



Portion:

Title:

SCRIPTURES

- Leviticus 12-15
- Luke 2:22-35; 8:40-56
- Luke 5:12-16; 17:11-19
- Hebrews 4-9

GO TO THE PRIEST—HE IS WILLING

- Get Thee to THE Priest
- Blood and Purification
- Purity

It is not uncommon for man to walk around with secret sins, hidden deep within his heart. In stark contrast, leprosy was a horrific wasting disease which essentially rotted the body from the outside. There can hardly be a better depiction of sinful decaying flesh. And there is simply no way to hide it.

In the days shortly after the Levitical Priesthood was consecrated, we see provisions made to evaluate and manage this horrible affliction. At the first sign of a lesion, the person shall be brought before the priest. Through a series of assessments and isolation periods outside the camp, and various sacrifices, the priest would declare the afflicted clean or unclean.

So, is it any wonder why, when Y'shua first encounters a leper begging for mercy, desperate to be made clean, He simply and

profoundly declares him clean? He partakes in no elaborate evaluation process, requires no quarantine or reassessment. Why? Because He is the Royal High Priest and the ultimate sacrifice for all lepers, even those of us you are instead decaying on the inside.

After He cleanses the leper, with unmistakable intention He says, "Go and show yourself to the priest." And let's not miss His assertion. He is not directing the "once leper" to go for an evaluation, but instead as a witness. "Offer the gift that Moses commanded, as a testimony to them," He instructs. And tell no one along the way, this particular testimony is for the "whitewashed tombs which indeed appear beautiful outwardly, but inside are full of dead men's bones and all uncleanness."

THEME: MAIN SCRIPTURE(S) THAT HAS INSPIRED MESSAGE

"When the leprous sore is on a person, then he shall be brought to the priest. And the priest shall examine him..." "...The priest shall pronounce him **unclean...**" [OR] "...The priest shall pronounce him clean...**It has all turned white. He is clean.**" Leviticus 13:9-13 NKJV

"Then **the priest who makes him clean shall present the man who is to be made clean**, and those things, **before the LORD**, at the door of the tabernacle of meeting." Leviticus 14:11 NKJV

OUTCOME: MAIN TAKEAWAY(S) I AM HOPING FOR PEOPLE

“And it happened when He was in a certain city, that behold, a man who was full of leprosy saw Jesus; and he fell on his face and implored Him, saying, **“Lord, if You are willing, You can make me clean.”** Then He put out His hand and touched him, saying, **“I am willing;** be cleansed.” Immediately the leprosy left him. **And He charged him to tell no one, “But go and show yourself to the priest,** and make an offering for your cleansing, as a testimony to them, just as Moses commanded.”” Luke 5:12-14 NKJV

“Then as He entered a certain village, there met Him ten men who were lepers, who stood afar off. And they lifted up their voices and said, **“Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!”** So when He saw them, He said to them, **“Go, show yourselves to the priests.”** And so it was that as they went, they were cleansed.” Luke 17:12-14 NKJV

Let's Set the Scene: Portion in a blurb

1. The Torah is divided into 54 weekly readings meant to be explored throughout each biblical calendar year called the annual Torah cycle. Yet, the normal length of biblical year is counted by lunar (moon) cycles, not a solar (sun) cycle, and has only as 354 days, which yields only 50 or 51 sabbaths on which

to do those readings. The biblical “leap year” adds an extra month every 3 years which then adds 4 sabbaths for reading. In addition, a few of the readings each year are meant to be read on biblical feast days and not on the weekly sabbath. So to insure that each year all of the portions are read, some weeks have double portion readings. This can happen up to 7 times in any Biblical calendar year, differing dependent on when the feasts days fall and if we are in a leap year. This week calls for one of those double portion readings.

2. **Portion One:** Leviticus 12 discusses the laws of purification after childbirth. Leviticus 13 introduces the laws for diagnosing and quarantining lepers.
3. **Portion Two:** Leviticus 14 spells out the complex purification rituals for the cleansing of a leper and a leprous home. Leviticus 15 briefly covers the laws regarding ritual unfitness stemming from bodily emissions.

Portion One

4. **The Ritual After Childbirth:** Males are circumcised on the eighth day (12:3) and a woman’s purification lasts 40 days. For girls, her purification lasts 80 days. After purification is over she will present the child before the priest. (Remember how Y’shua’s parents obeyed this in Luke 2:22-24)

5. **The Law Concerning Leprosy:** any sign of such skin disease and the person is presented before the priest who will examine him. The priest makes the determination if a person is leprous or not (unclean or clean) and the severity of such using various methods of analysis and periods of isolation.
6. The priest also examines boils, burns sores, bright white and red spots, and if they have turned leprous using determined parameters.
7. The leper's clothes shall be torn and his head bare; and he shall cover his mustache, and cry, 'Unclean! Unclean!'
8. **The Law Concerning Leprous Garments:** The priest also examines infected garments and isolates them for seven days, if it spreads, the garment is burned, if not, they are washed clean. If after it is washed there is still a stain, it shall be burned. If the stain has faded, it can be cut out of the garment. And if it appears again, it shall be burned.

Portion Two

9. **The Ritual for Cleansing Healed Lepers:** the leper shall be brought before the priest for examination. If he is clean, two clean birds are brought before the priest, one is sacrificed and one is freed in an open field. The healed leper washes his clothes and shaves his head. He can now come into the camp, but must remain outside the tent for seven days, at which time

he again shaves and washes his clothes. On the eighth day he takes two perfect lambs of the first year, and a grain offering to the priest. One lamb is offered as a trespass offering with the grain. He then anoints the healed leper with the blood of the trespass offering on the right ear, right thumb and right big toe, just like when a priest is consecrated! He also takes oil and anoints the leper in the same three areas, right over the blood of the trespass offering. Then he offers the other lamb as a burnt offering also with grain. They are all burned up. If the leper is poor there are various accommodations in what he must bring before the priest. (See Y'shua's healing of the Lepers in Luke 5:12-16 and Luke 17:11-19)

10. **The Law Concerning Leprous Houses:** a house suspected of leprous plague is emptied and examined by the priest. Any stone affected is taken outside the city. The rest are scraped and the house is re-plastered. If the plague comes back the house is dismantled completely and carried outside the city. Anyone from that house must wash their garments. Anyone who visited is unclean for a day. If the priest comes in and examines it, and indeed the plague has not spread, then the priest shall pronounce the house clean, because the plague is healed. A sacrifice is then offered, and one of the birds is set free.

11. **The Law Concerning Bodily Discharges:** the various rules for cleansing after any discharge are elaborated. Especially noteworthy is the law of separation when a woman has her monthly cycle, what was know as “customary” impurity. “And if any man lies with her at all, so that her impurity is on him, he shall be unclean seven days; and every bed on which he lies shall be unclean.” (15:24)
12. Thus you shall separate the children of Israel from their uncleanness.
13. You can read the 2020 teaching on this Torah Portion here: [Issues of Blood](#)

GET THEE TO THE PRIEST

1. This was Yahweh’s plan all along!

A. Pick a Priest

(1) Evaluation: Get Thee to a Levitical Priest

- (a) **Brought to the Priest:** ““When a man has on the skin of his body a swelling, a scab, or a bright spot, and it becomes on the skin of his body like a leprous sore, then **he shall be brought to Aaron the priest or to one of his sons the priests.**”Leviticus 13:2 NKJV
- (b) **The priest shall examine:** “The priest shall examine the sore on the skin of the body; and if the hair on the sore

has turned white, and the sore appears to be deeper than the skin of his body, it is a leprous sore. **Then the priest shall examine him, and pronounce him unclean.**"

Leviticus 13:3 NKJV

- (c) **The priest shall pronounce him unclean:** ""When the leprous sore is on a person, then he shall be brought to the priest. And the priest shall examine him; and indeed if the swelling on the skin is white, and it has turned the hair white, and there is a spot of raw flesh in the swelling, it is an old leprosy on the skin of his body. **The priest shall pronounce him unclean, and shall not isolate him, for he is unclean.**" Leviticus 13:9-11 NKJV
- (d) **Turns White—HE IS CLEAN:** ""And if leprosy breaks out all over the skin, and the leprosy covers all the skin of the one who has the sore, from his head to his foot, wherever the priest looks, then the priest shall consider; and indeed if the leprosy has covered all his body, he shall pronounce him clean who has the sore. **It has all turned white. He is clean.**" Leviticus 13:12-13 NKJV
- (e) **Raw Flesh—He is unclean:** "But when **raw flesh** appears on him, he shall be unclean. And the priest shall examine the raw flesh and **pronounce him to be**

unclean; for the raw flesh is unclean. It is leprosy.”

Leviticus 13:14-15 NKJV

- (f) **Clean again:** “Or if the raw flesh changes and **turns white again**, he shall come to the priest. And the priest shall examine him; and indeed if the sore has turned white, then the priest shall **pronounce him clean** who has the sore. He is clean.” Leviticus 13:16-17 NKJV

(2) Cleansing: The ritual cleansing of the leper

- (a) **The day of his cleansing—GO TO THE PRIEST AGAIN:**

““This shall be the law of the leper for the day of his cleansing: **He shall be brought to the priest.** And the priest shall go out of the camp, and the priest shall examine him; and indeed, if the leprosy is healed in the leper,” Leviticus 14:2-3 NKJV

- (b) **Pronounced Clean:** “And he shall sprinkle it seven times on him who is to be cleansed from the leprosy, **and shall pronounce him clean**, and shall let the living bird loose in the open field.” Leviticus 14:7 NKJV

- (c) **Isolation:** “He who is to be cleansed shall wash his clothes, shave off all his hair, and wash himself in water, that he may be clean. After that he shall come into the camp, and shall stay outside his tent seven days.”

Leviticus 14:8 NKJV

- (d) **Prepped for reentry:** “But on the seventh day he shall shave all the hair off his head and his beard and his eyebrows—**all his hair he shall shave off.** He shall **wash his clothes** and **wash his body** in water, and **he shall be clean.**” Leviticus 14:9 NKJV
- (e) **Reentry—new beginnings on the eighth day:** ““And on **the eighth day** he shall take two male lambs without blemish, one ewe lamb of the first year without blemish, three-tenths of an ephah of fine flour mixed with oil as a grain offering, and one log of oil.” Leviticus 14:10 NKJV
- (f) **The priest WHO MAKES HIM CLEAN shall present the cleansed leper before Yahweh:** “Then **the priest who makes him clean shall present the man who is to be made clean, and those things, before the LORD,** at the door of the tabernacle of meeting.” Leviticus 14:11 NKJV
- (g) **Trespass and Sin Offering:** “And the priest shall take one male **lamb and offer it as a trespass offering,** and the log of **oil,** and wave them as a wave offering before the LORD. Then he shall kill the **lamb** in the place where he kills the sin offering and the burnt offering, in a holy place; for **as the sin offering** is the priest’s, so is the

trespass offering. It is most holy.” Leviticus 14:12-13
NKJV

- (3) Ear—Thumb—Toe (Hear—go—do! See [Converts and Disciples](#))
- (a) **Blood—on him who is to be cleansed:** “The priest shall take some of the blood of the trespass offering, and **the priest shall put it on the tip of the right ear of him who is to be cleansed**, on the **thumb of his right hand**, and on the **big toe of his right foot**. And the priest shall take some of the log of **oil**, and pour it into the palm of his own left hand. Then the priest shall dip his right finger in the oil that is in his left hand, and shall sprinkle some of the oil with his finger seven times before the LORD.”
Leviticus 14:14-16 NKJV
- (b) **Oil (right over the blood)—on him who is to be cleansed:** “And of the rest of the **oil** in his hand, the priest shall put some on **the tip of the right ear of him who is to be cleansed**, on the **thumb of his right hand**, and on the **big toe of his right foot**, on the blood of the trespass offering [that the priest already out on these spots on him who is being cleansed.]” Leviticus 14:17
NKJV

- (c) **The rest of the oil:** “**The rest of the oil** that is in the priest’s hand he shall **put on the head of him who is to be cleansed**. So the priest shall make atonement for him before the LORD.” Leviticus 14:18 NKJV
- (d) **Same procedure after accommodations made for the poor:** “Then he shall kill the lamb of the trespass offering, and the priest shall take some of the **blood of the trespass offering** and put it on **the tip of the right ear of him who is to be cleansed, on the thumb of his right hand, and on the big toe of his right foot**. And the priest shall pour some of the oil into the palm of his own left hand. Then the priest shall sprinkle with his right finger some of the oil that is in his left hand seven times before the LORD. And the priest shall put some of the oil that is in his hand on the **tip of the right ear of him who is to be cleansed, on the thumb of the right hand, and on the big toe of his right foot, on the place of the blood of the trespass offering**. The rest of the oil that is in the priest’s hand he shall put on the head of him who is to be cleansed, to make atonement for him before the LORD.” Leviticus 14:25-29 NKJV
- (e) **Lepers’ houses cleansed with blood and water:** “And he shall **cleanse the house with the blood** of the bird and

the **running water** and the living bird, with the cedar wood, the hyssop, and the scarlet.” Leviticus 14:52
NKJV

1. A leper is to be brought to a priest for examination
2. The priest will walk through elaborate procedures
3. The priest will declare the afflicted either clean or unclean
4. The priest will consecrate the healed leper with blood, interestingly, in the **exact the same way Moses** consecrated the Aaron and his sons when he commissioned them in Leviticus 8:22-24.

5. **See** [Converts and Disciples](#)

(4) Y’shua, a higher priest actually heals the lepers, then says — “Go show yourself to the priest.” **HE KNOWS WHAT THE WORD SAYS TO DO!**

(a) **Lord if you are willing; I am willing:** “And it happened when He was in a certain city, that behold, a man who was full of leprosy saw Jesus; and he fell on his face and implored Him, saying, “**Lord, if You are willing, You can make me clean.**” Then **He put out His hand and touched him, saying, “I am willing; be cleansed.”** **Immediately the leprosy left him.** And He charged him to **tell no one, “But go and show yourself to the priest,**

and make an offering for your cleansing, as a testimony to them, just as Moses commanded [*see point 1]."

However, the report went around concerning Him all the more; and great multitudes came together to hear, and to be healed by Him of their infirmities. So He Himself often withdrew into the wilderness and prayed."

Luke 5:12-16 NKJV (also Matthew 8:1-4 and Mark 1:40-45)

1. ***Do as I they say, not as they do!** "Then Jesus spoke to the multitudes and to His disciples, saying: "The scribes and the Pharisees sit in **Moses' seat**. Therefore **whatever they tell you to observe, that observe** and do, **but do not do according to their works**; for they say, and do not do." Matthew 23:1-3 NKJV
2. **Matthew's Account:** "When He had come down from the mountain, great multitudes followed Him. And behold, a leper came and worshiped Him, saying, "**Lord, if You are willing, You can make me clean.**" Then **Jesus put out His hand and touched him, saying, "I am willing; be cleansed."** Immediately his leprosy was cleansed. And Jesus said to him, "See that you **tell no one**; but go your way, **show yourself to the priest, and offer the gift that Moses**

commanded, **as a testimony** to them.”” Matthew 8:1-4 NKJV

3. **Mark’s Account:** “Now a leper came to Him, imploring Him, kneeling down to Him and saying to Him, **“If You are willing, You can make me clean.”** Then Jesus, **moved with compassion, stretched out His hand and touched him, and said to him, “I am willing; be cleansed.”** As soon as He had spoken, **immediately the leprosy left him, and he was cleansed.** And He **strictly warned** him and sent him away at once, and said to him, “See that you **say nothing** to anyone; but go your way, **show yourself to the priest**, and **offer for your cleansing** those things which Moses commanded, **as a testimony** to them.” **However**, he went out and **began to proclaim it freely, and to spread the matter, so that Jesus could no longer openly enter the city,** but was outside in deserted places; and they came to Him from every direction.” Mark 1:40-45 NKJV

(b) **Notice the profound simplicity of Y’shua!**

1. Lord, if you are willing...
2. I am willing...
3. The touch of the Master...

4. Immediate healing....
5. Tell no one, except...
6. Go show yourself to the priest...
7. Follow the laws of Moses...
8. **As a testimony to them!** *“Then **the priest who makes him clean** shall present the man who is to be made clean, and those things, before the LORD, at the door of the tabernacle of meeting.” Leviticus 14:11*

(c) **The Account of Ten Lepers:** “Now it happened as He went to Jerusalem that He passed through the midst of Samaria and Galilee. Then as He entered a certain village, **there met Him ten men who were lepers**, who stood afar off. And they lifted up their voices and said, “Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!” **So when He saw them, He said to them, “Go, show yourselves to the priests.”** And so it was that **as they went [active participation], they were cleansed.** And one of them, when he saw that he was healed, returned, and with a loud voice glorified God, and fell down on his face at His feet, giving Him thanks. And he was a Samaritan. So Jesus answered and said, **“Were there not ten cleansed? But where are the nine? Were there not any found who returned to give glory to God except this foreigner?”**

And He said to him, **“Arise, go your way. Your faith has made you well.”**” Luke 17:11-19 NKJV

1. Is Y’shua willing? Are you willing to ask?
 2. Go show yourself to the priest, why?
 3. AS THEY WENT!!! Notice how in this narrative of the 10 lepers, they are not healed until they move toward doing what Y’shua told them to do, “Go show yourself to the priests.”?
 4. In all three accounts (Matthew, Mark, Luke) of the single leper being healed, Y’shua tells them to, **“make an offering for your cleansing, as a testimony to them, just as Moses commanded.”**
- (5) Sin has left a crimson stain, He washed it white as snow!
- (a) **White as snow—can you recognize the red and white of leprosy here?**
1. **““Wash yourselves, make yourselves clean; Put away the evil of your doings from before My eyes. Cease to do evil, Learn to do good; Seek justice, Rebuke the oppressor; Defend the fatherless, Plead for the widow. “Come now, and let us reason together,” Says the LORD, **“Though your sins are like scarlet, They shall be as white as snow; Though they are red like crimson, They shall be as wool.** If you are **willing and****

obedient [can you recognize the pattern of active participation?] , You shall eat the good of the land; But if you refuse and rebel, You shall be devoured by the sword"; For the mouth of the LORD has spoken." Isaiah 1:16-20 NKJV

2. **Leprosy in the inside?!** "Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, And in sin my mother conceived me. Behold, You desire truth in the inward parts **[not just on the surface/skin!]**, And in the hidden part You will make me to know wisdom. **Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; Wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.**" Psalms 51:5-7 NKJV

3. **It's that simple!** "The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold! **The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!**" John 1:29 NKJV

(b) The woman accused of adultery—go and sin no more

1. "When Jesus had raised Himself up and saw no one but the woman, He said to her, "Woman, where are those accusers of yours? Has no one condemned you?" She said, "No one, Lord." And Jesus said to her, "**Neither do I condemn you; go and sin no more.**" John 8:10-11 NKJV **[It's that simple!]**

2. **“Whoever has been born of God does not sin,** for His seed remains in him; and he cannot sin, because he has been born of God.” I John 3:9 NKJV **[It’s that simple!]**

(c) Forgotten you were already cleansed

1. “For he who lacks these things is shortsighted, even to blindness, and has **forgotten that he was cleansed from his old sins.**” II Peter 1:9 NKJV **[It’s that simple!]**

B. Search my heart, O God!

(1) Whitewashed Tombs—looks clean on the outside, but the inside is unclean!

(a) **““Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you are like **whitewashed tombs which indeed appear beautiful outwardly, but inside are full of dead men’s bones and all uncleanness.** Even so you also **outwardly appear righteous** to men, but **inside you are full of hypocrisy and lawlessness.**”** Matthew 23:27-28 NKJV

(b) SEE [New Wineskins](#) and [Looking Good](#)

(2) The Intents of the Heart

(a) **“Search me, O God, and know my heart;** Try me, and know my anxieties; And see if there is any wicked way **in me [inner parts],** And lead me in the way everlasting.” Psalms 139:23-24 NKJV

- (b) “For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a **discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart [inner parts]**. And **there is no creature hidden from His sight**, but all things are naked and open to the eyes of Him to whom we must give account.” Hebrews 4:12-13 NKJV

C. Why could Y’shua cleanse a leper immediately “as a testimony?”

- (1) The Perfect Priest— “Then ***the priest who makes him clean shall present the man who is to be made clean, and those things, before the LORD, at the door of the tabernacle of meeting.***” Leviticus 14:11

- (a) “Therefore, **if perfection were through the Levitical priesthood** (for under it the people received the law), **what further need was there that another priest should rise according to the order of Melchizedek [not Levitical]**, and **not be called according to the order of Aaron?** [v. 12] **For the priesthood being changed, of necessity there is also a change of the law [see comments/notes (c) below]**. For He of whom these things are spoken belongs to **another tribe [Judah]**, from

which no man has officiated at the altar. For it is evident that our Lord arose from Judah, of which tribe Moses spoke nothing concerning priesthood. **And it is yet far more evident if, in the likeness of Melchizedek, there arises another priest who has come, not according to the law of a fleshly commandment, but according to the power of an endless life. [the transformation/transfiguration]** For He testifies: "You are a priest forever According to the order of Melchizedek." For on the one hand **there is an annulling of the former commandment because of its weakness and unprofitableness [see comments/notes (d) below]**, for the law made nothing perfect; on the other hand, there is the **bringing in of a better hope [see comments/notes (d) below]**, through which we draw near to God."

Hebrews 7:11-19 NKJV

(b) See Hebrew 4-9 for a deep exploration of Y'shua as our High Priest.

(c) Comments/notes:

1. *For the priesthood **being changed**, of necessity there is also **a change** of the law.*
2. The change spoken of in verse 12 is a transformation or transfiguration, meaning you are called to look

past the flesh and see the glory, like Peter, James and John caught a glimpse of on the mount of Transfiguration.

3. *For [seeing the] priesthood **being transfigured**, of necessity there is also **a transformation [in the way you see] the law.***

4. *Greek (or Geek) Word Study:*

a) “For the priesthood **being changed**, of necessity there is also **a change** of the law.” Hebrews 7:12 NKJV

1) being changed, μετατιθεμένης

(metatithemenēs) Verb - Present Participle

Middle or Passive - Genitive Feminine Singular

[Strong's Greek 3346](#): From meta and tithemi; to transfer, i.e. transport, exchange, change sides, or pervert.

2) a change, μετάθεσις (metathesis) Noun -

Nominative Feminine Singular [Strong's Greek](#)

[3331](#): (a) change, transformation, (b) removal.

From metatithemi; transposition, i.e. Transferral, disestablishment.

b) “And do not be conformed to this world, but **be transformed** by the renewing of your mind, that

you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.” Romans 12:2 NKJV

1) be transformed, μεταμορφοῦσθε

(metamorphousthe) Verb - Present Imperative Middle or Passive - 2nd Person Plural [Strong's Greek 3339](#): To transform, transfigure. From meta and morphoo; to transform.

c) “and **He was transfigured** before them. His face shone like the sun, and His clothes became as white as the light.” Matthew 17:2 NKJV

1) He was transfigured, μετεμορφώθη

(metemorphōthē) Verb - Aorist Indicative Passive - 3rd Person Singular [Strong's Greek 3339](#): To transform, transfigure. From meta and morphoo; to transform.

(d) Comments/notes:

1. Remember that the priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek actually predated the Levitical Priesthood.
2. The weakness of the earthly priesthood (Levitical) was that it was never intended to bring perfection—it was always a shadow.

3. Annulling the idea that the law was able to make you perfect!
4. The better hope was ALWAYS the ROYAL HIGH PRIEST (Remember the kingly line is Judah).

D. Are You the One or do I look for another?

(1) John's (the Baptist) Final Question

(a) "And John, calling two of his disciples to him, sent them to Jesus, saying, **"Are You the Coming One, or do we look for another?"** Luke 7:19

(b) Jesus answered and said to them, "Go and tell John the things you have seen and heard: that the blind see, the lame walk, **the lepers are cleansed**, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, the poor have the gospel preached to them. And blessed is he who is not offended because of Me.'" Luke 7:22-23 NKJV

1. Are you looking for another?
2. Healing a Leper was a key indicator! And what was the stamp on these miracles?
3. The Messiah you worship will say...**"make an offering for your cleansing, as a testimony to them, just as Moses commanded."**

Summary: GET THEE TO THE PRIEST

1. When a person is suspected of leprosy they are to be brought to the priest for evaluation and management.
2. The priest will conduct a series of assessments, make recommendations, sacrifices and order certain periods of isolation and then a reevaluation.
3. The priest is to announce if the afflicted person is initially unclean or clean or if unclean, if or when they become clean again.
4. He is to anoint the person being cleansed on the right ear, thumb and big toe with blood and oil (these three spots are the same areas anointed during the consecration of a priest.)
5. He then preps the newly clean person for reentry into the community (and also give instructions for the evaluation and cleaning of his house).
6. And then the priest who “makes him clean” presents the cleansed man before Yahweh!
7. Y’shua bypasses all these procedures, as the Higher Royal Priest, and actually heals the lepers, and tells them to “Go show yourselves to the priest.”
 - (a) Notice the profound simplicity of Y’shua!
 - 1) Lord, if you are willing...
 - 2) I am willing...

- 3) The touch of the Master...
 - 4) Immediate healing....
 - 5) Tell no one, except...
 - 6) Go show yourself to the priest...
 - 7) Follow the laws of Moses...
 - 8) As a testimony to them!
8. Y'shua's work as High Priest: Sin has left a crimson stain, He washed it white as snow! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!
- (a) Your job:
- 1) Go and sin no more!
 - 2) Do not sin and don't forget you were cleansed!
 - 3) Continually let God search your heart.
 - 4) Don't be a whitewashed tomb.
9. Remember why Y'shua could cleanse a leper immediately "as a testimony?" He is the Perfect Priest!
10. And finally: John the Baptist's final question—Are You the One or do I look for another? Healing a Leper was a key indicator!

BLOOD AND PURIFICATION

2. The Patterns are Undeniable!

A. A Lamb of the First Year

- (1) Presenting a newborn child before Yahweh

- (a) “Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, “Speak to the children of Israel, saying: ‘**If a woman has conceived, and borne a male child**, then she shall be unclean seven days; as in the days of her customary impurity she shall be unclean. **And on the eighth day the flesh of his foreskin shall be circumcised.** She shall then continue in the blood of her purification thirty-three days. She shall not touch any hallowed thing, nor come into the sanctuary until the days of her purification are fulfilled. ‘But **if she bears a female child**, then she shall be unclean two weeks, as in her customary impurity, and she shall continue in the blood of her purification sixty-six days.” Leviticus 12:1-5 NKJV
1. Purification of the mother for male children is 40 days. First a 7 day separation followed by circumcision on the 8th day. And then she continues 33 more days (including the 8th day) before she can come to the temple.
 2. For female births purification is 80 days, a period of 14 days of separation and then 66 more days until she can enter the temple.
- (2) When the days of purification end, she shall bring a sacrifice to the temple, preferably a lamb of the first year!

(a) “When the days of her purification are fulfilled, whether for a son or a daughter, she shall **bring to the priest a lamb of the first year** as a burnt offering, and a **young pigeon or a turtledove** as a sin offering, to the door of the tabernacle of meeting. Then he shall offer it before the LORD, and make atonement for her. And she **shall be *clean from the flow of her blood.** This is the law for her who has borne a male or a female.”

Leviticus 12:6-7 NKJV.

(b) “And if she is **not able to bring a lamb**, then she may **bring two turtledoves or two young pigeons**—one as a burnt offering and the other as a sin offering. So the priest shall make atonement for her, **and she will be clean!**” Leviticus 12:8 NKJV

1. Two things to keep in mind here are how a woman is being **cleansed from her flow of blood* and its relationship to presenting a Lamb or *sacrifice for the child’s life at the proper time after birth*. This will open your eyes later when you see a famous event involving Y’shua as an adult.

(3) The birth of Y’shua—the lamb of the first year!

(a) “Now when the days of her purification according to the law of Moses were completed, they brought Him to

Jerusalem to present Him to the Lord (**as it is written in the law of the Lord, “Every male who opens the womb shall be called holy to the LORD ”) [Exodus 13:2], and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the law of the Lord [Leviticus 12], “A pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons.” [presumably Mary could not afford the Lamb, plus Y’shua is the Lamb of the first year]** And behold, there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon, and this man was just and devout, waiting for the Consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord’s Christ. So he came by the Spirit into the temple. And when the **parents brought in the Child Jesus, to do for Him according to the custom of the law**, he took Him up in his arms and blessed God and said: “Lord, now You are letting Your servant depart in peace, According to Your word; For my eyes have seen Your salvation Which You have prepared before the face of all peoples, A light to bring revelation to the Gentiles, And the glory of Your people Israel.” And Joseph and His mother marveled at those things which were spoken of Him. Then Simeon blessed them, and said to Mary His

mother, **“Behold, this Child is destined for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign which will be spoken against (yes, a sword will pierce through your own soul also), that *the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed.”**” Luke 2:22-35 NKJV

(4) It was prophesied that Y’shua would be a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart—THE WORD

(a) “Let us therefore be diligent to enter that rest, lest anyone fall according to the same example of disobedience. **For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is *a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.** And there is no creature hidden from His sight, **but all things are naked and open to the eyes of Him to whom we must give account.**” Hebrews 4:11-13 NKJV

(b) Search the heart: **“Search me, O God, and know my heart;** Try me, and know my anxieties; And see if there is any wicked way in me, And lead me in the way everlasting.” Psalms 139:23-24 NKJV

B. An Issue of Blood

(1) *Y'shua healed a woman who had an 'issue of blood' for 12 years, as she boldly grabbed His outer garment. But, just before that He is begged to come save a 12 year old girl. He appears unconcerned as He walks on. Soon after, the girl's father is told to no longer bother the Master as she has already died. At the news, again, Y'shua appears unalarmed and calmly says, "Do not be afraid; only believe, and she will be made well." As He comes into her home full of weeping loved ones, He is ridiculed for words that reflect His apparent ignorance, "Do not weep; she is not dead, but sleeping." The miracle follows; "Little girl, arise." What has often intrigued me is the intersection of these two miracles, especially the common thread of 12 years. Explore the deep insights into these two miracles.*

(2) Who better to record the details of these narratives than Luke the physician?

(a) "So it was, when Jesus returned, that the multitude welcomed Him, for they were all waiting for Him. And behold, there came a man named Jairus, and he was a ruler of the synagogue. And he fell down at Jesus' feet and begged Him to come to his house, for he had an only **daughter about twelve years of age**, and she was dying. But as He went, the multitudes thronged Him.

Now a woman, having a flow of blood for **twelve years**, who had spent all her livelihood on physicians and could not be healed by any, came from behind and **touched the border of His garment. And immediately her flow of blood stopped.** And Jesus said, “Who touched Me?” When all denied it, Peter and those with him said, “Master, the multitudes throng and press You, and You say, ‘Who touched Me?’ ” But Jesus said, **“Somebody touched Me, for I perceived power going out from Me.”** Now when the woman saw that she was not hidden **[Inner parts exposed!]**, she came trembling; and falling down before Him, she declared to Him in the presence of all the people the reason she had touched Him and how she was healed immediately. And He said to her, **“Daughter, be of good cheer; your faith has made you well [Remember the 10 lepers—“Arise, go your way. Your faith has made you well.”” Luke 17:19].** Go in peace.” While He was still speaking, someone came from the ruler of the synagogue’s house, saying to him, **“Your daughter is dead.** Do not trouble the Teacher.” But when Jesus heard it, He answered him, saying, “Do not be afraid; only believe, and she will be made well.” When He came into the house, He

permitted no one to go in except **Peter, James, and John**, and the father and mother of the girl. Now all wept and mourned for her; but He said, "Do not weep; she is not dead, but sleeping." And they ridiculed Him, knowing that she was dead. But He put them all outside, took her by the hand and called, saying, "Little girl, arise." Then her spirit returned, and she arose immediately. **And He commanded that she be given something to eat.** And her parents were astonished, but He charged them to tell no one what had happened."

Luke 8:40-56 NKJV

1. What amazing imagery here:
2. First the amazing parallel of the woman whose issue of blood has persisted for 12 years and the child who dies who is 12 years old. An amazing parallel alluding to the sacrifice not being brought to the temple for the "cleansing of a woman's flow of blood."
3. Leviticus 12:4 says she shall not touch any hallowed thing, nor come into the sanctuary until the days of her purification are fulfilled, and yet she reaches out and touches the garment of the most holy of all! And

immediately she is CLEANSED BY THE LAMB FROM HER FLOW OF BLOOD after 12 years.

4. In a stunning moment, the Lamb of God substitutes for the Lamb not offered at her time of purification.
5. In the end, after He has raised the 12 year old girl who had subsequently died, Y'shua says this curious thing; "Give her something to eat." If we go back to Leviticus 12, we see that the Lamb (or extra pigeon or turtledove) is offered as a burnt offering and the pigeon or turtledove as a sin offering. This is significant as the **burnt offering so to be completely consumed** by fire (Lev. 1 and 6), but the sin offering, in part, is to be eaten by the priest.
 - a) *"The priest who offers it for sin shall eat it. In a holy place it shall be eaten, in the court of the tabernacle of meeting." Leviticus 6:26*
 - b) **Look how irritated Moses is when Aaron's sons, Ithamar and Eleazar, fail to eat their portion of the sin offering as commanded:** "Then Moses made careful inquiry about the goat of the sin offering, and there it was—burned up. And he was angry with Eleazar and Ithamar, the sons of Aaron who were left, saying, **"Why have you not eaten**

the sin offering in a holy place, since it is most holy, and God has given it to you to bear the guilt of the congregation, to make atonement for them before the LORD? See! Its blood was not brought inside the holy place; indeed **you should have eaten it in a holy place, as I commanded.**”

Leviticus 10:16-18 NKJV

6. The Lamb is completely consumed in a burnt offering, but the sin offering must be shared and eaten by the priests. What a beautiful picture of Y'shua conferring a priesthood on a born-again, resurrected from the dead, humanity!

(3) How outrageous that she would touch a man, let alone a Rabbi! But she needed a lamb to cleanse her!

(a) “If a woman has a discharge, and the discharge from her body is blood, she shall be set apart seven days; and whoever touches her shall be unclean until evening.”

Leviticus 15:19 NKJV

C. There comes a moment in time in every man's life when he must choose...

(1) When breaking a law shows more obedience to Yahweh than keeping it!

(a) “Now when they saw the boldness of **Peter and John**, and perceived that they **were uneducated and untrained men**, they marveled. And they realized that they had been with Jesus. And seeing the man who had been healed standing with them, they could say nothing against it. But when they had commanded them to go aside out of the council, they conferred among themselves, saying, “What shall we do to these men? For, indeed, that a notable miracle has been done through them is evident to all who dwell in Jerusalem, and we cannot deny it. **But so that it spreads no further among the people, let us severely threaten them, that from now on they speak to no man in this name.**” So they called them **and commanded them not to speak at all nor teach in the name of Jesus**. But Peter and John answered and said to them, “**Whether it is right in the sight of God to listen to you more than to God, you judge. For we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard.**”” Acts 4:13-20 NKJV

1. And look who leads the way, the Apostle Peter and the Prophet John. (John is undoubtedly the Prophetic disciple as he is the one chosen to write the most prophetic Gospel and the book of Revelation.)

2. Then, consider how they chose to “violate a command” for the greater purpose of honoring God.
3. Did not the woman with the issue of blood, by faith, do this exact thing. *“She declared to Him in the presence of all the people the reason she had touched Him and how she was healed immediately.”*
(Luke 8:47)

Summary: BLOOD AND PURIFICATION

1. Presenting a newborn child before Yahweh...
 - (a) Purification of the mother for male children is 40 days. First a 7 day separation followed by circumcision on the 8th day. And then she continues 33 more days (including the 8th day) before she can come to the temple.
 - (b) For female births purification is 80 days, a period of 14 days of separation and then 66 more days until she can enter the temple.
 - (c) When the days of purification end, she shall bring a sacrifice to the temple, preferably a lamb of the first year!
 - (d) Two things to keep in mind here are how a woman is being **cleansed from her flow of blood* and its relationship to presenting a Lamb or sacrifice for the child’s life at the proper time after birth.

2. The birth of Y'shua—the lamb of the first year! Mary follows these commands completely.
3. When the days of her purification according to the law of Moses were completed, they brought Him to Jerusalem to present Him to the Lord as it is written in the law of the Lord,
 - (a) Every male who opens the womb shall be called holy to the LORD.
 - (b) And to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the law of the Lord.
4. Y'shua healed a woman who had an 'issue of blood' for 12 years, as she boldly grabbed His outer garment.
 - (a) We have the amazing parallel of the woman whose issue of blood had persisted for 12 years and the 12 year old child who died. An allusion is being made to the sacrifice not being brought to the temple for the "cleansing of a woman's flow of blood."
 - (b) Leviticus 12:4 says she shall not touch any hallowed thing, nor come into the sanctuary until the days of her purification are fulfilled, and yet she reaches out and touches the garment of the most holy of all! And immediately she is **CLEANSED BY THE LAMB FROM HER FLOW OF BLOOD** after 12 years.
 - (c) In a stunning moment, the Lamb of God substitutes for the Lamb not offered at her time of purification.

5. How outrageous that she would touch a man, let alone a Rabbi, knowing it would make Him unclean! But she needed a lamb to cleanse her!
 - (a) Leviticus 15:19 says whoever touches a woman who has a discharge of blood shall be unclean.
6. But, there comes a moment in time in every man's life when he must choose...when breaking a law shows more obedience to Yahweh than keeping it!
 - (a) Peter and John are commanded to not to speak at all nor teach in the name of Jesus.
 - (b) Their answer: "Whether it is right in the sight of God to listen to you more than to God, you judge...but we will not stop!"
 - (c) They chose to "violate a command" for the greater purpose of honoring God.
 - (d) Did not the woman with the issue of blood, by faith, do this exact thing?

PURITY

3. Does any of this even apply to you?

A. Do as I they say, not as they do!

- (1) "Then Jesus spoke to the multitudes and to His disciples, saying: "The scribes and the Pharisees sit in **Moses' seat**. Therefore **whatever they tell you to observe, that observe**

and do, **but do not do according to their works**; for they say, and do not do.” Matthew 23:1-3 NKJV

B. Purity

(2) The entirety of Leviticus 15 speaks of various bodily discharges, both normal and abnormal. And the cleansing of such to stay pure. Even a woman who is in her normal cycle “must be cleansed”. And her husband is integral in that process by staying pure with her. In the end, the entirety of that chapter is summed up in this:

(a) “Thus you shall separate the children of Israel from their uncleanness, **lest they die in their uncleanness** when they defile My **tabernacle** that is among them.”
Leviticus 15:31 NKJV

(3) And look at this amazing prophetic picture!

(a) “If a woman has a discharge, and the discharge from her body is blood, she shall be set apart seven days; and whoever touches her shall be unclean until evening.”
Leviticus 15:19 NKJV

1. After Y’shua encounters the woman with the issue of blood and raises the young girl He does this:

a) “Then He called His twelve disciples together and gave them power and authority over all demons, and to cure diseases. He sent them to preach the

kingdom of God and to heal the sick.” Luke 9:1-2
NKJV

- b) It would seem as Y’shua was well aware and fully compliant with the Laws of Moses, that He was unclean until evening having been touched by the woman with the issue of blood, so He’d have waited until evening to send them!

C. So, as the living Tabernacle of Yahweh, cleanse yourself from all uncleanness!

(1) Temple of the Holy Spirit

- (a) “All things are lawful for me, but all things are not helpful. All things are lawful for me, but I will not be brought under the power of any. Foods for the stomach and the stomach for foods, but God will destroy both it and them. Now the body is not for sexual immorality but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. And God both raised up the Lord and will also raise us up by His power. Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I then take the members of Christ and make them members of a harlot? Certainly not! Or do you not know that he who is joined to a harlot is one body with her? For “the two,” He says, “shall become one flesh.” But he who is joined to the Lord is one spirit

with Him. Flee sexual immorality. Every sin that a man does is outside the body, but he who commits sexual immorality sins against his own body. **Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own?** For you were **bought at a price;** therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's." I Corinthians 6:12-20 NKJV

- (b) **Do not touch what is unclean:** "Do not be unequally yoked together with unbelievers. For what fellowship has righteousness with lawlessness? And what communion has light with darkness? And what accord has Christ with Belial? Or what part has a believer with an unbeliever? And what agreement has the temple of God with idols? For you are the temple of the living God. As God has said: "I will dwell in them And walk among them. I will be their God, And they shall be My people." Therefore "Come out from among them And be separate, says the Lord. **Do not touch what is unclean,** And I will receive you." "I will be a Father to you, And you shall be My sons and daughters, Says the LORD Almighty.'" II Corinthians 6:14-18 NKJV

- (2) The price for your purity was high so—**DO NOT** let sin reign in your Temple
- (a) “Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body, that you should obey it in its lusts. **And do not present your members as instruments of unrighteousness to sin, but present yourselves to God as being alive from the dead,** and your members as instruments of righteousness to God. For sin shall not have dominion over you, for you are not under law but under grace.” Romans 6:12-14 NKJV
- (3) Set free from sin!
- (a) “But now having **been set free from sin**, and having become slaves of God, you have your fruit to holiness, and the end, everlasting life. For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.” Romans 6:22-23 NKJV
- (4) Even if you don’t look like a leper on the outside you still may need a good cleansing!
- (a) ““Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you are like whitewashed tombs which indeed **appear beautiful outwardly, but inside are full of dead men’s bones and all uncleanness.** Even so you also outwardly

appear righteous to men, but inside you are full of hypocrisy and lawlessness.” Matthew 23:27-28 NKJV

Summary: PURITY

1. “Separate the children of Israel from their uncleanness, lest they die in their uncleanness when they defile My tabernacle that is among them.” Leviticus 15:31
2. As the living Tabernacle of Yahweh, cleanse yourself from all uncleanness!
3. Your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit
4. Do not be unequally yoked together with unbelievers.
5. Do not touch what is unclean.
6. Do not present your members as instruments of unrighteousness to sin, but present yourselves to God as being alive from the dead.
7. Even if you don’t look like a leper on the outside, you still may need a good cleansing!

QUESTIONS & DISCUSSION

- 1. There were detailed instructions for the Levitical Priest to deal with those suspected of leprosy:**

A. What were the duties of the priest?

B. What were the obligations of the suspected leper?

C. What were the two potential outcomes?

2. Y'shua encountered lepers throughout His ministry:

A. Why did Y'shua tell the healed Lepers to go show themselves to the priests?

B. Why did He tell the first leper He healed to "tell no one else but the priest" what had happened?

C. What else was the healed leper to do when he visited the priest and why?

3. How does Y'shua healing lepers relate to the following:

A. Isaiah 1:16-20 *"Though your sins are like scarlet, They shall be as white as snow."*

B. Psalms 51:5-7 *"Wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow."*

C. John 1:29 *"The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!"*

D. John 8:10-11 *"Go and sin no more."*

E. I John 3:9 *"Whoever has been born of God does not sin."*

F. II Peter 1:9 *"Forgetting you were cleansed from your old sins."*

G. Hebrews 7:11-19 *"The two priesthoods"*

4. Relate the affliction of leprosy to Y'shua's rebuke of the scribes and Pharisees, calling them whitewashed tombs:

A. Discuss outward and inner sin.

- B. Discuss the thoughts and intents of the heart.
- 5. Relate the birth of Y'shua with the days of purification of His mother as commended in Leviticus 12.**
- 6. Consider the narrative about the woman with the issue of blood in Luke 8:**
- A. How might her 12 year issue relate to the ritual purification commanded of women after childbirth?
 - B. How might it relate to the 12 year old girl resurrected by Y'shua?
 - C. Why did Y'shua tell the girl's parents to give her something to eat after she was raised?
- 7. Consider the narrative about Peter and John being commanded to no longer talk about Y'shua in Acts 4:**
- A. What was their response and how does this relate to the idea that Christians must submit to their governing authorities?
 - B. How do you know when to submit and when to resist?
- 8. How do the laws of ritual cleansing in Leviticus 15 relate to:**
- A. Christians as the temple of the Holy Spirit and the call to cleanse ourselves from all uncleanness?
 - B. Not being unequally yoked with unbelievers nor having fellowship with darkness?
 - C. Being set free from from sin?