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God will go to great lengths to secure and maintain the purity of His church – even doing things that seem heavy-handed and out of character to us today.

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Which is why confession and repentance are the only way to faith and salvation, as well as experiencing the Higher Christian Life.

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How were they lying to God (Holy Spirit) by their actions?

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(See 2 Corinthians 11:2, Ephesians 5:27)

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How would you feel about your relationship with the
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