

The Purity Problem

Mark 5: They went across the lake to the region of the Gerasenes. 2 When Jesus got out of the boat, a man with an impure spirit came from the tombs to meet him. 3 This man lived in the tombs, and no one could bind him anymore, not even with a chain.

Mark 5: 4 For he had often been chained hand and foot, but he tore the chains apart and broke the irons on his feet. No one was strong enough to subdue him. 5 Night and day among the tombs and in the hills he would cry out and cut himself with stones.

The man's problem was not
demon possession.

It was impurity

Signs of Impurity:

Gentile

Blood

Tombs

Naked (Lk. 8:27)

Demons

Pigs

Impurity

(1). Disconnects us from the faith community.

Impurity

(2). Increases the devil's footprint.

Impurity

(3). Neutralizes our confidence.

Purity is not

Sinlessness

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Holiness

Holiness says
God dwells in our space.

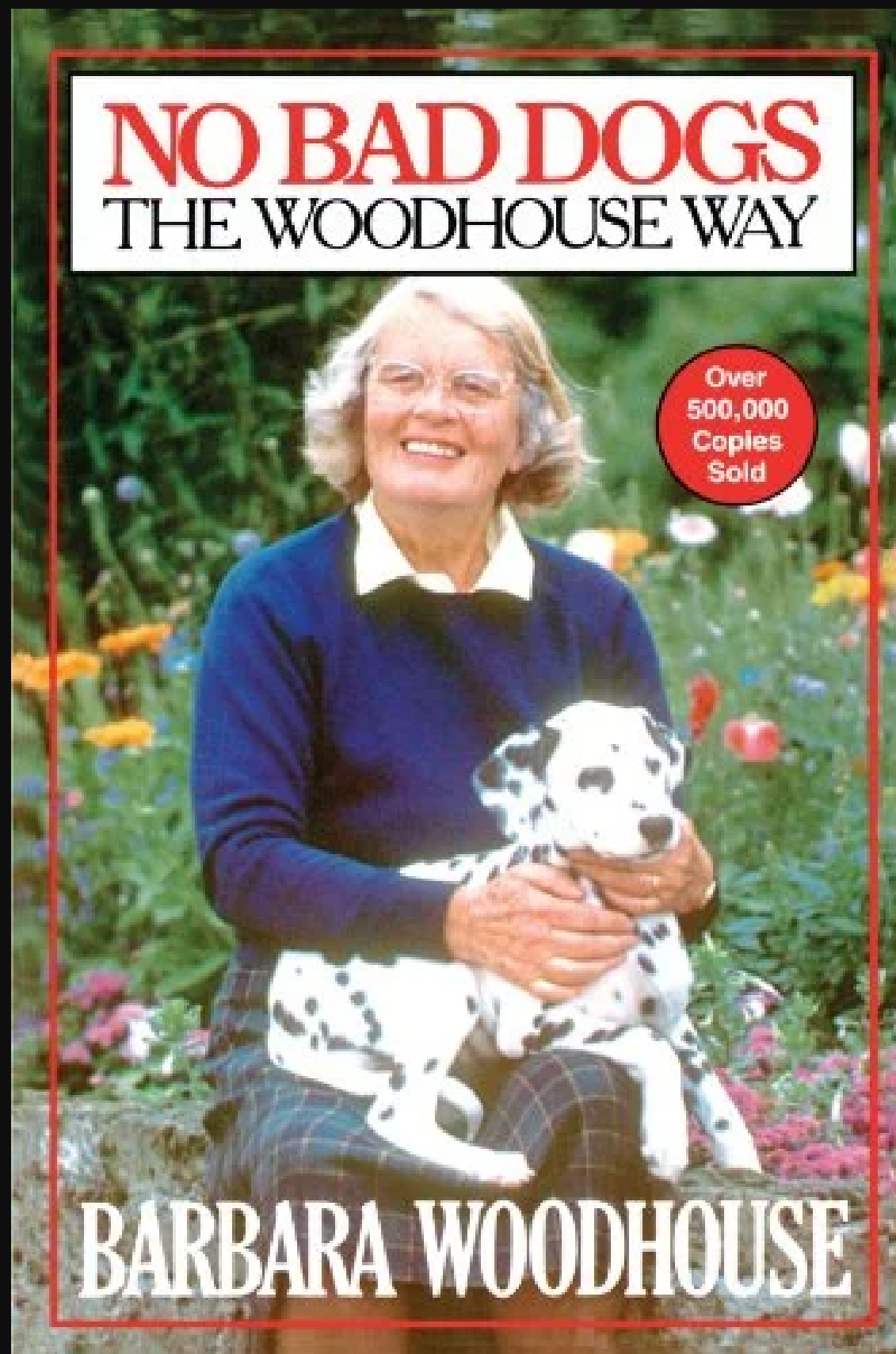
Purity says
We dwell in God's space.

Purity creates a path
to intimacy with God.

Psalm 24: 3 Who may ascend the mountain of the Lord? Who may stand in his holy place? 4 **The one who has clean hands and a pure heart**, who does not trust in an idol or swear by a false god. 5 They will receive blessing from the Lord and vindication from God their Savior.

Biblical purity is in reference to
how we live our lives when we
think no one is looking.

Matthew 6: 3 But when you give to the needy,
do not let your left hand know what your right
hand is doing, **4** so that your giving may be
in secret. Then your Father, **who sees what is
done in secret**, will reward you.



*TO THE EXPERIENCED DOG
TRAINER, THIS OUTWARD SHOW
IS NOT ENOUGH.*

The problem with purity:

It simultaneously requires that I
live a pure life and makes clear
I'm unable to do so on own.

Leviticus 16: 8 He is to cast lots for the two goats—one lot for the Lord and the other for the scapegoat. 9 Aaron shall bring the goat whose lot falls to the Lord and sacrifice it for a **sin offering**. 10 But the goat chosen by lot as the scapegoat shall be presented alive before the Lord to be used for **making atonement** by sending it into the wilderness as a scapegoat.

We are holy unto God
because Jesus atones for our
sins (scapegoat).

Despite the atonement for sins,
how do we, as impure beings,
come into God's space?

1-7--Ritual Purity

8-10--Priesthood

11-15--Purity Law

18-20--Purity Law

21-22--Priesthood

23-27--Ritual Purity

1-7--Ritual Purity

23-27--Ritual Purity

1-7--Ritual Purity

8-10--Priesthood

21-22--Priesthood

23-27--Ritual Purity

1-7--Ritual Purity

8-10--Priesthood

11-15 Purity Laws

18-20 Purity Laws

21-22--Priesthood

23-27--Ritual Purity

1-7--Ritual Purity

8-10--Priesthood

11-15 Purity Laws

16-17 ATONEMENT

18-20 Purity Laws

21-22--Priesthood

23-27--Ritual Purity

Leviticus 16: 15 “He shall then slaughter the goat for the sin offering for the people and take its blood behind the curtain and do with it as he did with the bull’s blood: He shall sprinkle it on the atonement cover and in front of it.

Leviticus 16: 16 In this way he will make
atonement for the Most Holy Place

Leviticus 16: 16 In this way he will make **atonement** for the Most Holy Place because of the **uncleanness** and rebellion of the Israelites, whatever their sins have been.



Scapegoat
Wilderness
Atonement for sins



Sin Offering
Sacrifice
Atonement for purity

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Jesus makes us pure
by becoming our substitute.

2 Corinthians 5: 21: "God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God."

Psalms 51: 3 For I know my transgressions,
and my sin is always before me.

4 Against you, you only, have I sinned
and done what is evil in your sight;

10 Create in me a **pure heart**, O God,
and renew a steadfast spirit within me.

Path to Purity: Repent

Psalm 119: 9 How can a young person stay on the path of purity?

By living according to your word.

Path to Purity: Be in the word

1 John 1: 7 But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin.

Path to Purity: Give your life to Christ

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