

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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