LESSON EIGHT - A Lesson on Cleansing

Text

**JOHN 13:1-17**

Now before the Feast of the Passover, Jesus knowing that His hour had come that He would depart out of this world to the Father, having loved His own who were in the world, He loved them [[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=JOHN+13%3A1-17&version=NASB1995#fen-NASB1995-26632a)]to the end. **2**During supper, the devil having already put into the heart of Judas Iscariot, *the son* of Simon, to betray Him, **3***Jesus*, knowing that the Father had given all things into His hands, and that He had come forth from God and was going back to God, **4**\*got up from supper, and \*laid aside His garments; and taking a towel, He girded Himself. **5**Then He \*poured water into the basin, and began to wash the disciples’ feet and to wipe them with the towel with which He was girded. **6**So He \*came to Simon Peter. He \*said to Him, “Lord, do You wash my feet?” **7**Jesus answered and said to him, “What I do you do not realize now, but you will understand hereafter.” **8**Peter \*said to Him, “Never shall You wash my feet!” Jesus answered him, “If I do not wash you, you have no part with Me.”**9**Simon Peter \*said to Him, “Lord, *then wash* not only my feet, but also my hands and my head.” **10**Jesus \*said to him, “He who has bathed needs only to wash his feet, but is completely clean; and you are clean, but not all *of you*.” **11**For He knew the one who was betraying Him; for this reason He said, “Not all of you are clean.”

**12**So when He had washed their feet, and taken His garments and reclined *at the table*again, He said to them, “Do you know what I have done to you? **13**You call Me Teacher and Lord; and [[b](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=JOHN+13%3A1-17&version=NASB1995#fen-NASB1995-26644b)]you are right, for *so* I am. **14**If I then, the Lord and the Teacher, washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another’s feet. **15**For I gave you an example that you also should do as I did to you. **16**Truly, truly, I say to you, a slave is not greater than his master, nor *is* one who is sent greater than the one who sent him. **17**If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them.

**Overview**

Jesus knew His time with His disciples was growing short. It was vital that they learn how to carry on after His departure.

By example, He taught them a lesson in both humility and cleansing.

**Lesson GoaIs**

At the conclusion of this lesson, students should:

1. Understand the importance of a dean life.

2. Realize the world is full of impurities that threaten to soil our lives.

3. Choose to allow Christ to cleanse our lives and keep them clean.

**Teaching Outline**

**1. The Ministration**

A. Christ's heart

B. Christ's humility

**2. The Misunderstanding**

A. Peter's incredulity

B. Peter's impertinence

C. Peter's impetuosity

**3. The Motivation**

A. Christ's exaltation

B. Christ's example

**ISAIAH 6:1-5 -** In the year of King Uzziah’s death I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, lofty and exalted, with the train of His robe filling the temple. **2**Seraphim stood above Him, each having six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. **3**And one called out to another and said, “Holy, Holy, Holy, is the Lord of hosts, The [[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=ISAIAH+6%3A1-5&version=NASB1995#fen-NASB1995-17773a)]whole earth is full of His glory.” **4**And the [[b](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=ISAIAH+6%3A1-5&version=NASB1995#fen-NASB1995-17774b)]foundations of the thresholds trembled at the voice of him who called out, while the [[c](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=ISAIAH+6%3A1-5&version=NASB1995#fen-NASB1995-17774c)]temple was filling with smoke. **5**Then I said, “Woe is me, for I am ruined! Because I am a man of unclean lips, And I live among a people of unclean lips;

For my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts"

**REVELATION 1:12-17 - 12**Then I turned to see the voice that was speaking with me. And having turned I saw seven golden lampstands; **13**and in the middle of the lampstands *I saw* one like [[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=REVELATION+1%3A12-17&version=NASB1995#fen-NASB1995-30712a)]a son of man, clothed in a robe reaching to the feet, and girded across His chest with a golden sash. **14**His head and His hair were white like white wool, like snow; and His eyes were like a flame of fire. **15**His feet *were* like burnished bronze, when it has been made to glow in a furnace, and His voice *was* like the sound of many waters. **16**In His right hand He held seven stars, and out of His mouth came a sharp two-edged sword; and His face was like the sun [[b](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=REVELATION+1%3A12-17&version=NASB1995#fen-NASB1995-30715b)]shining in its strength. **17**When I saw Him, I fell at His feet like a dead man. And He placed His right hand on me, saying, “Do not be afraid; I am the first and the last,

**1 PETER 1:15-16 - 15**but [[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=1+PETER+1%3A15-16&version=NASB1995#fen-NASB1995-30390a)]like the Holy One who called you, [[b](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=1+PETER+1%3A15-16&version=NASB1995#fen-NASB1995-30390b)]be holy yourselves also in all *your* behavior;**16**because it is written, “You shall be holy, for I am holy.”

**JEREMIAH 31:3 -** The Lord appeared to [[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=JEREMIAH+31%3A3&version=NASB1995#fen-NASB1995-19695a)]him from afar, *saying*, “I have loved you with an everlasting love; Therefore I have drawn you with lovingkindness.

**1 JOHN 4:7-10 - 7**Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God; and everyone who loves is [[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=1+JOHN+4%3A7-10&version=NASB1995#fen-NASB1995-30611a)]born of God and knows God. **8**The one who does not love does not know God, for God is love.**9**By this the love of God was manifested [[b](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=1+JOHN+4%3A7-10&version=NASB1995#fen-NASB1995-30613b)]in us, that God has sent His [[c](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=1+JOHN+4%3A7-10&version=NASB1995#fen-NASB1995-30613c)]only begotten Son into the world so that we might live through Him. **10**In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son *to be* the propitiation for our sins.

**GENESIS 29:20 -** So Jacob served seven years for Rachel and they seemed to him but a few days because of his love for her.

**JOHN 3:16 - 16**“For God so loved the world, that He gave His [[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=JOHN+3%3A16&version=NASB1995#fen-NASB1995-26137a)]only begotten Son, that whosoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life.

**PSALM 8:1-4 -** O Lord, our Lord, How majestic is Your name in all the earth, Who have [[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=PSALM+8%3A1-4&version=NASB1995#fen-NASB1995-14014a)]displayed Your splendor above the heavens! **2**From the mouth of infants and nursing babes You have established [[b](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=PSALM+8%3A1-4&version=NASB1995#fen-NASB1995-14015b)]strength Because of Your adversaries,

To make the enemy and the revengeful cease. **3**When I [[c](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=PSALM+8%3A1-4&version=NASB1995#fen-NASB1995-14016c)]consider Your heavens, the work of Your fingers, The moon and the stars, which You have [[d](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=PSALM+8%3A1-4&version=NASB1995#fen-NASB1995-14016d)]ordained; **4**What is man that You [[e](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=PSALM+8%3A1-4&version=NASB1995#fen-NASB1995-14017e)]take thought of him, And the son of man that You care for him?

**MARK 10:43-45 - 43**But it is not this way among you, but whoever wishes to become great among you shall be your servant; **44**and whoever wishes to be first among you shall be slave of all. **45**For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His [[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=MARK+10%3A43-45&version=NASB1995#fen-NASB1995-24634a)]life a ransom for many.”

**JOHN 21:24-25 - 24**This is the disciple who is testifying to these things and wrote these things, and we know that his testimony is true. **25**And there are also many other things which Jesus did, which if they \*were written in detail, I suppose that even the world itself \*would not contain the books that \*would be written.

**MARK 8:35 - 35**For whoever wishes to save his [[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=MARK+8%3A35&version=NASB1995#fen-NASB1995-24536a)]life will lose it, but whoever loses his [[b](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=MARK+8%3A35&version=NASB1995#fen-NASB1995-24536b)]life for My sake and the gospel’s will save it.

**JAMES 4:10 -** 10 Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and he shall lift you up.

**1 PETER5:6 -** 6 Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time:

**ISAIAH 55:8-9 -** 8 For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the LORD. 9 For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.

**ROMANS 11:33-34 - 33**Oh, the depth of the riches [[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=ROMANS+11%3A33-34&version=NASB1995#fen-NASB1995-28243a)]both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments and unfathomable His ways! **34**For who has known the mind of the Lord, or who became His counselor?

**ISAIAH 30:15 - 15**For thus the Lord [[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=ISAIAH+30%3A15&version=NASB1995#fen-NASB1995-18233a)]God, the Holy One of Israel, has said, “In [[b](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=ISAIAH+30%3A15&version=NASB1995#fen-NASB1995-18233b)]repentance and rest you will be saved,

In quietness and trust is your strength.” But you were not willing,

**JEREMIAH 29:19 - 19**because they have not listened to My words,’ declares the Lord, ‘which I sent to them again and again by My servants the prophets; but you did not listen,’ declares the Lord.

**MATTHEW 23:37 - 37**“Jerusalem, Jerusalem, who kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to her! How often I wanted to gather your children together, the way a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, and you were unwilling.

**PROVERBS 29:11 -** A fool [[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=PROVERBS+29%3A11&version=NASB1995#fen-NASB1995-17236a)]always loses his temper, But a wise man holds it back.

**ECCLESIASTES 5:2 - 2**[[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=ECCLESIASTES+5%3A2&version=NASB1995#fen-NASB1995-17400a)]Do not be hasty [[b](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=ECCLESIASTES+5%3A2&version=NASB1995#fen-NASB1995-17400b)]in word or [[c](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=ECCLESIASTES+5%3A2&version=NASB1995#fen-NASB1995-17400c)]impulsive in thought to bring up a matter in the presence of God. For God is in heaven and you are on the earth; therefore, let your words be few.

**JAMES 1:19 - 19**[[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=JAMES+1%3A19&version=NASB1995#fen-NASB1995-30286a)]*This* you know, my beloved brethren. But everyone must be quick to hear, slow to speak *and* slow to anger;

**MATTHEW 23:1-4 -** Then Jesus spoke to the crowds and to His disciples, **2**saying: “The scribes and the Pharisees have seated themselves in the chair of Moses; **3**therefore all that they tell you, do and observe, but do not do according to their deeds; for they say *things* and do not do *them*. **4**They tie up heavy burdens and lay them on men’s shoulders, but they themselves are unwilling to move them with *so much as* a finger.

**REVELATION 22:18-19 - 18**I testify to everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: if anyone adds to them, God will add to him the plagues which are written in this book; **19**and if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God will take away his part from the tree of life and [[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=REVELATION+22%3A18-19&version=NASB1995#fen-NASB1995-31101a)]from the holy city, which are written in this book.

**HEBREWS 10:10-12 - 10**By [[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=HEBREWS+10%3A10-12&version=NASB1995#fen-NASB1995-30144a)]this will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

**11**Every priest stands daily ministering and offering time after time the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins; **12**but He, having offered one sacrifice for [[b](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=HEBREWS+10%3A10-12&version=NASB1995#fen-NASB1995-30146b)]sins for all time, sat down at the right hand of God,

**1 JOHN 1:8-9 - 8**If we say that we have no sin, we are deceiving ourselves and the truth is not in us. **9**If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

**PSALM34:18 -** The Lord is near to the brokenhearted and saves those who are [[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=PSALM34%3A18&version=NASB1995#fen-NASB1995-14407a)]crushed in spirit.

**PSALM 51:17 -** The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; A broken and a contrite heart, O God, You will not despise.

**ISAIAH 57:15 -** For thus says the high and exalted One Who [[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=ISAIAH+57%3A15&version=NASB1995#fen-NASB1995-18781a)]lives forever, whose name is Holy, “I dwell *on* a high and holy place,

And *also* with the contrite and lowly of spirit In order to revive the spirit of the lowly And to revive the heart of the contrite.

**MATTHEW 28:18 - 18**And Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying, “All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth.

**JOHN3:35 - 35**The Father loves the Son and has given all things into His hand.

**COLOSSIANS 1:18 - 18**He is also head of the body, the church; and He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that He Himself will come to have first place in everything.

**MATTHEW 28:18-20 - 18**And Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying, “All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. **19**[[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=MATTHEW+28%3A18-20&version=NASB1995#fen-NASB1995-24215a)]Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, **20**teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you [[b](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=MATTHEW+28%3A18-20&version=NASB1995#fen-NASB1995-24216b)]always, even to the end of the age.”

**2 CORINTHIANS 5:18-20 - 18**Now all *these* things are from God, who reconciled us to Himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation, **19**namely, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and [[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=2+CORINTHIANS+5%3A18-20&version=NASB1995#fen-NASB1995-28897a)]He has [[b](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=2+CORINTHIANS+5%3A18-20&version=NASB1995#fen-NASB1995-28897b)]committed to us the word of reconciliation.

**20**Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were making an appeal through us; we beg you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.

**1 PETER 2:21 - 21**For you have been called for this purpose, since Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example for you to follow in His steps,

**1 CORINTHIANS 11:1 -** Be imitators of me, just as I also am of Christ.

**EPHESIANS 5:2 - 2**and walk in love, just as Christ also loved [[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=EPHESIANS+5%3A2&version=NASB1995#fen-NASB1995-29307a)]you and gave Himself up for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God [[b](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=EPHESIANS+5%3A2&version=NASB1995#fen-NASB1995-29307b)]as a fragrant aroma.

**PSALM 19:7-11 -** The law of the Lord is [[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=PSALM+19%3A7-11&version=NASB1995#fen-NASB1995-14176a)]perfect, restoring the soul; The testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple.

**8**The precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart; The commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes. **9**The fear of the Lord is clean, enduring forever; The judgments of the Lord are true; they are righteous altogether. **10**They are more desirable than gold, yes, than much fine gold; Sweeter also than honey and the drippings of the honeycomb. **11**Moreover, by them Your servant is warned; In keeping them there is great reward.

**PSALMS 119:1-6 -**How blessed are those whose way is [[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=PSALMS+119%3A1-6&version=NASB1995#fen-NASB1995-15900a)]blameless, Who walk in the law of the Lord. **2**How blessed are those who observe His testimonies, Who seek Him with all *their* heart. **3**They also do no unrighteousness; They walk in His ways.

**4**You have [[b](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=PSALMS+119%3A1-6&version=NASB1995#fen-NASB1995-15903b)]ordained Your precepts, [[c](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=PSALMS+119%3A1-6&version=NASB1995#fen-NASB1995-15903c)]That we should keep *them* diligently. **5**Oh that my ways may be established To keep Your statutes! **6**Then I shall not be ashamed When I look [[d](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=PSALMS+119%3A1-6&version=NASB1995#fen-NASB1995-15905d)]upon all Your commandments.

**STUDY QUESTIONS**

1 The way to save your life \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(Mark 8:35).

2 The way to receive is to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (Luke 6:38).

3 The first shall be last, and the last shall be \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (Matthew 20:16).

4 How did Isaiah respond when he saw the Lord sitting on His throne? (Isaiah 6:1-5)

5 What is the first characteristic of the last days? (2 Timothy 3:1-2)

6 In the last days, what will be the character of mankind?

7 In what ways do we try to avoid what the Lord wants for us?

8 How can we apply the principle more of Him, less of me in our daily lives?

**MEMORY VERSES**

2For men will be lovers of self, lovers of money, boastful, arrogant, revilers, disobedient to parents, ungrateful, unholy, 3unloving, irreconcilable, malicious gossips, without self-control, brutal, haters of good, 4treacherous, reckless, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, 5holding to a form of godliness, although they have denied its power; avoid such men as these.

2 Timothy 3:2-5