Callie & Brian Hennion (Brownsville, KY)

Bible Quiz

The LORD said He inhabited what?

Last Week's Answer— A colt (Mark 11:1)

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We are the temple of God and of the Holy Spirit. If we examine ourselves and find filth in the temple, let's remove it, cast it aside, and sanctify our temple— the temple of God and of the Holy Spirit.

—Marty Edwards❖

—God's Plan of Salvation—

1. Hear the Gospel (Romans 10:14)
2. Believe on the Lord and His Word (Mark 16:16; John 8:24)
3. Repent of your sins (Luke 13:3,5; Acts 17:30)
4. Confess Christ (Matthew 10:32,33; Luke 12:8; Romans 10:9)
5. Be baptized (immersed in water) for the remission of sins (Acts 2:38; Mark 16:16; Galatians 3:27; I Peter 3:21)
6. Live a faithful, dedicated life (Revelation 2:10; II Peter 1:5-10)