

Purified Hearts

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Loyalty Series – 05

- James 4:4-5
- James 4:8

Repentance

- Come close to God
- Wash your hands – you sinners –
 - speaks of our actions and our external behavior
- Purify your hearts
 - Purity of thoughts and motives
 - Single minded rather than double minded
- James 4:9–10
- Personal Repentance and confession
- Public Repentance and Confession

The Element of Purity

- 2 Peter 3:10–15
 - Everything on earth to be judged
 - Since everything is going to be destroyed – what holy and godly lives you should live
 - Hurrying along the day
 - Be found living peaceful lives that are pure and blameless in God's sight
 - God's patience is giving people time to be saved
- Ephesians 4:17–24
 - Live no longer as Gentiles (worldly)
 - Minds full of darkness
 - Wander far from the life God gives
 - Closed minds and hardened hearts
 - Practice every kind of impurity
 - Throw off your sinful nature
 - Let the Spirit renew your thoughts and attitudes
 - Put on your new nature, like God, righteous and holy
 - Ephesians 4:30

The Element of Humility

- James 4:6–7
- James 4:10
- James 3:13

The Element of Closeness with God

- James 4:8 (NLT) — 8 Come close to God, and God will come close to you.

- The closer you walk with God the easier the repentance, the purity, the humility – the new nature created to be like God

The Consequences

- **Jonah**
 - Run away – repentant – obedient – angry
- Proverbs 19:3 (NLT) — 3 People ruin their lives by their own foolishness and then are angry at the Lord.
 - Jonah 1:1–3
 - The Storm
 - The Fish
 - The Repentance
 - The Obedience
 - The Anger (the Pride)
- **Ninevah**
- Jonah 3:4–10
 - Announce my judgment against it because I have seen how wicked its people are.
 - Nineveh will be destroyed
 - The people believed God's message
 - People and King fast, burlap, ashes, sorrow
 - King's decree – pray earnestly to God, turn from evil ways, perhaps God will change his mind and hold back his fierce anger
 - God changed his mind and did not carry out the destruction
- 1 Thessalonians 5:9 (NLT) — 9 For God chose ... not to pour out his anger on us.
- God opposes the proud
- Friendship with the world makes you an enemy of God
- Proverbs 16:18 (NLT) — 18 Pride goes before destruction, and haughtiness before a fall.
- Romans 8:31 (NLT) — 31 What shall we say about such wonderful things as these? If God is for us, who can ever be against us?
 - What if God is not for us – opposing us, enemy of his?
- Hebrews 6:4–6
- 1 Timothy 4:1–2
 - Deconstructing with ease
- 1 Peter 5:8