

## Lift Up Holy Hands - 08 07 05

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Clean hands; lifting up holy hands without wrath. What does God say in Isaiah 1<sup>st</sup> chapter; when you lift up your hands to pray I will hide my face from you because your hands are full of blood. Cleanse you, make you clean, 16<sup>th</sup> verse: Yea, when you make many prayers, I will not hear: your hands are full of blood. Wash you, make you clean; put away the evil of your doings from before mine eyes; cease to do evil;

Learn to do well; seek judgment, relieve the oppressed, judge the fatherless, and plead for the widow.

Come now, and let us reason together, saith the LORD: though your sins be as scarlet they shall be as white as snow;

You might have had this 18<sup>th</sup> verse quoted again and again. But taken out of it's context; cleanse your hands you sinners, purify your hearts your double minded. So the word of god wants us to have clean consciences. If you turn to I Timothy 1<sup>st</sup> chapter and the 5<sup>th</sup> verse: for the end of the commandment is Love out of a pure heart, and of a good conscience, and of faith unfeigned:

I would like to ask you where is your faith? Depending on what is in my purse is my faith. Is that right? If the valet is bulging oh I am very happy and I'm but peradventure I am in the condition of that widow of Zarephath. I have come to my last cake and here comes the prophet and says make me a cake first and here I am on my last meal and the prophet is asking me something which is totally beyond me. how god multiplied the meal in the barrel and the oil in the cruse. Love and faith cannot dwell in that heart because when you lift up your hands to pray god says I'll hide my face from you. Faith does not function when there is sin in the heart. One of the things that people are defaulting very much in today; I think many of our churches are full of lies. I don't know why people should speak so many lies. For instance how often people would say oh yes I'll be there, 10'o clock in the morning, oh yes I'll be there. They don't show up and they don't apologize. What kind of conscience do they have? None whatever! They have a sullied, dirtied conscience and somebody told them that they are converted. You know my father used to say when he encountered so many church members when the revival would break out,

some of them would say well, I am a baptized person, I received the holy ghost at baptism and this that and the other. My father would say to them, listen, you will go to hell and those who baptized you will go to hell. Very few people could speak as my father used to. You know what would be the upshot of that? Those men would repent and their pastors would repent. What I am thinking of in referring to is a man who came to my father and said, all these people I notice are repenting, he came in into a revival scene, having been a church leader and he found himself completely out of his elements. So he said what is this? God is touching so many people but my own heart is unmoved! My dad prayed for him and said go home and seek god, god will speak to you. This very man went home and he had been a smoker from the age of five, so he said I 'll stay awake by smoking some strong tobacco, he thought that would be great aid to prayer. Can you think of this total ignorance? Yes, he was. But he was a church elder, leader, teacher, whatever it is, as he began to pray the hand of god came upon him and god began to speak to him. He began to weep like a little child, a hard drunkard, next morning he could not bear the smell of tobacco. A new nature and god showed him Mark 2:5: son, your sins are forgiven. And with that great power came into his life and revival began in that place and people began to throw their fatuitous and idols and stuff like that and turn to the lord and when miracles began to take place including rising of the dead. Heathenism could not stand before a demonstration of the gospel. A new heart also will I give you and a new spirit will I put within you and cause you to walk in my statutes. I see a watering down of that original power and revival. And when the watering down of this occurs people are satisfied with quantity. Now I see a new problem which I never faced in my life. We were a people who believed in what the scripture said rend your hearts and not your garments. Our repentance must not just outside you know, just with a new coat of paint or something. It was a rending of the heart. I noticed today some of the people who are even leaders, they will tell me but look, look at all the stations, look at all the centers, look at all the people who worship on Sunday mornings spread over large areas. You know what I tell them tell me how many are the areas where Jesus Christ is not known? That humble broken spirit is gone. See we have been doing so much, ok. My dear people you know this is the age in which people flatter each other. There are bunch of flatterers. A professor in a bible college, teacher wrote to me, this is what he said. You know today our preaching consists mostly of comforting people, making them feel comfortable. That is the sum total of our preaching. But I noticed what you preach is different, you know preachers are

not meant to be going around with band aids and stretchers, No. and the whole church turns into nursery crybabies. How many crybabies can you take care of? So you are soothing this person, you are patting the other person. So a new heart, a spirit filled and then comes the spirit filled life. You know in the spirit filled life, my dear friends, if our shouts which are heard on Sunday morning would translate into real prophetic voices. You know what will happen? People fall upon their faces and say surely god is here and the secrets of my heart, I cannot hide anymore. When revival broke out, we found that people could not hide sin. My mother worked for many years when we were little children and then god called my father into full time ministry, my mother too resigned her position. The same school invited my mother to hold some meetings for the whole school and revival broke out. 32 teachers and the staff of the school and 30 of them turned to the lord, repented. But one of them was a trickster who decided to hold back and not confess her sins. However when she saw the rest of the teachers are coming up to the podium and testifying and making their confessions she also rose up and went forward and made some kind of glib kind of statement. You know we hear all kinds of testimonies days; I was always a good person and one day I went forward. Jesus Christ never came for you he came to seek and to save that which is lost. So you are always a very good person and one day you went forward. No Jesus never came for you. When it is the spirit of god when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin of righteousness and judgment.