

*“And let the king appoint officers in all the provinces of his kingdom, that they may gather together all the fair young virgins unto Shushan the palace, to the house of the women, unto the custody of Hege the king's chamberlain, keeper of the women; and let their things for purification be given them.”*  
*Esther 2:3 KJV*



Even the fairest maidens of the land were not fit to go before the king at Shushan. They were set apart and made ready through purification to see the king. It isn't given what the purification process was, only that it was supplied to them from the king's bounty for purification. It was not something the maidens themselves possessed, but was given to ready them for audience with the king. This typifies every believer. We are called to go before the KING, but we must first be purified by gifts from the KING. *“Christ...loved the Church, and gave Himself for it; that He might sanctify and cleanse it 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 it should be holy and without blemish. Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things...but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot: Who verily was foreordained before the foundation of the world...seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the Truth through the Spirit. Ye are washed...ye are sanctified...ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God, sanctified by the Word of God and prayer.”* Sanctified means “set apart for Divine purpose.” The “*things for [our] purification*” are gifts from God: His Word, His Spirit, His power! *“Without [Him] we can do nothing!”* Do you believe any maiden who refused the purification saw the king? It is so with God. As fair as you may be in your own eyes, you must submit to God's Word if you would see the KING! *“God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble. Submit yourselves therefore to God. Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and He shall lift you up.”* Do you think any dared disturb or threaten those maidens selected to see the king? Only the maidens themselves could jeopardize their audience with the king. And so it is with men and God. Only you are responsible for your audience with God! No one else can interfere or make you ready. You must receive the “*things for purification*” and let them make you ready to meet God. *“As many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God. Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us. For by grace are ye saved, through faith...it is the gift of God. Faith cometh by hearing...the Word of God [and] without faith, it is impossible to please Him.”* Faith given through His Word, guided by His Spirit, and unceasing prayer are the “*things for purification*” of each selected to see the KING!

Cleanse your hands and humbly pray,  
With Word of God to show the way,  
So you may, one day, stand amazed,  
With Blood-washed throng to give God praise! ~CGP

Unfortunately many will refuse the KING'S summons, His gifts, and His grace! With their selfish pride intact, they will be hurled into the Lake of Fire for eternity! *“The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance. Jesus said...Him that cometh unto me, I will in no wise cast out!”* Are you too proud to see Jesus?

*“For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.” Romans 10:13 KJV*