



Equipping People for Life

## Leprosy!

# He Died to Cleanse & Anoint Us

## Leviticus 13-14, June 18, 2016

Notes

### Leviticus 13 – The Diagnosis.

*Tsara'at* – Leprosy, extremely rare in the Middle East before the 5<sup>th</sup> Century AD. There is evidence that it was first introduced to the Middle East by Alexander the Great (356-323 B.C.) when his army returned from India.

- Psoriasis? Favus? Leucoderma?
- General term covering multiple, contagious skin diseases. It is a disease that affects: human skin, cloth, houses. All of these are *boundaries*.

The word examine occurs 22 times in Leviticus 13. It occurs 5 times in Leviticus 14. The examination for this is always done by someone other than the diseased person.

### Leviticus 14 – The Cure.

#### ➤ Day 1 – The Day of Cleansing.

Leviticus 14:2-9 (NKJV) – <sup>2</sup>“This shall be the law of the leper for the **day of his cleansing**: He shall be brought to the priest. <sup>3</sup> 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, <sup>4</sup> then the priest shall command to take for him who is to be cleansed two living and clean birds, cedar wood, scarlet, and hyssop. <sup>5</sup> And the priest shall command that one of the birds be killed in an earthen vessel over running water. <sup>6</sup> As for the living bird, he shall take it, the cedar wood and the scarlet and the hyssop, and dip them and the living bird in the blood of the bird that was killed over the running water. <sup>7</sup> 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. <sup>8</sup> 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. <sup>9</sup> 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.

- ❖ The priestly examination.
- ❖ The bird sacrifices:
  - NKJV – “Two living and clean birds”
  - NASB, NIV – “Two live clean birds”
  - Jacob Milgrom – “Two wild pure birds”
    - “Wild” – not domesticated. The living bird will be loosed in an open field (Lev. 14:7). Domesticated birds would return.
- ❖ Cedar wood (Lev. 14:4).
- ❖ Scarlet (Lev. 14:4) – (NKJV – “scarlet”; NASB – “scarlet string”; NIV, NLT, ESV – “scarlet yarn”)
- ❖ Hyssop (Lev. 14:4) – Used to apply the blood of the Passover lamb (Exodus 12:22).
- ❖ Living water – Is there a picture of the *mikveh* (baptism) here?
- ❖ The “living sacrifice.”

Romans 12:1-2 (NKJV) – <sup>1</sup> I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, *which is your reasonable service*. <sup>2</sup> 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.

- ❖ He washes his clothes and body and shaves off all his hair.

The man shaved and washed on Day 1 (Lev. 14:8). He does so again on Day 7 (Lev. 14:(9)). This is an examination that fully exposes our flaws.

Hebrews 4:13 (NKJV) – 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.

### ➤ Day 7 – The “Get-Ready Day”

- Day 1 – The man was allowed in the camp but not permitted inside his tent until the 8<sup>th</sup> day (Lev. 14:8).
- Day 7 – The man shaves and washes and prepares for full reincorporation on Day 8

Healing is recognized on Day 1 (Lev. 14:3), but cleansing does not occur until the man is allowed back into the community on Day 7 (Lev 14:9). And, the “cleansing” is not complete until the Day 8 (Lev. 14:10) for it is on the 8<sup>th</sup> day that he appears before the door the Tabernacle for the first time (Lev. 14:11), and allowed in his home (Lev. 14:8). On the 8<sup>th</sup> day the man is anointed with blood and oil.

➤ **Day 8 – The Day of Full Reincorporation into Society.**

Leviticus 14:10-12 (NKJV) – <sup>10</sup>“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. <sup>11</sup> 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.

<sup>12</sup> 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.

❖ **Day 8 offerings (in order):**

- Trespass offering (male lamb, Lev. 14:12).
- Sin offering (ewe lamb, Lev. 14:19). Leviticus 4:27-35 assigns the female lamb as a sin offering for the common person.
- Whole burnt offering (male lamb, Lev. 14:19).
- Grain offering (Lev. 14:20).
- NO peace offering (The only sacrifice that was always voluntary.)

❖ **Wave offering of the trespass offering (Lev. 14 12).**

❖ **The blood is applied to the man in Leviticus 14:14.**

Leviticus 14:14 (NKJV) – 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.

❖ **Why is this a trespass offering and not a sin offering?**

Hebrews 10:24-25 (NKJV) – <sup>24</sup> And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, <sup>25</sup> not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as *is* the manner of some, but exhorting *one another*, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching.

### ❖ Oil is applied

Leviticus 14:15-18 (NKJV) – <sup>15</sup> And the priest shall take *some* of the log of oil, and pour *it* into the palm of his own left hand. <sup>16</sup> 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. <sup>17</sup> 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**. <sup>18</sup> 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.

### What has the Spirit anointed you to do?

- God is not going to waste your past.
- He expects us to use our past to bring healing to the community. That explains the trespass offering.

### Announcements:

#### 1. Jewish Equip: Jewish Dance Workshop

Sundays, June 12–26 | 4:00–6:00 pm |

#### Gateway Church Southlake Campus

If you have ever wanted to learn the steps to the dances from the Messianic Services, come learn from our dance team during this special workshop. This three-week class will start with the basics and teach you everything you'll need to know to join the dance during services. This class is for men, women, and children, though children must be accompanied by an adult. *Registration is not required.*

#### 2. Next Saturday, will be our last Havdalah Class until

**September 3<sup>rd</sup>**. So, we will have our **Oneg Shabbat** (Joy of Sabbath) at **Central Market** following our Havdalah (Separation) Class. We hope you can join us.