

# Isaiah 1:16-17 & James 1:27 Parallel Passages

## Isaiah 1:16-17

## James 1:27

**Audience**

Old Testament Jews who believed in YHWH but were living in rebellion to His covenant

New Testament Jews who were believers in Jesus the Messiah

**Audience**

**Exile**

Isaiah warned that failure to obey God would lead to the nation being exiled (The Dispersion) (5:13)

James wrote to Jews who were in the Dispersion (1:1)

**Exile**

**Personal Purity**

vs. 16: Wash yourselves; make yourselves clean; remove the evil of your deeds from before my eyes; cease to do evil...

vs. 27a: Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to visit orphans and widows in their affliction...

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vs. 17: ...seek justice, correct oppression; bring justice to the fatherless, plead the widow's cause.

vs. 27b: ...and to keep oneself unstained from the world.

**Personal Purity**

