

"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." 2 Chronicles 29:5 KJV



Without daily cleaning, things get dirty. It may not be obvious at first, but a speck here, a spot there, and soon white turns gray and then black. Cleaning is not easy. If it was, everyone would enjoy doing it. It's messy, dirty, and hard work. Many try to mask their laziness with the excuse, "I didn't see it." You can't see that for which you're not looking. Accumulated grime will actually eat away at clean polished surfaces until they are pitted beyond repair. They may still be cleaned, but the scars remain. Avoidance is not the same thing as missing something. A speck may be inadvertently overlooked, but grimy dinge has to be ignored or avoided not to be seen. I used to work in a janitorial building service for a ten story building and we cleaned every night for four hours. Many times I've wiped a table or washed window glass that looked perfectly clean, but it was done, because we can't see the specks that accumulate. Over time they will fog the glass and prevent the view. If you don't see it, it doesn't mean it's clean. Germs are microscopic and deadly at the same time. God's Word tells us *"Ye are the Temple of God, [if] the Spirit of God Dwelleth In you. If any man defile the Temple of God, him Shall God Destroy; for The Temple of God Is Holy."* When believers allow sin to go unconfessed, filth builds up on our heart and will soon begin to rot away our soul. In ancient Israel, Ahaz had brought all manner of idolatrous paraphernalia into God's House and defiled The Sanctuary. What is defiling God's Place in the Temple of your soul? What little idol have you hidden in a corner? What worldly philosophy or activity are you allowing in your life? With The Cleansing Power of God so freely available, what stubborn little pride or desire defiles your sanctuary? The beautiful thing is we need only humbly confess sin to Jesus Christ for it to be utterly removed from our record. *"If any man sin, we have An Advocate With The Father, Jesus Christ The Righteous: If we confess our sins, He IS FAITHFUL AND JUST TO FORGIVE us our sins, and to Cleanse us from all unrighteousness."* Not just some, but all! We need to be busy about carrying *"forth the filthiness out of The Holy Place."* Christ Promises Forgiveness And Cleansing if we but humbly confess our sin. By repenting, returning to the obedience of God's Word, we confess our deeds as disobedience and therefore, sin.

If I regard iniquity,
The Lord, my God, will not hear me,
To Jesus Christ my sin confessed,
Will cleanse me of unrighteousness! –CGP

Let the Light of Truth Search the corners of your soul. *"Search me, O God, And Know my heart: Try me, and Know my thoughts: And See if there be any wicked way in me, and Lead me in The Way Everlasting."* When God's Word Reveals a hidden sin, humbly confess its presence to the Lord and then He will remove its blight from your heart. We often fall into sin, because of the desires of our carnal flesh, but there is no need to avoid The Cleansing by returning to obedience. That's like never taking a bath because you'll just get dirty again. The cleaner my soul, the closer I may come to God! *"A just man falleth seven times, and riseth up again."* Getting up is more critical than falling! Without cleansing we become a stench in The Nostrils of God – filth in The Holy Place!

"Let us therefore come boldly unto The Throne of Grace, that we may obtain Mercy, and find Grace to help in time of need." Hebrews 4:16 KJV