

MORNING WORSHIP

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Text: **Isaiah 4:5**

Title: **“The LORD will create”**

THE CLEANSING THAT MUST TAKE PLACE

1. The filth of sin must be cleansed (Isaiah 4:4)
2. The bloodshed of Jerusalem must be purged (Isaiah 4:4)

MEANS OF CLEANSING

1. By the spirit of judgment (Isaiah 4:5)
2. By the spirit of burning (Isaiah 4:5)
3. Meaning; -
 - a) Not ritualistic cleansing (sacrifices)
 - b) Sin must be dealt with
 - i) Deeply
 - ii) Thoroughly
 - iii) Judgment of the Lord
 - iv) Burning as a symbol of purification

THE LORD WILL CREATE

1. Dwelling places in Mount Zion
 - a) Return of the diaspora (those who were dispersed abroad as slaves)
 - b) Restoration of the nation in its fulness
 - c) Blessing of the restored nation planned

2. A cloud and smoke by day

- a) Return of the Lord's glory as in the days of Moses (Exodus 13:21-22)
- b) Symbolising His Presence
- c) Symbolising His protection
- d) Symbolising a special relationship with His people

3. The shining of a flaming fire by night (Exodus 13:21-22)

- a) The Protection of the Lord at night
- b) He who keeps Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep (Psalm 12)

THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE GLORY OF THE LORD

- 1. This must not be taken for granted
- 2. This should cause us to fear the Lord
- 3. It should cause our hearts to offer praise to the Lord
- 4. The fear of the Lord should be practised diligently