

WHAT DEFILES A SOUL — Revelation 21:27

Explained

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Revelation 21:27 (KJV)

“And there shall in no wise enter into it any thing that defileth, neither whatsoever worketh abomination, or maketh a lie: but they which are written in the Lamb’s book of life.”

I. THE FINAL FILTER OF ETERNITY

Revelation 21:27 describes the **final moral and spiritual boundary** between those who enter the eternal Kingdom and those who remain outside. It is a sobering reminder that the Holy City—the New Jerusalem—is reserved for the **redeemed, purified, and faithful**.

The verse names three kinds of corruption that will never enter Heaven: 1. Anything that **defileth**. 2. Anyone that **worketh abomination**. 3. Whoever **maketh a lie**.

II. ANYTHING THAT DEFILETH

Greek Word: *koinoō* (κοινώω) – to make common, profane, or unclean.

Meaning:

To defile is to **pollute what God has made holy**. This includes moral sin, spiritual rebellion, or any mixture of truth with corruption.

Examples:

- **Sexual sin:** fornication, adultery, homosexuality, pornography (*1 Corinthians 6:9–10*).
- **Idolatry:** devotion to anything above God—money, fame, religion, people (*Exodus 20:3–5; Colossians 3:5*).
- **Occult involvement:** witchcraft, sorcery, manifesting, astrology (*Deuteronomy 18:10–12*).
- **Bitterness or unforgiveness:** which spreads spiritual defilement (*Hebrews 12:15*).
- **Blasphemy or irreverence:** mocking God, altering His Word (*Revelation 22:18–19*).

Summary:

Defilement is **moral contamination** that corrupts the temple of the heart and desecrates holiness.

III. WHATSOEVER WORKETH ABOMINATION

Greek Word: *bdelugma* (βδέλυγμα) – something detestable, idolatrous, or morally revolting.

Hebrew Equivalent: *to'ebah* (תועבה) – that which provokes disgust or divine wrath.

Meaning:

An *abomination* is a sin that **openly mocks God's authority** and attacks His created order.

Examples:

- **Idolatry:** false worship and spiritual compromise (*Deuteronomy 7:25; Ezekiel 8:9–13*).
- **Sexual perversion:** rebellion against God's design (*Leviticus 18:22; Romans 1:26–27*).
- **Pride and deceit:** arrogance and lying tongues (*Proverbs 6:16–19*).
- **Injustice:** corrupt judgment, exploitation of the poor (*Proverbs 17:15*).
- **Hypocrisy:** pretending piety while living in rebellion (*Isaiah 1:13; Luke 16:15*).
- **Worship of the Beast:** the ultimate abomination (*Matthew 24:15; Revelation 13:14–15*).

Summary:

Abomination is not ignorance—it is **willful defiance**. It is choosing darkness while knowing the light.

IV. MAKETH A LIE

Greek Word: *pseudos* (ψεῦδος) – falsehood, deceit, deliberate distortion of truth.

Meaning:

To “make a lie” is to **manufacture deception** – whether by speech, teaching, or lifestyle.

Examples:

- **False teachers:** twisting the Gospel for gain (*2 Peter 2:1; 1 John 4:1*).
- **Hypocrisy:** acting holy outwardly while sinning inwardly (*Matthew 23:27–28*).
- **False doctrine:** denying Christ's divinity or saying all faiths lead to God (*1 John 2:22*).
- **Self-deception:** professing faith yet refusing repentance (*Matthew 7:21–23*).
- **Doctrinal corruption:** adding to or taking away from Scripture (*Revelation 22:18–19*).

Summary:

Those who live, teach, or defend a lie **align themselves with the father of lies** (John 8:44). Their deception places them outside the City of Truth.

V. THE CONTRAST: THOSE WRITTEN IN THE LAMB'S BOOK OF LIFE

Revelation 21:27 closes with divine contrast:

"But they which are written in the Lamb's book of life."

These are the redeemed who: - Are washed by the **blood of the Lamb** (*Revelation 7:14*).

- Walk in **truth and holiness** (*1 John 1:6-7*).

- Persevere in faith until the end (*Revelation 3:5*).

Their loyalty is proven through purity and obedience, not outward religion.

VI. SUMMARY TABLE

Phrase	Meaning	Examples	Eternal Outcome
Defileth	Impurity of heart or body	Sexual sin, idolatry, bitterness	Excluded from God's presence
Worketh Abomination	Rebellion against divine order	False worship, perversion, pride	Condemnation under wrath
Maketh a Lie	Deceptive lifestyle or doctrine	False teachers, hypocrisy, denial of Christ	Separation from truth and life

VII. THE HOLINESS OF HEAVEN

Heaven is not a reward for "good people"—it is the **dwelling place of the holy**.

The redeemed are not perfect in themselves but purified through Christ. Those who refuse that cleansing remain defiled and unfit for God's eternal presence.

Matthew 5:8 (KJV)

"Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God."

Revelation 7:14 (KJV)

"These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb."

VIII. THE ETERNAL LESSON

Heaven will not contain anything that resembles sin, deceit, or rebellion. Every heart that enters must be cleansed, loyal, and truthful.

Revelation 21:27 warns that God will not tolerate *even the shadow of corruption* in His eternal Kingdom. The invitation stands open now, but the gate will close forever when judgment comes.

Isaiah 52:11 (KJV)

"Be ye clean, that bear the vessels of the LORD."

Revelation 22:14 (KJV)

"Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city."

Conclusion

Revelation 21:27 is not a verse about exclusion—it is a verse about **purity, mercy, and truth**. It reminds believers that Heaven belongs to those who let Christ purify every part of their lives. The Lamb's Book of Life is not filled by membership, but by **blood-bought transformation**.

Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away.

— *Matthew 24:35 KJV*

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