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Cleanse your hands, you sinners; and
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Do you see the truth of this Beatitude?

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And do you see the profound implication this truth
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