

## Session #13: “LAWS OF PURITY – PART II” — Leviticus 14:1-57

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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: In the priestly ministry described in Chap. 9, how many total animals were killed?
- In verses 8-9, procedure of cleansing in water, what two procedures can be drawn for us as believers? Applying personally what the birds represented. Acknowledging our new life.
- Do you see the similarity between the living bird that flies away and Jesus' ascension? The scapegoat?
- In verses 10 & 23, what is the significance of the eighth day?
- In verses 33-57 re the “house”, what do think that compares to in your life?

The theme of the book is a “CALL TO HOLINESS” and is divided into two parts: chapters 1-16 tell us that the WAY TO GOD IS BY SACRIFICE, and chapters 17-27 reveal that our WALK WITH GOD IS BY SANCTIFICATION. Chapters 1-7 deal with the REQUIREMENTS FOR SACRIFICE, chapters 8-10 deal with the REGULATIONS FOR THE PRIESTS, and chapters 11-16 deal with the RULES FOR CLEANSING.

In chapters 12-13 we have the ILLUSTRATION OF SIN which is “leprosy,” and in chapter 14, we have the ISSUE OF SALVATION.

True leprosy is called “Hansen’s disease” and it affects the skin and the nerve endings; as it spreads, it produces nodules and ulcers. The tissues then contract and the limbs become deformed. What begins as one sore gradually spreads and turns the whole body into a mass of corruption and ugliness. A fitting illustration of sin! *James 1:15* says, “Then when lust hath conceived, it brings forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, brings forth death.” A few centuries ago, “Black Plague” was brought under control by the methods describe in Leviticus.

### ❖ 1A. CELEBRATE THE HEALING OF THE LEPER - 1-32 How can we be cleansed from the rottenness, the sin and the depravity in our hearts?

In *Luke 4:27* Jesus said, “And many lepers were in Israel in the time of Elisha the prophet; and none of them was cleansed, saving Naaman the Syrian (2 Kings. 5).” *Jonah 2:9* says that “salvation is of the Lord.”

Consider the steps in the cleansing of the leper:

- 1B. The POINT where it begins - 2  
“He shall be brought unto the priest” - cf. *Heb. 7:25; Matt. 8:1-4*
- 2B. The PLACE where the priest meets the leper - 3  
“out of the camp” The unclean leper was not permitted to come into the camp, so the priest had to go “out of the camp” to minister to him. *Luke 19:10* - “For the Son of Man is come to seek and to save that which is lost.” *Luke 7:34*, Jesus is called “a friend of sinners.” In *Matthew 9:10-13*, He compared Himself to a doctor helping his sick patients. (One move and He is ready to come!)
- 3B. The PICTURE of the two birds - 3-7
  - 1C. They belong in the heavens, not in the earthen vessel --Jesus came down from heaven, and became a man - put into an earthen vessel *John 3:13* - “And no man has ascended up to heaven, but He that came down from heaven, even the Son of man which is in heaven.”  
*John 3:31* - “He who comes from above is above all he who comes from heaven is above all.”  
*John 6:38* - “For I came down from heaven, not to do My own will, but the will of Him that sent Me.” He put Himself in an earthen vessel that He might die for our sins!
  - 2C. One of the birds was killed  
Picturing the death of our Savior for our sins.
  - 3C. The running (living, non stagnant) water pictures the work of the Holy Spirit - Cf. *John 7:37-39; Titus 3:5; Hebrews 9:14* says that our Lord offered Himself “through the eternal Spirit.”

- 4C. The **living bird was dipped in the blood** of the bird that was killed **to symbolize** the cleansing of the leper by the blood - *1 John 1:7* **Substitutionary atonement of Christ** for you! *Hebrews 9:22* - “without the shedding of blood there is no remission” Use of hyssop - *Psalms 51:7* - “Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean: wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.”
- 5C. The living bird is let loose - **sign of the resurrection** -- Is there a better picture?
- 4B. The **PROCEDURE** of cleansing in water - 8-9
  - 1C. He **must apply personally what the birds represented**  
*Isaiah 1:16* “Wash you, **make you clean**; put away the evil of your doings from before mine eyes; cease to do evil”; *2 Corinthians 7:1* - “let us **cleanse ourselves** from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.”; *James 4:8* - “**Cleanse your hands**, ye sinners; and purify your hearts, ye double-minded.” **Do you see the application?**
  - 2C. He **must acknowledge his new life** - 9  
The dual shaving left his skin like a baby, **symbolizing** his new life - **puts on clean clothes**.
- 5B. The **PRESENTATION** of offerings for the cleansed leper - 10-32
  - 1C. It was **done on the 8th day** - the day of **new beginnings** - 10, 23
  - 2C. The priest **presents** the cleansed leper **before the Lord** - 11  
*Jude 24-25* - “Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and **to present you faultless** before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy. To the only wise God our Savior, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. Amen.”  
*Hebrews 7:25* - “Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him seeing he ever lives to make intercession for them” – cf. *Matthew 8:1-4*
  - 3C. The cleansed leper is now **publicly acknowledged** to be clean and consecrated to the Lord - 12-32
    - ✓ 1D. The **sin and trespass offerings first**
    - ✓ 2D. The blood put on the tip of the right ear, thumb of the right hand, and big toe of his right foot. **Symbolizing that his whole life has been cleansed** - what he hears, what he does, and where he goes.
    - ✓ 3D. The oil is sprinkled seven times before the Lord  
**Representing the fullness of the Holy Spirit’s power and presence** – our great need in our walk with God. It is applied in the same way as the blood **so that the control of the Spirit is upon all** that he hears, does, and where he goes.
    - ✓ 4D. The oil that is left in the priest’s hand is poured on his head – **The anointing** of the Holy Spirit - That God is going to use! - *Cf. Is. 61:1*
    - ✓ 5D. After this, **the burnt offering** is presented – 19 - The picture of **total dedication** to the Lord, *Cf. Rom. 12:1-2* Is there ever a sinner saved by the grace of the Lord not to be used? **God wants to use you!!**

- ❖ 2A. **CLEANSE THE HOUSE WHERE THE LEPROSY EXISTED - 33-57 (How clean is your house? After you were saved, was/is there anything that needs to be cleansed from your house?)**
  - 1B. The house **must be empty** before the priest goes in to examine it - 36
  - 2B. The house is closed for seven days, and then the priest examines as to whether the plague has spread - 37-39
  - 3B. If the plague is spread in the walls, **the stones are to be taken away** and cast it into an unclean place - 40
  - 4B. The house is scraped and the dust put into an unclean place outside the city - 41
  - 5B. New stones shall be used in the place of the old stones - 42
  - 6B. If the plague is not removed by this procedure, the **house is broken down** and all its pieces taken to the unclean place out of the city - 45
  - 7B. Every person that goes into the house during the cleansing process is unclean for the day, and must wash his clothes - 46-47
  - 8B. If the plague is no longer there, the **priest will symbolize its cleansing for the same procedure** used in cleansing the leper himself - 49-53
  - 9B. These laws for leprosy apply to **people, garments, and house** - to teach when it is unclean and when it is clean - 54-57 cf. *John 13:10; 15:3; Ps. 119:9*