

**The Intrinsic Significance of the Purification of the Returned Captives**

**Monday 5/8**

**Ezra 10:10-11**

**10** And Ezra the priest stood up and said to them, You have acted unfaithfully and have married foreign women to increase the guilt of Israel.

**11** Now therefore make confession to Jehovah the God of your fathers, and do His will, and separate yourselves from the peoples of the land and from the foreign women.

**Neh. 13:30**

**30** Thus I cleansed them from everything foreign. And I appointed duties for the priests and the Levites, each in his work,

**Ezra 9:1-2 (read only)**

**1** Now when these things had been completed, the officials approached me, saying, The people of Israel and the priests and the Levites have not separated themselves from the peoples of the lands, doing according to their abominations, even those of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Perizzites, the Jebusites, the Ammonites, the Moabites, the Egyptians, and the Amorites.

**2** For they have taken some of their daughters for themselves and for their sons, so that the holy seed have mingled themselves with the peoples of the lands; indeed, the hand of the leaders and rulers has been foremost in this unfaithfulness.

**2 Tim. 2:19-22**

**19** However the firm foundation of God stands, having this seal, The Lord knows those who are His, and, Let everyone who names the name of the Lord depart from unrighteousness.

**20** But in a great house there are not only gold and silver vessels but also wooden and earthen; and some are unto honor, and some unto dishonor.

**21** If therefore anyone cleanses himself from these, he will be a vessel unto honor, sanctified, useful to the master, prepared unto every good work.

**22** But flee youthful lusts, and pursue righteousness, faith, love, peace with those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart.

**Ezek. 34:26**

**26** And I will make them and the places around My hill a blessing, and I will cause the showers to come down in their season; there will be showers of blessing.

**Further Reading:** *HWMR Crystallization...1 and 2 Chronicles, Ezra, Nehemiah, and Esther... – Week 6, Day 1*

**Tuesday 5/9**

**2 Cor. 7:1**

**1** Therefore since we have these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all defilement of flesh and of spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.

**Heb. 4:12**

**12** For the word of God is living and operative and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing even to the dividing of soul and spirit and of joints and marrow, and able to discern the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

**John 1:16-17**

**16** For of His fullness we have all received, and grace upon grace.

**17** For the law was given through Moses; grace and reality came through Jesus Christ.

**1 Thess. 5:23**

**23** And the God of peace Himself sanctify you wholly, and may your spirit and soul and body be preserved complete, without blame, at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**2 Tim. 1:6-7**

**6** For which cause I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands.

**7** For God has not given us a spirit of cowardice, but of power and of love and of sobermindedness.

**Eph 5:26**

**26** That He might sanctify her, cleansing her by the washing of the water in the word,

**Further Reading:** *HWMR Crystallization...1 and 2 Chronicles, Ezra, Nehemiah, and Esther... – Week 6, Day 2*

**Wednesday 5/10**

**Matt. 5:8**

**8** Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

**2 Cor. 3:18**

**18** But we all with unveiled face, beholding and reflecting like a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory

to glory, even as from the Lord Spirit.

**Job 42:5**

**5** I had heard of You by the hearing of the ear, But now my eye has seen You;

**Rev. 22:4**

**4** And they will see His face, and His name will be on their forehead.

**1 Tim. 1:5**

**5** But the end of the charge is love out of a pure heart and out of a good conscience and out of unfeigned faith;

**Psa. 73:1**

**1** Surely God is good to Israel, To those who are pure in heart.

**1 John 3:1-3**

**1** Behold what manner of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and we are. Because of this the world does not know us, because it did not know Him.

**2** Beloved, now we are children of God, and it has not yet been manifested what we will be. We know that if He is manifested, we will be like Him because we will see Him even as He is.

**3** And everyone who has this hope set on Him purifies himself, even as He is pure.

**Further Reading:** *HWMR Crystallization...1 and 2 Chronicles, Ezra, Nehemiah, and Esther... – Week 6, Day 3*

**Thursday 5/11**

**Acts 24:16**

**16** Because of this I also exercise myself to always have a conscience without offense toward God and men.

**2 Tim. 1:3**

**3** I thank God, whom I serve from my forefathers in a pure conscience, while unceasingly I have remembrance concerning you in my petitions night and day,

**Heb. 10:21-22**

**21** And having a great Priest over the house of God,

**22** Let us come forward to the Holy of Holies with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water.

**2 Cor. 11:2-3**

2 For I am jealous over you with a jealousy of God; for I betrothed you to one husband to present you as a pure virgin to Christ. .

3 But I fear lest somehow, as the serpent deceived Eve by his craftiness, your thoughts would be corrupted from the simplicity and the purity toward Christ.

### Jer. 29:13-14

13 And you will seek Me and find Me if you search for Me with all your heart;

14 And I will be found by you, declares Jehovah. And I will turn your captivity and gather you from all the nations and from all the places where I have driven you, declares Jehovah, and bring you back to the place from where I sent you into exile.

**Further Reading:** *HWMR Crystallization...1 and 2 Chronicles, Ezra, Nehemiah, and Esther... – Week 6, Day 4*

### Friday 5/12

#### 2 Cor. 6:4, 6

4 But in everything we commend ourselves as ministers of God, in much endurance, in afflictions, in necessities, in distresses,

6 In pureness, in knowledge, in long-suffering, in kindness, in a holy spirit, in unfeigned love,

#### 1 Tim. 3:9

9 Holding the mystery of the faith in a pure conscience.

#### Titus 1:15

15 All things are pure to the pure; yet to those who are defiled and unbelieving nothing is pure, but both their mind and their conscience are defiled.

#### Col. 1:23-26

23 If indeed you continue in the faith, grounded and steadfast and not being moved away from the hope of the gospel, which you heard, which was proclaimed in all creation under heaven, of which I Paul became a minister.

24 I now rejoice in my sufferings on your behalf and fill up on my part that which is lacking of the afflictions of Christ in my flesh for His Body, which is the church;

25 Of which I became a minister according to the stewardship of God, which was given to me for you, to complete the word of God,

26 The mystery which has been hidden from the

ages and from the generations but now has been manifested to His saints;

**Further Reading:** *HWMR Crystallization...1 and 2 Chronicles, Ezra, Nehemiah, and Esther... – Week 6, Day 5*

### Saturday 5/13

#### 2 Cor. 5:21

21 Him who did not know sin He made sin on our behalf that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

#### Rev. 1:20

20 The mystery of the seven stars which you saw upon My right hand and the seven golden lampstands: The seven stars are the messengers of the seven churches, and the seven lampstands are the seven churches.

#### Rev. 22:1

1 And he showed me a river of water of life, bright as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb in the middle of its street.

#### 2 Cor. 3:16-18

16 But whenever their heart turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away.

17 And the Lord is the Spirit; and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.

18 But we all with unveiled face, beholding and reflecting like a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, even as from the Lord Spirit.

#### 2 Cor. 4:5-7

5 For we do not preach ourselves but Christ Jesus as Lord, and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake.

6 Because the God who said, Out of darkness light shall shine, is the One who shined in our hearts to illuminate the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

7 But we have this treasure in earthen vessels that the excellency of the power may be of God and not out of us.

**Further Reading:** *HWMR Crystallization...1 and 2 Chronicles, Ezra, Nehemiah, and Esther... – Week 6, Day 6*

### Lord's Day 5/14

#### Rev. 1:10-20

10 I was in spirit on the Lord's Day and heard behind me a loud voice like a trumpet,

11 Saying, What you see write in a scroll and send it

to the seven churches: to Ephesus and to Smyrna and to Pergamos and to Thyatira and to Sardis and to Philadelphia and to Laodicea.

12 And I turned to see the voice that spoke with me; and when I turned, I saw seven golden lampstands,

13 And in the midst of the lampstands One like the Son of Man, clothed with a garment reaching to the feet, and girded about at the breasts with a golden girdle.

14 And His head and hair were as white as white wool, as snow; and His eyes were like a flame of fire;

15 And His feet were like shining bronze, as having been fired in a furnace; and His voice was like the sound of many waters.

16 And He had in His right hand seven stars; and out of His mouth proceeded a sharp two-edged sword; and His face shone as the sun shines in its power.

17 And when I saw Him, I fell at His feet as dead; and He placed His right hand on me, saying, Do not fear; I am the First and the Last

18 And the living One; and I became dead, and behold, I am living forever and ever; and I have the keys of death and of Hades.

19 Write therefore the things which you have seen and the things which are and the things which are about to take place after these things.

20 The mystery of the seven stars which you saw upon My right hand and the seven golden lampstands: The seven stars are the messengers of the seven churches, and the seven lampstands are the seven churches.

**Hymns, #744**

#### Further Reading:

*The Experience of Life, ch. 13*

#### Churchwide Truth Pursuit of Romans

##### **Level 1—Romans Sequential Study**

**Scripture:** *Rom. 8:3-6*

**Assigned Reading:** *Life-study of Romans, msg. 15*

##### **Level 2—Romans Topical Study**

**Crucial Point:** *Reconciliation and the Ministry of Reconciliation*

**Scripture:** *Rom. 5:10-11*

**Assigned Reading:** *Truth Lessons, Level One, Vol. 4, lesson 40; Life-study of 2 Corinthians, msgs. 14, 37*

**Supplemental Reading:** Christ and the Cross, ch. 14

**Hymn:** 299

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