

Leviticus 13-14 –20 August 2020

“Curing The Incurable”

Introduction

Leviticus – Pertaining to the Levites

Leviticus 1-5 presented the 5 sacrificial offerings in the Law of Israel – they picture the cross of Christ

Leviticus 6-7 we see more details to these offerings

Leviticus 8-10 1st institution of the 1st Levitical priests

Now Chap 11-15 show us Laws concerning purity & how to be clean

11-12 – We discussed why God established a difference between clean and unclean

Now in 13-14 we see the primary picture of uncleanness and sin in the Bible, and that is leprosy

Today we’ll see 4-fold process of dealing with sin

1st Step in the process of dealing with sin is the accusation of sin (Chap 13:1-8)

Read Chap 13:1-2

1. When sin is suspected, it's ok to ask questions
2. Vs 2 – “He shall be brought...”
3. Chapters 13-14 assume we won't ignore sin

Read Chap 13:3

1. We're all struck w/ temptation, but if it goes below the skin, it's sin

Read chap 13:4-8

1. Accused innocent still had to quarantine 2 wks.
2. Wait for confirmation to be sure of sin
3. Don't even accuse someone lightly

Application

1. Vs 1-8 was a rising, a scab or bright spot
2. Now each section of chap 13 is a different type of leprosy or sin

2nd Step in the process of dealing with sin is the identification of sin (Chap 13:9-59)

Chap 13:9-17 – *Raw Flesh*

Read Chap 13:9-11

1. If there's raw flesh (or living flesh) it is leprosy
2. This indicates active or on-going sin

Read Chap 13:12-13

1. Although it's white all over, there's no indication of raw or active, on-going sin
2. Some of us have scars head to toe from a life of sin, but it's in the past.

Read Chap 13:14-15

1. If active sin comes back, they're unclean
2. There's never a time when you can handle sin in your life.
 - a. Can't say, "I have control over that now"
 - b. If it's in your life, it has control over you

Read Chap 13:16-17

1. Even a re-occurring sin can be cleansed
2. Yes you CAN ask for & received forgiveness for the recurrence of a sin.

Next Section Show Same Leprosy In Different Forms

1. Sectional Break down
 - a. Chap 13:1-8 – A rising or scab
 - b. Chap 13:9-17 – Raw flesh
 - c. Chap 13:18-23 – A boil
 - d. Chap 13:24-28 – A hot burning
 - e. Chap 13:29-37 – Head or beard hair
 - f. Chap 13:38-44 – Bald head w/ reddish sore
2. Sin comes in many forms, but with the same characteristics
 - a. If there's an appearance of evil – shut them up 1 week and reevaluate
 - b. If it's below the skin – it's leprosy or sin

Read Chap 13:45-46

1. Leprosy, as a picture of sin, was meant to show the lonely isolation that sin will bring
2. The unclean sinner themselves was to be IDed and marked.
3. Wouldn't a loving parent warn their kids?
 - a. Don't go down to that house, they're drug-dealers.
 - b. Don't turn on those TV channels, it's only sinful things there.

Chap 13:47-59 – *Sin can also affect things we use*

Read Chap 13:47-50

1. If leprosy or mold, mildew is suspected on a garment – wait 1 week before passing judgement

Read Chap 13:51-52

1. After waiting 1 week, if leprosy – burn it.

Read Chap 13:53-55

1. Even if the leprosy hasn't spread, if it's still there after 2 weeks – burn the garment

Read Chap 56-59

1. Wash it, rip out former infest piece & use the rest.

Application

1. There are many things we use that can get infected with sin.
 - a. Computers, phones, certain rooms / bldgs
 - b. If there's an item in our lives that is infected with sin, it needs cleansed.
 - i. But how? We're coming to that in Chap 14

AND THEN ONE DAY IT HAPPENED

Read Matt 8:1-4

1. What we're about to read would have been just as much of a shock to the priest as to the cleansed leper.

3rd Step in the process of dealing with sin is the cleansing from sin (Chap 14:1-18)

Read Chap 14:1-9

1. This is a picture of the very cross of Christ!!
 - a. Two birds – b/c couldn't do actual resurrection
 - b. Cedar wood – the cross
 - c. Scarlet – the blood
 - d. Hyssop – applying the blood
 - e. Earthen vessel – the human body of Christ
 - f. Running water – the Holy Spirit
 - g. Open field – the world
2. Person is to wash – dive deep into the Word
3. There are 3 steps to our Christian sanctification
 - a. This is step one – This cleansing offering is a picture of **Belief**

Read Chap 14:10-14

1. Trespassing Offering for intentional sins
2. 2nd step in sanctification – pic of **Behavior**
3. As we reflect on our own rebellion – this is a true motivation for changing behaviors

Read Chap 14:15-18

1. Anointing of oil show a sealing or setting apart
2. 3rd step in sanctification – pic of **Belonging**
3. Abiding in the Holy Spirit, listening to His whisper will enable us to be at home in the church

Read Chap 14:19-20

1. Trespasses & Sins now dealt with; the grain offering demonstrates that the former leper is now a worshipper of God
2. Read Luke 17:11-16

Chap 14:21-32 (Don't read)

1. Repeat of chap 14 but for the poor (birds)

4th Step in the process of dealing with sin is a warning of sin spreading (Chap 14:33-55)

Read Chap 14:33-42

1. Leprosy used in a broad sense being mold / rot.
 - a. Watch for 1 week
 - b. Take away the stones outside the city
 - c. Rebrick and mortar

Read Chap 14:43-47

1. If the mold comes again, destroy it all

Read Chap 14:48-53

1. Once the house is cleansed, it's the same special offering – picturing the cross of Christ!!
2. Your sin will spread to those in your house
 - a. Every looked at your little children and said, “Now why would they lie like that?”...and then think of yourself?
 - b. If you don't want to deal w/ your sin for your benefit, do it for those that you love.

Conclusion

So leprosy shows us a 4-fold process of dealing w/ sin

1. The accusation of sin

- a. Don't bring an accusation lightly
- b. Be patient and watch

2. The identification of sin

- a. Temptation isn't sin (not below the skin)
- b. Sin comes in many forms; it may not look like what you're expecting.

3. The cleansing from sin

- a. Only the cross of Christ can cleanse us as we BELIEVE
- b. As we're then sanctified in the Word, we see a change in BEHAVIOR
- c. Then obedience to the Holy Spirit gives us the communion of BELONGING

4. A warning of sin spreading

- a. You don't sin in a vacuum
- b. Purge it before it affects others