

## ASH AND BE CLEAN

The topic is drawn from the advice of a servant of Naaman the captain of the host of Syria, who was a leper and went to Elisha the prophet for a cure. – 2 Kings 5.

To wash means to clean something leaving such a thing without dirt or a mark. In the context of this sermon it means spiritual rebirth, regeneration after a thorough repentance. This is by being obedient to the laws of God so as to get salvation in the Kingdom of God when fully established.

It is sin that defiles man or makes him unclean. – Matthew 15:1-3,10,11,15-20; Proverbs 6:16-19.

Those who continue in sin will not inherit the kingdom of God. “Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind, Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God.” – 1 Corinthians 6:9,10; Galatians 5:19-21.

The kingdom of God is a highway; there is no room for evil doers. – Isaiah 35:8. See also 1 Peter 1:14-16.

We must examine ourselves and repent of our sins so as to have the mercy of God. – Proverbs 28:13,14; 2 Corinthians 7:1.

The Psalmist declared, “Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? by taking heed thereto according to thy word. With my whole heart have I sought thee: O let me not wander from thy commandments. Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee.” – Psalm 119:9-11; John 15:3; 17:17; Isaiah 1:16-20; 1 Peter 3:10, 11.