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MORAVIAN CHURCH - BARBADOS CONFERENCE Provincial Theme: Advance the Kingdom: S.H.I.F.T.

S. - Seek & Submit

H. - Hear & Heed

I. - Imagine & Insight

F. - Focus & Function

T. - Totally Transformed

Age: 13 yrs. & Over

TOTALLY TRANSFORMED

December 20 - Cleansing

Scripture:

Key Thought: Christ's sacrifice on the cross has cleansed us.

Sing along with me:

Nothing but the blood of Jesus

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BYjhGeAIG6k

Memory verse:



Isaiah 1:18

18 "Come. Let us settle this matter," says the Lord.

"Even though your sins are bright red, they will be as white as snow.

Even though they are deep red, they will be white like wool.

Read with me:

Isaiah 1: 18, 19 (NIRV)

18 "Come. Let us settle this matter," says the Lord.

"Even though your sins are bright red, they will be as white as snow."

Even though they are deep red, they will be white like wool.

19 But you have to be willing to change and obey me.

If you are, you will eat the good things that grow on the land.

John 2:13-17 (NIRV)

Jesus Clears Out the Temple Courtyard

- ¹³ It was almost time for the Jewish Passover Feast. So Jesus went up to Jerusalem.
- ¹⁴ In the temple courtyard he found people selling cattle, sheep and doves. Others were sitting at tables exchanging money.
- ¹⁵ So Jesus made a whip out of ropes. He chased all the sheep and cattle from the temple courtyard. He scattered the coins of the people exchanging money. And he turned over their tables.
- ¹⁶ He told those who were selling doves, "Get these out of here! Stop turning my Father's house into a market!"
- ¹⁷ His disciples remembered what had been written. It says, "My great love for your house will destroy me." Psalm 69:9

Message:

Let's talk about it.

Our topic today is cleansing. When we thing of cleansing, our thoughts go to making something clean. There are lots of cleaning agents for different articles. Let us list some areas for cleaning. In the household we find mopping agents, bathroom cleaners, dishwashing detergents, laundry soaps, whether in powder or liquid form. Then we have different beauty products, skin

cleansers, facial cleansers, shampoos and foot scrubs. Even in the health food stores, there are preparations labelled as body cleansers. We are encouraged to clean our bodies from the inside out.

Today, we want to focus on a different type of cleansing. Remember a few Sundays ago King David appealed to God to create a clean heart within him. In Psalm 51:10 David thought that his sin merited a new heart. In his desire for cleansing, he thought it best to clean his heart, his thoughts, his actions, his life. In that same Psalm, verse 7, David cries to God, "Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow." Hyssop is a kind of herb, what we can call a body cleanser. David is asking for a cleansing. Though he considered his sins had covered him in filth and stained him to the very roots of his being, David considered the washing power of God would make him whiter than snow.

Look at the result of David's cleansing. This cleansing would make him whiter than snow. White has been symbolized as a mark of purity and cleanliness.

In Isaiah 1:18, "Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow." Isaiah describes sin a being a bright red or scarlet. Isaiah promised that after cleansing, you will be so clean, you will be white as snow,

Let us look at another cleansing. We are days away from Christmas. So what does that have to do with cleansing? Look around you. Everyone is busy cleaning out the house, sweeping and mopping parts of the house which have not been cleaned for a long time. Curtains are changed, yards are washed down, houses are painted. If there was no Christmas, some people will not clean their houses. We even clean up some relationships with friends. In John 2:13 – 17 we read how Jesus cleansed the temple. He turned out all those persons who were using the temple for purposes other than what was intended. The temple was not built to be a market.

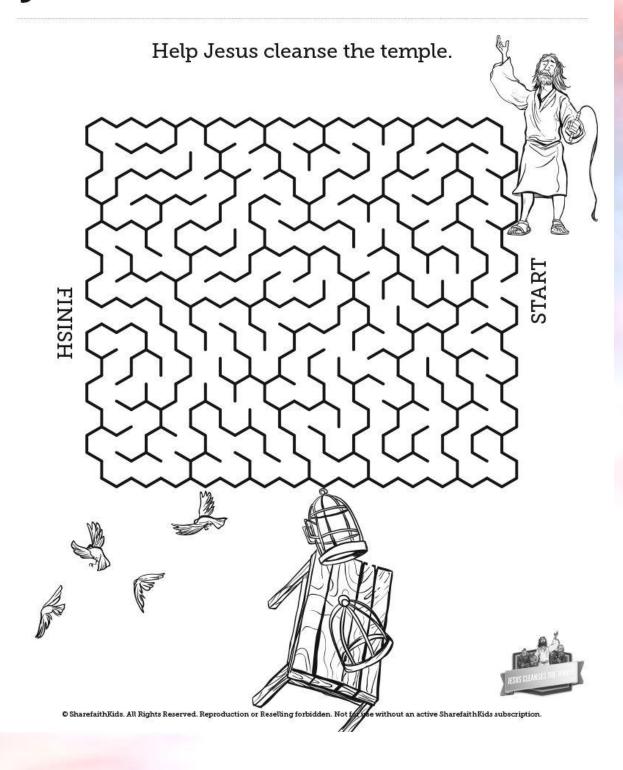
Do your thoughts need cleansing? What did you do last week that you are really sorry about? Who did you upset last week because you were insensitive? Christ's sacrifice cleans and turns us white as snow. Only Christ's blood can wash us clean. If you've never put your faith in Christ, now is the time to do it. You just have to believe that Jesus can wash you and make you spiritually clean.

Let us pray:

O God, I pray for a cleansing myself of all selfishness, resentment, critical feeling of my friends and other persons that I know. Cleanse me of self-condemnation and misinterpretation of what I expect of life. O Father, help me to become more generous in my giving to others, give me heart of acceptance of those around me. Amen.



JESUS CLEANSES THE TEMPLE



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Jesus Cleanses the temple

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