



## Double Portion:

## Title:

### SCRIPTURES

- Leviticus 12-13 & 14-15
- Luke 2:22-35
- Luke 8:40-56

### THE REASON

- Legal Matters
- Issues of Blood
- Touch Me!

*Everything happens for a reason. You may not see it right away and you may be up against a decision that seems contrary to the crowds all around you. But, that is when knowing the heart of God is most important. What do you do when all hope is lost and all that is left is to surrender your understanding to one last desperate attempt? You cannot stay hidden any longer and every effort to find relief from man has been rebuffed. Reason and reasonableness have failed.*

*But isn't that just like God? When the reason is because there seems to be no reason. Yes, that's it! In my brain, and with every logical option I've exercised, there should have been a solution. But there simply wasn't. That is when your reason must give way to THE REASON.*

*There it is; there He is! But He seems so far away and there are so many things between us, so many people. What should I do? I have nothing to lose. I'll knock everyone out of the way, remove everything standing between Him and me. I'll push through the crowd and I'll reach out, stretch toward Him, ligament, muscle, and sinew straining to the point of avulsion. I must touch Him, my last hope, my only hope. And then...*

*"Who touched Me?" "I did Lord, and this is why. I had nowhere else to turn; I should have come sooner; I should have ignored the crowd; I should have known all along that You would look beyond my filth, my issues, my past, my unworthiness, and my failed attempts to seek solutions from men! I should have known you would look beyond the letter that commands my isolation and demands I keep my hands to myself. I should have known You would have said, 'Reach out, touch Me.' And so I finally left my reason behind, and in exchange I now offer You Your reason."*

*"And how I was healed immediately." How about you?*

## **THEME: MAIN SCRIPTURE(S) THAT HAS INSPIRED MESSAGE**

**"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

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

“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.**” Luke 8:43-44 NKJV

“But Jesus said, **“Somebody touched Me, for I perceived power going out from Me.”** Now when the woman saw that she was **not hidden**, 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.**” Luke 8:46-47 NKJV

“But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts, and **always be ready to give a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you**, with meekness and fear;” I Peter 3:15 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.
2. **Special Note:** This year, what is usually one of those double portion readings, calls for two separate readings. However, because Passover falls on the Weekly Sabbath this year (April 15, 2022), and at KEM we traditionally do a deep prophetic teaching about Passover some time before Passover, we decided to keep this portion a double portion, so we can use next week (April 8, 2022) to do our Preparation of Passover teaching.

3. **Portion One:** Leviticus 12 discusses the laws of purification after childbirth. Leviticus 13 introduces the laws for diagnosing and quarantining lepers.
4. **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 Leviticus 12-13**

5. **The Ritual After Childbirth:** for males and females
  - a) Males are circumcised on the eighth day (12:3) and a woman's purification lasts 40 days.
  - b) For girls, her purification lasts 80 days.
  - c) After purification is over the mother will present the child before the priest. (Remember how Y'shua's parents obeyed this in Luke 2:22-24)
6. **The Law Concerning Leprosy:** any sign of such skin disease and the person is to be presented before the priest, who will examine him.
  - a) 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.

- b) The priest also examines boils, burns sores, bright white and red spots, and if they have turned leprous using determined parameters.
- c) The leper's clothes shall be torn and his head bare; and he shall cover his mustache, and cry, 'Unclean! Unclean!'

7. **The Law Concerning Leprous Garments:** The priest also examines infected garments and isolates them for seven days.

- a) If it spreads, the garment is burned, if not, they are washed clean.
- b) If after it is washed there is still a stain, it shall be burned.
- c) If the stain has faded, it can be cut out of the garment. And if it appears again, it shall be burned.

### **Portion One Leviticus 14-15**

8. **The Ritual for Cleansing Healed Lepers:** the leper shall be brought before the priest for examination.

- a) If he is clean, two clean birds are brought before the priest, one is sacrificed and one is freed in an open field.
- b) 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.

- c) 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.
  - d) 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!
  - e) He also takes oil and anoints the leper in the same three areas, right over the blood of the trespass offering.
  - f) Then he offers the other lamb as a burnt offering also with grain. They are all burned up.
  - g) 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)
9. **The Law Concerning Leprous Houses:** a house suspected of leprous plague is emptied and examined by the priest.
- a) Any stone affected is taken outside the city.
  - b) The rest are scraped and the house is re-plastered.
  - c) If the plague comes back the house is dismantled completely and carried outside the city.
  - d) Anyone from that house must wash their garments.
  - e) Anyone who visited is unclean for a day.

- f) 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.
- g) A sacrifice is then offered, and one of the birds is set free.

10. **The Law Concerning Bodily Discharges:** the various rules for cleansing after any discharge are elaborated.

- a) Especially noteworthy is the law of separation when a woman has her monthly cycle, what was known as “customary” impurity.
- b) “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)
- c) Thus you shall separate the children of Israel from their uncleanness.

11. You can read the 2020 teaching on this Torah Portion here:

[Issues of Blood](#) And the 2021 teaching on this Torah Portion is here: [Go to the Priest—He is Willing](#)



## LEGAL MATTERS

### 1. Everything has a legal foundation...

#### A. Blood

(1) Blood—Don't eat it!

(a) You are not to eat the blood, because the life of the flesh is in the blood and it is reserved for atonement! This truth is not limited to the Old Testament.

1. **“For the life of the flesh is in the blood, and I have given it to you upon the altar to make atonement** for your souls; for it is the blood that makes atonement for the soul.’ Therefore I said to the children of Israel, **‘No one among you shall eat blood,** nor shall any stranger who dwells among you eat blood.’” Leviticus 17:11-12 NKJV

2. “For when Moses had spoken every precept to all the people according to the law, he took the blood of calves and goats, with water, scarlet wool, and hyssop, and sprinkled both the book itself and all the people, saying, **“This is the blood of the covenant** which God has commanded you.” Then likewise he **sprinkled with blood** both the tabernacle and all the vessels of the ministry. And according to the law almost all things are purified with blood, **and without**

**shedding of blood there is no remission."** Hebrews 9:19-22 NKJV

(b) This blood prohibition (among other prohibitions) is specifically named in the New Testament as applicable for Gentile converts into the Christian faith.

1. **"Therefore I judge that we should not trouble those from among the Gentiles who are turning to God,** but that we write to them to abstain from things polluted by idols, from sexual immorality, from things strangled, **and from blood.** For Moses has had throughout many generations those who preach him in every city, being read in the synagogues every Sabbath."" Acts 15:19-21 NKJV

**B. Does not the Law say so?**

(1) Do I say these things as a mere man?

(a) This is a specific controversy, but I use it here as a object lesson, not a financial lesson. The obvious message here is the Paul is explaining that it is perfectly acceptable to be "paid" to do the work of the ministry. You have to eat and take care of your family, and of course you should be remunerated for you work. Paul uses a classic Hebrew style of teaching. He asks questions. "Do we have a right...?" Who goes to war,

who plants a vineyard, who tends a flock without being compensated? He makes an inarguable point. But that is not our main takeaway. It's what backs his argument that is most important.

1. **“My defense** to those who examine me is this: **Do we have no right** to eat and drink? **Do we have no right** to take along a believing wife, as do also the other apostles, the brothers of the Lord, and Cephas? Or is it only Barnabas **and I who have no right to refrain from working? Who ever goes to war** at his own expense? **Who plants a vineyard** and does not eat of its fruit? **Or who tends a flock** and does not drink of the milk of the flock?” I Corinthians 9:3-7 NKJV
- (b) Here is what gives Paul's teaching teeth. He emphasizes that this is not his opinion as a man! Instead, the law says so! It is written in the law of Moses. I don't want you to gloss past this point. Paul, in the New Testament, writing to a Greek people, is stressing that his teaching is not his opinion; it is validated by the law of Moses. This is critical for us for two reasons. First, because you will miss so many deep things the New Testament teaches if you don't know this. And second, because

there is so much within this specific sermon that depends on this.

1. “Do I say these things as a mere man? **Or does not the law say the same also? For it is written in the law of Moses**, “You shall not muzzle an ox while it treads out the grain.” Is it oxen God is concerned about?” I Corinthians 9:8-9 NKJV

**C. Now I speak to those who KNOW THE LAW**

- (1) Romans 6, 7, 8: A deep prophetic overview...
  - (a) Remove these three chapters from Paul’s writings and you would upend Christian Theology altogether. There is no other single place in the Bible that aggregates the entirety of what it means to be a Christian, better than what Paul writes in these three chapters in his *Letter to the Romans*, his Magnum Opus. The revelation of what happened to you when you were born-again and where this whole thing is going sits within these words like doctrine-concentrate. And yet, smack in the middle of this treatise, and immediately before he drops the theological balm of the millennia, he tells us that you must know the LAW to know what he’s talking about! Don’t believe me; read it with you own eyes!

1. **“Or do you not know, brethren (for I speak to those who know the law), that the law has dominion over a man as long as he lives?”** Romans 7:1 NKJV

(2) Prelude

- (a) The law was not “invented” at Mt. Sinai; it was codified at Mt. Sinai, written down so there would be no plausible deniability. “I didn’t know” will not work. In the modern day we learn, “Ignorance of the law is no excuse.” But fear not, the more of a sinner we are exposed to be, the better understanding of grace you will have. (Law—Disobedience—Death vs. Grace—Empowered to Obey—Life)

1. **“Moreover the law entered that the offense might abound. But where sin abounded, grace abounded much more, so that as sin reigned in death, even so grace might reign through righteousness to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.”** Romans 5:20-21 NKJV

(3) Romans 6:1-14

- (a) If you put on your prophetic sunglasses (son-glasses), you will get it! And here we get a glimpse into why the Torah scholar Paul was selected by Yahweh to be the Chief Theologian of the Christian faith. He sees the

Feasts of the Lord in the life and death of Christ, and shows how it APPLIES to Christians so clearly. Can you see it? Christ died, I died (Passover). Christ was buried, I was buried (Unleavened Bread). Christ resurrected, I resurrected (First Fruits). But, first he clarifies his prelude. Does my revelation about grace and law give me the permission to break the law? Absolutely not! In the end he tells us we are not “under law” but instead are “under grace”. Think about it. It can’t mean the law is no more because everything he just wrote is established on the law. If you have no Passover, Unleavened Bread and Firstfruits, you have no born-again Christian. So he can’t mean that. Just go back to our prelude: (Law—Disobedience—Death vs. Grace—Empowered to Obey—Life). What he is saying is that you are no longer incapable of obeying God (under the law) because you are now empowered by God to obey Him (under grace).

1. **“What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin that grace may abound? Certainly not!** How shall we who died to sin live any longer in it? Or do you not know that as many of us as were **baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death?** *[Passover]*

Therefore **we were buried with Him** through baptism into death [*Unleavened Bread*], that just as Christ was **raised from the dead** by the glory of the Father, even so we also should **walk in newness of life** [*First Fruits*]. For if we have been united together in the likeness of His **death** [*Passover*], certainly we also shall be in the likeness of His **resurrection** [*First Fruits*], knowing this, that our old man was **crucified** with Him [*Passover*], that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves of sin. For he who has **died** [*Passover*] has been freed from sin. Now if we **died with Christ** [*Passover*], we believe that we shall also **live with Him** [*First Fruits*], knowing that Christ, having been **raised from the dead** [*First Fruits*], dies no more. Death no longer has dominion over Him. For the death that He died, He died to sin once for all; but the life that He lives, He lives to God. **Likewise you also, reckon yourselves to be dead indeed to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus our Lord.** [*Likewise: what happened to Him happened to you!*] 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 6:1-14 NKJV

(4) Romans 6:15-23

- (a) And just in case you somehow missed it, like the entire world of Denominational Christianity, if you think I just gave you permission to break the law (Sin is lawlessness: 1 John 3:4), you are wrong. Grace is not permission to sin; it is the power to NOT SIN! You are a slave to whatever you obey. You used to be a slave to sin (to breaking the law), but now you are not! Now you are a slave to holiness and righteousness. You have not been set free from the law; you have been set free from sin, your inability to obey the law!

1. **"What then? Shall we sin because we are not under law but under grace? Certainly not!** Do you not know that to whom you present yourselves slaves to obey, you are that one's **slaves whom you obey**, whether of sin leading to death, or of obedience leading to righteousness? But God be thanked that though **you were slaves of sin**, yet you obeyed from



the heart that form of doctrine to which you were delivered. And having **been set free from sin**, you became slaves of righteousness. **I speak in human terms because of the weakness of your flesh.** For just as you presented your members as slaves of uncleanness, and of **lawlessness leading to more lawlessness**, so now present your members as slaves of **righteousness for holiness**. For when you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. What fruit did you have then in the things of which you are now ashamed? For the end of those things is death. **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 6:15-23 NKJV

(5) Romans 7:1-6

- (a) And then we arrive at the pivotal turn in Paul’s message. You cannot even understand what is coming next if you **DO NOT KNOW THE LAW**. If anyone has concluded that their faith in Christ has now annulled the law of Moses, then you have no shot at understanding what

comes next. (*Read Matthew 5:17-20. Y'shua could not be more clear. He did not come to abolish the Law. That would be ridiculous because everything He did had it's legal basis in the Law*). And if you open your eyes, you are about to discover the single MOST IMPORTANT theological premise for your Christian Faith!

- (b) We already learned in this study that without the shedding of blood, there is no forgiveness of sins (Leviticus 17:11-12 and Hebrews 9:19-22). If I ask it this way, "Why does the Blood of Y'shua save you?" your only correct conclusion is "Because the law says so!" Get rid of the law, and you have no basis for your salvation.
- (c) Here in Romans 7 Paul says, "You must understand the law to understand how this whole thing works." How then can we conclude otherwise. Doing so is the foundation of every bad doctrine in the history of Christianity. If you have that mindset, then what follows in Romans 7 simply means to you that the law has died. Stop right there. Meditate on that concept. The law has died, sounds good at first blush. I am no longer obligated to all those rules.

(d) But then, you contemplate the consequences of that type of theology and come to this horrifying conclusion. Without the law, there is not one Christian doctrine that has any validity. It's like removing the operating system from your computer and thinking the programs will still function.

(e) And here in Romans 7 we have our greatest example. And you cannot grasp its depth and breadth out of context from Romans 6 (death—burial—resurrection). There must be a death in order to be legally remarried. Otherwise I am an adulterer. I want to be the bride of Christ, but am already married to sin and death, Satan. How can I do so legally? Ah, it's simple. If there is a death then I can remarry. Thank God Romans 6 has shown me the death, but better yet, also a resurrection to new life so I can marry another. Now with this excellent understanding of the Law, go ahead and read Romans 7:1-6.

1. **“Or do you not know, brethren (for I speak to those who know the law), that the law has dominion over a man as long as he lives? For the woman who has a husband [*Satan*] is bound by the law to her husband as long as he lives. But if the husband dies, she is**

**released from the law of her husband** *[Roman 6]*. So then if, **while her husband lives**, she marries another man, she will be **called an adulteress**; but if her **husband dies, she is free from that law** *[the law that binds her to her husband]*, so that she is no adulteress, though she has married another man. Therefore, my brethren, you also have **become dead to the law** *[the law that binds her to her husband]* **through the body of Christ** *[Christ died, I died (Passover). Christ was buried, I was buried (Unleavened Bread). Christ resurrected, I resurrected (First Fruits)]*, **that you may be married to another—to Him** *[because the law says you are released from marriage with a death of a spouse, you can legally remarry without being an adulterer. In this case both died, sin and you]* who was raised from the dead, that we should bear fruit to God. For when we were in the flesh, the sinful passions which were aroused by the law were at work in our members to bear fruit to death. **But now** we have been delivered from the law, having died to what we were held by, **so that** we should serve in the newness of the Spirit and not in the oldness of the letter.” Romans 7:1-6 NKJV

## 2. References:

- a) ““When a man takes a wife and marries her, and it happens that she finds no favor in his eyes because he has found some uncleanness in her, and he **writes her a certificate of divorce**, puts it in her hand, and sends her out of his house, when she has departed from his house, and goes and becomes another man’s wife, if the latter husband detests her and writes her a certificate of divorce, puts it in her hand, and sends her out of his house, or if the latter husband dies who took her as his wife, then her former husband who divorced her must not take her back to be his wife after she has been defiled; **for that is an abomination before the Lord, and you shall not bring sin on the land which the Lord your God is giving you** as an inheritance.” Deuteronomy 24:1-4 NKJV
- b) “They shall be holy to their God and not profane the name of their God, for they offer the offerings of the Lord made by fire, and the bread of their God; therefore they shall be holy. **They shall not take a wife who is a harlot or a defiled woman, nor shall they take a woman divorced from her**

**husband;** for the priest is holy to his God."

Leviticus 21:6-7 NKJV

- c) ""They say, 'If a man divorces his wife, And she goes from him And becomes another man's, **May he return to her again?**' Would not that land be greatly polluted? But you have played the harlot with many lovers; Yet return to Me," says the Lord." Jeremiah 3:1 NKJV

- d) **"A wife is bound by law as long as her husband lives; but if her husband dies, she is at liberty to be married to whom she wishes,** only in the Lord."

I Corinthians 7:39 NKJV (Read I Corinthians 7)

(6) Romans 7:7-12

- (a) One more time for clarity. This is complicated theology, especially for law-novices. The Law is NOT the problem. Your inability to understand and obey it is. And remember, the law was codified to show us something. I have no excuse, I see what it says and it reveals my inability to obey and that is a good thing, because it shows me my need for something more. I need God's grace, His power.

1. **"What shall we say then? Is the law sin? Certainly not! On the contrary, I would not have known sin**

**except through the law.** For I would not have known covetousness unless the law had said, “You shall not covet.” **But sin, taking opportunity by the commandment,** produced in me all manner of evil desire. **For apart from the law sin was dead. I was alive once without the law, but when the commandment came, sin revived and I died.** And the commandment, which was to bring life, I found to bring death. **For sin, taking occasion by the commandment, deceived me, and by it killed me. Therefore the law is holy, and the commandment holy and just and good.”** Romans 7:7-12 NKJV

(7) Fast forward to the end...Romans 8:28-33

(a) All things will work out, just keep your attention on Him. It's only when you seek answers elsewhere that things will go badly. Keep this in mind for what comes later in this study!

1. “And we know that **all things work together for good to those who love God,** to those who are the called according to His purpose.” Romans 8:28 NKJV
2. “What then shall we say to these things? **If God is for us, who can be against us?**” Romans 8:31 NKJV

3. "He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him **also freely give us all things?**" Romans 8:32 NKJV
4. "**Who shall bring a charge against God's elect?** It is God who justifies." Romans 8:33 NKJV

(8) Romans 8:35-39

- (a) It all comes down to this; nothing can keep us from Christ. There is no crowd, no sin, no shame, no guilt, no condemnation. Just reach out and touch Him.
  1. "**Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?** Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written: "For Your sake we are killed all day long; We are accounted as sheep for the slaughter." Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us." Romans 8:35-37 NKJV
  2. "For I am persuaded that **neither** death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, nor height nor depth, **nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.**" Romans 8:38-39 NKJV

**D. Go show yourself to the priest—It's the law!**



- (1) Back to our Torah portion and the importance of knowing the Law! Get Thee to a Levitical Priest!
- (a) A leper is to be brought to a priest for examination. The priest will declare if he is clean or unclean. The priest will consecrate the healed leper with blood
1. ““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
  2. ““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
  3. “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
- (2) Y’shua knows the Law
- (a) Y’shua, a higher priest actually goes beyond examining the leper, and heals the lepers— “Go show yourself to the priest.” **HE KNOWS WHAT THE WORD SAYS TO**

**DO!** Y'shua tells them to, *"make an offering for your cleansing, as a testimony to them, just as Moses commanded."*

1. "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."** 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 1:41-45)
2. "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, 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

(3) Are You the One or do I look for another?

(a) John's (the Baptist) Final Question. Remember what we just saw Y'shua do and why... Are you looking for another? Healing a Leper was a key indicator! And what was he to do? Go show yourself to the priest! Why? *"make an offering for your cleansing, as a testimony to them, just as Moses commanded."* Knowing and doing what Moses commanded was what Y'shua was all about. What about you? *"For if you believed Moses, you would believe Me; for he wrote about Me. But if you do*

*not believe his writings, how will you believe My words?" John 5:46-47 NKJV*

1. "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
2. 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

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- (a) This is a specific controversy, but I use it here as a object lesson, not a financial lesson. The obvious message here is the Paul is explaining that it is perfectly acceptable to be “paid” to do the work of the ministry. You have to eat and take care of your family, and of course you should be remunerated for you work. Paul uses a classic Hebrew style of teaching. He asks questions. “Do we have a right...?” Who goes to war, who plants a vineyard, who tends a flock without being compensated? He makes an inarguable point. But that is not our main takeaway. It’s what backs his argument that is most important.
  - (b) Here is what gives Paul’s teaching teeth. He emphasizes that this is not his opinion as a man! Instead, the law says so! It is written in the law of Moses. I don’t want you to gloss past this point. Paul, in the New Testament, writing to a Greek people, is stressing that his teaching is not his opinion; it is validated by the law of Moses. This is critical for us for two reasons. First, because you will miss so many deep things the New Testament teaches if you don’t know this. And second, because

there is so much within this specific sermon that depends on this.

### **C. Now I speak to those who KNOW THE LAW**

(1) Romans 6, 7, 8: A deep prophetic overview...

- (a) Remove these three chapters from Paul's writings and you would upend Christian Theology altogether. There is no other single place in the Bible that aggregates the entirety of what it means to be a Christian, better than what Paul writes in these three chapters in his *Letter to the Romans*, his Magnum Opus. The revelation of what happened to you when you were born-again and where this whole thing is going sits within these words like doctrine-concentrate. And yet, smack in the middle of this treatise, and immediately before he drops the theological balm of the millennia, he tells us that you must know the LAW to know what he's talking about! Don't believe me; read it with you own eyes!

(2) Prelude

- (a) The law was not "invented" at Mt. Sinai; it was codified at Mt. Sinai, written down so there would be no plausible deniability. "I didn't know" will not work. In the modern day we learn, "Ignorance of the law is no excuse." But fear not, the more of a sinner we are

exposed to be, the better understanding of grace you will have. (Law—Disobedience—Death vs. Grace—Empowered to Obey—Life)

(3) Romans 6:1-14

- (a) If you put on your prophetic sunglasses (son-glasses), you will get it! And here we get a glimpse into why the Torah scholar Paul was selected by Yahweh to be the Chief Theologian of the Christian faith. He sees the Feasts of the Lord in the life and death of Christ, and shows how it APPLIES to Christians so clearly. Can you see it? Christ died, I died (Passover). Christ was buried, I was buried (Unleavened Bread). Christ resurrected, I resurrected (First Fruits). But, first he clarifies his prelude. Does my revelation about grace and law give me the permission to break the law? Absolutely not! In the end he tells us we are not “under law” but instead are “under grace”. Think about it. It can’t mean the law is no more because everything he just wrote is established on the law. If you have no Passover, Unleavened Bread and Firstfruits, you have no born-again Christian. So he can’t mean that. Just go back to our prelude: (Law—Disobedience—Death vs. Grace—Empowered to Obey—Life). What he is saying is that

you are no longer incapable of obeying God (under the law) because you are now empowered by God to obey Him (under grace).

(4) Romans 6:15-23

- (a) And just in case you somehow missed it, like the entire world of Denominational Christianity, if you think I just gave you permission to break the law (Sin is lawlessness: 1 John 3:4), you are wrong. Grace is not permission to sin; it is the power to NOT SIN! You are a slave to whatever you obey. You used to be a slave to sin (to breaking the law), but now you are not! Now you are a slave to holiness and righteousness. You have not been set free from the law; you have been set free from sin, your inability to obey the law!

(5) Romans 7:1-6

- (a) And then we arrive at the pivotal turn in Paul's message. You cannot even understand what is coming next if you DO NOT KNOW THE LAW. If anyone has concluded that their faith in Christ has now annulled the law of Moses, then you have no shot at understanding what comes next. *(Read Matthew 5:17-20. Y'shua could not be more clear. He did not come to abolish the Law. That would be ridiculous because everything He did had it's*



*legal basis in the Law*). And if you open your eyes, you are about to discover the single MOST IMPORTANT theological premise for your Christian Faith!

- (b) We already learned in this study that without the shedding of blood, there is no forgiveness of sins (Leviticus 17:11-12 and Hebrews 9:19-22). If I ask it this way, “Why does the Blood of Y’shua save you?” your only correct conclusion is “Because the law says so!” Get rid of the law, and you have no basis for your salvation.
- (c) Here in Romans 7 Paul says, “You must understand the law to understand how this whole thing works.” How then can we conclude otherwise. Doing so is the foundation of every bad doctrine in the history of Christianity. If you have that mindset, then what follows in Romans 7 simply means to you that the law has died. Stop right there. Meditate on that concept. The law has died, sounds good at first blush. I am no longer obligated to all those rules.
- (d) But then, you contemplate the consequences of that type of theology and come to this horrifying conclusion. Without the law, there is not one Christian doctrine that has any validity. It’s like removing the operating system

from your computer and thinking the programs will still function.

- (e) And here in Romans 7 we have our greatest example. And you cannot grasp its depth and breadth out of context from Romans 6 (death—burial—resurrection). There must be a death in order to be legally remarried. Otherwise I am an adulterer. I want to be the bride of Christ, but am already married to sin and death, Satan. How can I do so legally? Ah, it's simple. If there is a death then I can remarry. Thank God Romans 6 has shown me the death, but better yet, also a resurrection to new life so I can marry another. Now with this excellent understanding of the Law, go ahead and read Romans 7:1-6.

(6) Romans 7:7-12

- (a) One more time for clarity. This is complicated theology, especially for law-novices. The Law is NOT the problem. Your inability to understand and obey it is. And remember, the law was codified to show us something. I have no excuse, I see what it says and it reveals my inability to obey and that is a good thing, because it shows me my need for something more. I need God's grace, His power.

(7) Fast forward to the end...Romans 8:28-33

- (a) All things will work out, just keep your attention on Him. It's only when you seek answers elsewhere that things will go badly. Keep this in mind for what comes later in this study!

(8) Romans 8:35-39

- (a) It all comes down to this; nothing can keep us from Christ. There is no crowd, no sin, no shame, no guilt, no condemnation. Just reach out and touch Him.

**D. Go show yourself to the priest—It's the law!**

(1) Back to our Torah portion and the importance of knowing the Law! Get Thee to a Levitical Priest!

- (a) A leper is to be brought to a priest for examination. The priest will declare if he is clean or unclean. The priest will consecrate the healed leper with blood

(2) Y'shua knows the Law

- (a) Y'shua, a higher priest actually goes beyond examining the leper, and heals the lepers— "Go show yourself to the priest." **HE KNOWS WHAT THE WORD SAYS TO DO!** Y'shua tells them to, *"make an offering for your cleansing, as a testimony to them, just as Moses commanded."*

(3) Are You the One or do I look for another?

- (a) John's (the Baptist) Final Question. Remember what we just saw Y'shua do and why... Are you looking for another? Healing a Leper was a key indicator! And what was he to do? Go show yourself to the priest! Why? *"make an offering for your cleansing, as a testimony to them, just as Moses commanded."* Knowing and doing what Moses commanded was what Y'shua was all about. What about you? *"For if you believed Moses, you would believe Me; for he wrote about Me. But if you do not believe his writings, how will you believe My words?"* John 5:46-47 NKJV

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complication because there is no circumcision on the eighth day.

1. “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

- (2) When the days of purification end, she shall bring a sacrifice to the temple, preferably a lamb of the first year!
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turtledoves or two young pigeons instead of a lamb and one pigeon or turtledove. This will open your eyes later when you see Mary's purification and Y'shua's presentation in the Temple, plus it reveals the deep things behind the scene in another famous event involving Y'shua as an adult.

1. “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.
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#### **B. Mary's days of purification**

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1. "And **when eight days were completed** for the circumcision of the Child, **His name was called Jesus**, the name given by the angel before He was conceived in the womb." Luke 2:21 NKJV

(b) When Mary's 40 days of purification were complete, she obeyed the law of Moses as it says in Exodus 13 and Leviticus 12.

1. "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, 12*], **and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the law of the Lord, "A pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons."** [*presumably Mary could not afford the Lamb. And besides, Y'shua is the Lamb of the first year*]" Luke 2:22-24 NKJV

- a) "Consecrate to Me all the firstborn, whatever opens the womb among the children of Israel, both of man and beast; it is Mine." Exodus 13:2 NKJV

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- (1) Who better to record the following details than Luke the physician?
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1. “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.**" [*\*See Special note on Grace below*] Now when the woman saw that she was not hidden, 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. Go in peace.**" Luke 8:40-48 NKJV

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5. *Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?*  
*Romans 8:35*
6. *No created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord."*  
*Romans 8:39*

(3) \*Grace

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2. “But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts, and **always be ready to give a defense** to everyone who asks you **a reason for the hope that is in you**, with meekness and fear;” I Peter 3:15 NKJV

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1. “Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, **let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us**, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, **looking unto Jesus** *[fix your eyes on Y’shua]*, **the author and finisher** of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the



shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.” Hebrews 12:1-2 NKJV

2. “Put away from you a deceitful mouth, And put perverse lips far from you. **Let your eyes look straight ahead,** And your eyelids look right before you.

Ponder the path of your feet, And let all your ways be established. **Do not turn to the right or the left;**

Remove your foot from evil.” Proverbs 4:24-27 NKJV

3. “Thus says the Lord: **“Cursed is the man who trusts in man And makes flesh his strength, Whose heart departs from the Lord.** For he shall be like a shrub in the desert, And shall not see when good comes, But shall inhabit the parched places in the wilderness, In a salt land which is not inhabited. **“Blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord, And whose hope is the Lord.** For he shall be like a tree planted by the waters, Which spreads out its roots by the river, And will not fear when heat comes; But its leaf will be green, And will not be anxious in the year of drought, Nor will cease from yielding fruit. **“The heart is deceitful above all things, And desperately wicked; Who can know it?** I, the Lord, search the heart, I test the mind, Even to give every man according to his ways,

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1. “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

### **C. Knowing the Law Matters!**

- (1) Stewards of the law of Moses...

(a) It all starts with good doctrine! You see, Mary knew to circumcise Y'shua on the eighth day. And she knew to bring Him to the Temple after her 40 days of purification. Why? Because she knew what Moses gave us. And it seems that the woman with the issue of blood had not fulfilled her days of purification. She still needed her Lamb. What beautiful imagery!

1. **“For if you believed Moses, you would believe Me; for he wrote about Me.** But if you do not believe his writings, how will you believe My words?” John 5:46-47 NKJV
2. “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
3. “Do I say these things as a mere man? **Or does not the law say the same also? For it is written in the law of Moses,** “You shall not muzzle an ox while it treads out the grain.” Is it oxen God is concerned about?” I Corinthians 9:8-9 NKJV

(2) Stewards of good doctrine...

(a) Paul tells us through his advice to Timothy, pay attention to the word of truth; use the law lawfully; be an expert in word and doctrine; give yourself entirely to learning it and teaching it; and you will receive double blessings because of it.

1. “Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, **rightly dividing the word of truth.**” II Timothy 2:15 NKJV
2. “As I urged you when I went into Macedonia—remain in Ephesus that you may charge some that they **teach no other doctrine,**” I Timothy 1:3 NKJV
3. “But we know that **the law is good if one uses it lawfully,**” I Timothy 1:8 NKJV
4. “Now the Spirit expressly says that in latter times some will depart from the faith, giving heed to **deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons,** speaking lies in hypocrisy, having their own conscience seared with a hot iron,” I Timothy 4:1-2 NKJV
5. “If you instruct the brethren in these things, you will be a good minister of Jesus Christ, **nourished in the words of faith and of the good doctrine** which you have carefully followed.” I Timothy 4:6 NKJV

6. “Till I come, **give attention to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine.** Do not neglect the gift that is in you, which was given to you by prophecy with the **laying on of the hands of the eldership. Meditate on these things; give yourself entirely to them,** that your progress may be evident to all. **Take heed to yourself and to the doctrine. Continue in them,** for in doing this you will save both yourself and those who hear you.” I Timothy 4:13-16 NKJV
7. “**Let the elders who rule well be counted worthy of double honor, especially those who labor in the word and doctrine.** For the Scripture says, “You shall not muzzle an ox while it treads out the grain,” and, “The laborer is worthy of his wages.”” I Timothy 5:17-18 NKJV

(3) It’s just one verse... “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)

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#### **D. The Introduction Again!**

(1) I want to do something I've not done before. I want to go back to the beginning and insert the introduction again.

Read it now with a new set of eyes!

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What do you do when all hope is lost and all that is left is to surrender your understanding to one last desperate attempt? You cannot stay hidden any longer and every effort to find relief from man has been rebuffed. Reason and reasonableness have failed.

(b) But isn't that just like God? When the reason is because there seems to be no reason. Yes, that's it! In my brain, and with every logical option I've exercised, there should have been a solution. But there simply wasn't. That is when your reason must give way to THE REASON.

(c) There it is; there He is! But He seems so far away and there are so many things between us, so many people. What should I do? I have nothing to lose. I'll knock everyone out of the way, remove everything standing between Him and me. I'll push through the crowd and

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trapped in her “bleeding.” She needed a Lamb and there He was. When the true Lamb of God is your destination, then who cares what anyone else says. In this beautiful analogy, Peter and John choose to obey God’s calling over anything else! *“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.”* 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)

### **C. Knowing the Law Matters!**

(1) Stewards of the law of Moses...

(a) It all starts with good doctrine! You see, Mary knew to circumcise Y’shua on the eighth day. And she knew to bring Him to the Temple after her 40 days of purification. Why? Because she knew what Moses gave us. And it seems that the woman with the issue of blood had not fulfilled her days of purification. She still needed her Lamb. What beautiful imagery!

(2) Stewards of good doctrine...

- (a) Paul tells us through his advice to Timothy, pay attention to the word of truth; use the law lawfully; be an expert in word and doctrine; give yourself entirely to learning it and teaching it; and you will receive double blessings because of it.
- (3) It's just one verse... "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)
- (a) She finally realized that everything that held her back from her healing was a lie and she now knew why she must reach out and touch Him. "I can't be healed from my issue of blood without the Lamb!"

## QUESTIONS & DISCUSSION

1. **Paul is very careful when he lays out doctrine to back up his teaching with God's Word.**
  - A. Describe how he does just that using I Corinthians 9:3-9.
  - B. What does he emphasize regarding man's opinion?
2. **Romans 6, 7, 8 are of utmost importance as Paul lays out Christian theology:**
  - A. What does he emphasize in Romans 7:1 that should make you stop and carefully consider all that follows?

- B. How is this consistent with I Corinthians 9:3-9?
- C. In Romans 6:1-14, how does Paul relate our “death, burial, and new life in Christ” to Christ’s death, burial and resurrection?
- D. In Romans 6:15-23 and 7:7-12, what have we been set free from, sin or the law? Explain your answer.
- E. How does our death and resurrection relate to Paul’s teachings in Romans 7:1-6?

**3. After Y’shua heals the lepers in Luke 5:12-16 and Luke 17:11-19, what does He tell them to do?**

- A. Why? (Hint: Leviticus 13:2, 14:2-7)
- B. John asks, “Are You the Coming One, or do we look for another?” What is Y’shua’s answer? (See Luke 7:19-23).
- C. How does this relate to all the other scriptures in this question?

**4. Leviticus 12:1-8 gives the laws for a woman after childbirth...**

- A. Relate this to Mary and Y’shua in Luke 2:21-24.
- B. With everything you have learned so far, how might Leviticus 12:1-8 relate to the woman with the issue of blood and the child that dies in Luke 8:40-48?
- C. Why do you think that both the woman’s issue and the child were 12 years old?

**5. Leviticus 12:4 says a woman who has not yet been cleansed from her blood shall not touch any hallowed thing...**

- A. How might the woman pushing through the crowd in Luke 8:40-48 relate to Romans 8:28-39?
- B. How might her contact with Y'shua, causing power to go out of Him, relate to Ephesians 4:29?
- C. Considering these ideas, what might she finally have realized and verbalized was her reason for touching Him in Luke 8:47?
- D. How might this relate to Leviticus 12:1-8 and the need for a lamb for her purification?

**6. The woman pushed through the crowd in desperation to touch her Savior...**

- A. How do the following Scriptures inspire you to take your eyes off the world and "push your way to your Savior?" (See: Hebrews 12:1-2; Proverbs 4:24-27; Jeremiah 17:5-10)

**7. The woman with the issue of blood had to make a choice. She knew that in her "state" she was not supposed to touch the "holy man of God." But something else came over her.**

- A. Relate her willingness to see the bigger picture with what Peter and John did in Acts 4:13-20.

**8. The entirety of this message emphasizes the importance of knowing the laws of Moses and how they apply to the Christian life...**

A. Confirm this belief using the following Scriptures. (See: John 5:46-47; Matthew 23:1-3; I Corinthians 9:8-9)

**9. In II Timothy 2:15, Paul stresses the need to “Rightly divide the word of truth.”**

A. Read Paul’s entire letter of I Timothy and write out every verse that emphasizes the need for good doctrine and knowing the Word of God.

B. Relate this back to the woman’s “reason” for touching Y’shua in Luke 8:47 and how she likely realized that, “I can’t be healed from my issue of blood without the Lamb!”