

REFINER'S FIRE: PURIFIER OF SILVER

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This article will discuss how God's Spirit and His words, when applied in our lives, refine us to be a reflection of Him.

PSALM 12:6:

The words of YHWH (the Lord) are pure words, like silver tried in the furnace of earth, refined seven times.

The words of Yeshua Messiah (Jesus Christ) are pure words. His words in the gospel were spoken to us carefully, flawlessly, genuinely, perfectly, precisely, purposefully, and truthfully. All of His commandments were well thought out before He ever issued them to us.

MATTHEW 24:35, MARK 13:31, LUKE 21:33:

"Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will by no means pass away."

God is good, holy, and righteous, but we are desperately wicked and our righteousness is like filthy rags compared to Him.

ISAIAH 64:6:

But we are like an unclean thing and our righteousnesses are like filthy rags.

JEREMIAH 17:9:

The heart is deceitful above all things and desperately wicked.

Yeshua (Jesus) came into the world to pay the penalty for our unrighteousness, the just for the unjust.

1 PETER 3:18:

For Messiah (Christ) also suffered once for sins, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive by the Spirit.

There is only one way for us to be brought before God and that is through the righteousness of Yeshua (Jesus).

JOHN 14:6:

Yeshua (Jesus) said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me."

ACTS 4:12:

Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.

In order to go to the Father, we must go through the Son. We must come to Him of our own free will, repent of our sins, and obey His commandments.

MATTHEW 4:17, MARK 1:15:

From that time Yeshua (Jesus) began to preach and to say, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

1 JOHN 2:4:

He who says, "I know Him," and does not keep His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him.

YESHUA (JESUS) REFINES US AS A SILVERSMITH REFINES SILVER

MALACHI 3:2-3:

For He is like a refiner's fire and like launderer's soap. He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver.

To refine silver, a silversmith heats up a furnace and sits in front of the fire while holding the silver over it to refine it. Silver is held in the middle of the fire where the flames are hottest to burn away the infirmities. The silversmith needs to sit and watch the silver refining process, keeping his eyes on the silver the entire time that it is in the fire. If the silver is left too long in the flames, it can be destroyed. The silver is fully refined and removed from the fire when the silversmith sees his image reflected in it.

2 CORINTHIANS 6:18:

"I will be a Father to you, and you shall be My sons and daughters," says YHWH (the Lord) Almighty.

Yeshua (Jesus) is our Silversmith, refining us to be like a reflection of Him. If we repent, seek Him, and obey His commandments, He will refine us. He will present us before the Father to become the sons and daughters of Almighty God.