

## THE PURIFYING OF THE SPIRIT

Acts 5:1-11

The story of Ananias is to the book of Acts what the story of Achan is to the book of Joshua. In both narratives an act of deceit interrupts the victorious progress of the people of God. F.F. Bruce

◇ *The point of this story is not ...*

- \_\_\_\_\_ all your \_\_\_\_\_ or you'll \_\_\_\_\_
- Christians should practice \_\_\_\_\_.
- Sin will always be \_\_\_\_\_.

◇ *The point of this story is ...*

- generally - the Holy Spirit has no \_\_\_\_\_  
for \_\_\_\_\_

Compare:

- man's kingdom -
- Christ's kingdom -

Oh that there were one among you who would \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_, that you might not kindle fire on my altar in vain!

*Malachi 1:10a*

- specifically - the Holy Spirit \_\_\_\_\_ and  
\_\_\_\_\_!

### The Anatomy of Hypocrisy



Ananias and Sapphira deceived in order to \_\_\_\_\_ themselves  
and \_\_\_\_\_ themselves at the same time.

Oh God the Holy Spirit ...

When thou didst first hover over chaos, order came to birth,  
beauty robed the world, fruitfulness sprang forth.

Move, I pray thee, upon my disordered heart; take away the  
infirmities of unruly desires and hateful lusts; lift the mist and  
darkness of unbelief; brighten my soul with the pure light of  
truth; make it fragrant as the garden of Paradise, rich with ever  
goodly fruit, beautiful with heavenly grace, radiant with rays of  
divine light...

Be my Comforter, Light, Guide, Sanctifier; take of the things of  
Christ and show them to my soul...

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