

Here you may see all was to be purified by fire and water before it went into the camp of God, in the old testament; and **All must be purified by the baptism of the Holy Ghost, and by fire, and the circumcision of the spirit; and washed by the water of the word,**

and made clean, before they go into the kingdom of our God, and heavenly Jerusalem.

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The Jews in the old covenant and testament, when they went to war, this was the ordinance and law of God to them, whatsoever they took in the wars, whether it was gold, silver, brass, iron, tin, or lead, that would abide the fire, they were to make it go through the fire, and to be purified with the water of separation; and all what abides not the fire, they were to make it go through the water; and they were to purify all the raiment, and all that is made of skins, and all works of goats' hair, and all that was made with wood, and they were to wash their clothes, and on the seventh day to be clean, and afterwards they were to go into the camp.

So you may see all things were to be purified by fire and water, and what would not abide the fire, was to go through the water; and they were to wash their own clothes, and purify themselves seven days; the perfection of days were to pass over them before they came into the camp. And they were to purify the captives they took prisoners, before they brought them into the camp; so that nothing was to go into the Lord's camp, but what was clean, purified by fire or water. And the warriors were to purify themselves before they went into the Lord's camp, as you may see in Num 31:21-24.

And Christ in his new testament, said, 'that all must be born again of the spirit, before they can see the kingdom of God, or enter into it,' as in John 3:5.

And Christ, he baptizes with the holy ghost, and with fire, whose fan is in his hand, and he will thoroughly purge his floor, and gather his wheat into his garners; but will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire, as in Mat 3:11-12.

Here you may see the chaff comes not into God's garner, but must be burnt up, and no unclean thing enters into the kingdom of God, as you may see in the Revelation.

And though the gates of heavenly Jerusalem are not shut at all by day, for there is no night there, 'there shall in no way enter into it any thing that defiles, neither whosoever works abomination, or makes a lie.' Rev 21:27, 22:14-15.

So here you may see all must be purified by the spirit, and by the heavenly fire, and washed by the water of the word, before they come into the city of new and heavenly Jerusalem, or the kingdom of God, and walk in the light; and they must go through the baptism of fire and the holy ghost, and the washing of the water of the word, before they come into heavenly Jerusalem, and the kingdom of God, as before. And those who are married to the Lamb, which are his wife, his church, shall be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white, for the fine linen is the righteousness of the saints; and the armies which were in heaven, and followed Christ upon white horses, were clothed with fine linen white and clean.' Rev 19:7-9,14.

So as is said before, all must be washed, and clean, and purified, and circumcised with the spirit, and baptized with the holy ghost, and with fire, before they come into heavenly Jerusalem, and the kingdom of God.

The Lord said, 'a dwarf shall not come near to offer the offerings of the Lord made by fire;' he might eat the bread of his God, as in Lev 21.

Therefore, you that profess the new testament grow in the truth, and feed upon the bread from heaven. Take heed you are not dwarfs, but live and walk in the spirit of God, that you may be kept by the spirit without blemish, and that you may grow in grace, and faith; that you may be a royal priesthood to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God, by Jesus Christ, as in 1 Pet 2:5,9, and that you may not be dwarfs, but eat of the heavenly bread, and grow that you may offer the spiritual sacrifice as before.