

Purity of Heart

by Clement of Rome

The sermon emphasizes the importance of drawing near to God with a pure and holy spirit, and recognizing God's sovereignty over nations and His chosen people.

Scripture: Deuteronomy 32:8, Psalm 24:3, Hebrews 10:22, 1 Peter 2:9

Topics: "Sanctification", "Holiness"

Description

Clement of Rome emphasizes the importance of drawing near to God with holiness and purity, lifting up hands in love and gratitude to our gracious Father who has blessed us. He references the division of nations by the Most High and the special place of Jacob and Israel as chosen by God. Clement also highlights the selection of a holy nation by the Lord, symbolizing the sanctification of a people for His purpose.

Transcript

Let us then draw near to Him with holiness of spirit, lifting up pure and undefiled hands to Him, loving our gracious and merciful Father, who has made us partakers in the blessings of His elect. For thus it is written, "When the Most High divided the nations, when He scattered the sons of Adam, He fixed the bounds of the nations according to the number of the angels of God.

His people Jacob became the portion of the Lord, and Israel the lot of His inheritance." And in another place [the Scripture] says, "Behold, the Lord takes to Himself a nation out of the midst of the nations, as a man takes the first-fruits of his threshing-floor; and from that nation shall come forth the Most Holy.

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