

Session #12: “LAWS OF PURITY – PART 1” — Leviticus 12:1-13:59

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Note: Reference has been made in the following notes and outline to commentaries on Leviticus by David Hocking, also to comments/notes from Pastor Chuck Smith, J. Vernon McGee and Jon Courson.

*****Questions:

- Why do you think the time of the mother’s custom impurity is longer for having daughters than sons?
- Why is there a burnt offering and a sin offering required?
- How would you define leprosy as used in the Bible?
- Can a garment “get leprosy”?
- With regard to your own sin, do you see yourself as “clean” or “unclean”?

The theme of the book is a “CALL TO HOLINESS” and it is divided into two parts: Chaps. 1-16 emphasize that the WAY TO GOD IS BY SACRIFICE, while chapters 17-27 emphasize that OUR WALK WITH GOD IS BY SANCTIFICATION.

In chapters 1-7 we studied the REQUIREMENTS FOR SACRIFICE, and in chapters 8-10, we learned about the REGULATIONS FOR THE PRIESTS.

In chapters 11-16, we are examining the RULES FOR CLEANSING.

The ILLUSTRATION of SIN - Lev. 12:1-13:59

The ISSUE of SALVATION - Lev. 14:1-57

The IMPORTANCE of SANCTIFICATION - Lev. 15:1-33

The illustration of sin which is presented to us in the laws of purity and cleansing is found in chapters 12 & 13, and it is “leprosy.” In chapter 14, *verse 4*, we read of the usage of “hyssop” in the ceremonial cleansing of the leper. It was used to scrub the infected area to determine the spread of the disease and whether a healing process had begun.

In *Psalms 51:7*, David said in his psalm of repentance, “Purge me with hyssop and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. “The use of physical disease to illustrate “sin” is a frequent usage in the Scriptures. Consider *Isaiah 1:5-6*:

“Why should ye be stricken any more? Ye will revolt more and more: the whole head is sick, and the whole heart faint. From the sole of the foot even unto the head there is no soundness in it; but wounds, and bruises, and putrefying sores: they have not been closed, neither bound up, neither mollified with ointment.”

Jeremiah 30:12 says, “Thy bruise is incurable, and thy wound is grievous.”

And, consider what Jesus taught in *Mark 2:17*: “They that are whole have no need of the physician, but they that are sick: I came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.”

Psalms 103:3 speaks of the Lord when it says, “Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases.” *Isaiah 53:5* says, “and with his stripes we are healed.”

1A. LAWS CONCERNING CHILDBIRTH - LEVITICUS – 12:1-8

- 1B. They reveal God’s CONCERN for the well-being of the mother who bore the child - 1-5
- 2B. They reveal God’s COVENANT of circumcision that demonstrates the faith of the parents – 3 *cf. Gen. 17*
- 3B. They reveal God’s CLEANSING for the depravity with which we are born “*sin offering*”
- 4B. They reveal the mother’s COMMITMENT to serve the Lord in the raising of the children - “*burnt offering*”
- 5B. They reveal the economic CONDITION of Joseph and Mary when Jesus was born - 8

“And if she be not able to bring a lamb, then she shall bring two turtles, or two young pigeons” - cf. **Luke 2:21-24**“

2A. LAWS CONCERNING THE CONDITION OF **LEPROSY** - 13:1-59

- 1B. The **MEANING** of the word “leprosy”
Hebrew word is isara’ath and is used 35 times in the O.T., of which 29 times are in the book of Leviticus, and 19 times in chapter 13. The Hebrew word applies to **various skin diseases**.
 - 1C. When referring to **a person’s “skin”** of his flesh - 13:1-46
 - ✓ 1D. It applies to “a rising” (like a “boil”)
 - ✓ 2D. It applies to a “scab”
 - ✓ 3D. It applies to a “bright spot”
 - 2C. When referring to **a person’s “clothes”** - 13:47-59
 - 2B. The **METHOD** used to determine the nature of the disease
 - 1C. The **Expertise** was in the hands of the priests 13:2
“he shall be brought unto Aaron the priest, or unto one of his sons the priests” - cf. **13:9**
13:47 - “garment...” **13:49** - “shall be showed unto the priest”
 - 2C. The **Examination** was made by the priest
“and the priest shall look on the plague in the skin of the flesh” - **13:3-26** times in this chapter **it refers to this responsibility** of the priest.
 - ✓ 1D. As to the color of the hair - “turned white” 13:3a, 10
 - ✓ 2D. As to the depth of the plague
“and the plague in sight be **deeper than the skin** of the flesh” - **13:3b, 20, 30**
 - ✓ 3D. As to the color of the plague
“if the plague be somewhat dark, and the plague spread not in the skin” - **13:6, 28**,
“a hot burning ... a white bright spot, somewhat reddish, or white” - **13:24, 42, 43**
 - ✓ 4D. As to the **spread of the plague** in the skin - 13:8, 12, 22, 27
“spreads in the skin” -
 - ✓ 5D. As to the nature of the flesh - 13:14-15
“when **raw flesh** appears in him”
 - ✓ 6D. As to the loss of hair - 13:40
 - ✓ 7D. As to the color of a garment - 13:49
“if the plague be greenish or reddish in the garment”
 - ✓ 8D. As to the spread of the disease in a garment - 13:51-59
 - 3C. The **Evaluation** as to what should be done was made by the priest
 - ✓ 1D. He **declared** whether it was clean or unclean
13:3 - “pronounce him unclean” **13:6** - “pronounce him clean”
 - ✓ 2D. He **determined** the nature of the disease **on the basis of time** - 13:4
“the priest shall shut up him that hath the plague seven days”
13:5 - “the priest shall shut him up seven days more”
cf. **13:21, 26, 31, 33, 50**
 - ✓ 3D. He **decided** what should be done to the infected person or garment
 - 1E. The clothes should be torn - 13:45
 - 2E. The covering over his mouth - 13:45
 - 3E. The cry - “Unclean, Unclean” cf. **Isaiah 6:1-8**
 - 4E. The camp must be vacated - 13:46
 - 5E. The infected clothes must be burned 13:52
 - 6E. The cleansing of clothes in which the disease did not spread - 13:53-59
- Leprosy is a problem in everyone of our hearts! We must go to our High Priest—He is the only one who can handle it!**