

I. Introduction

- A. Children’s Sermon: What will be the Best Part About Having Our New Bodies?
- B. Leprous Disease (Leviticus 14:54–57)
- C. Review:
 - 1. Walking dead
 - 2. Two birds outside the camp
 - 3. Enter the camp but...
- D. Today’s Questions:
 - 1. Why two cleansing rituals?
 - 2. What do we learn from these “phase 2” ritual offerings?
 - 3. Why are the laws for leprosy included here?
 - 4. What would Israel have learned from these laws?
 - 5. What does this teach us about the ministry of Jesus?

II. Why Two Cleansing Rituals?

- A. Why Outside the Tent?
- B. Why Shave Off their Hair?
 - 1. Evidence of grace
 - 2. Clean but not home
- C. The Eighth Day... ***“at the entrance of the tent of meeting”***

{Read Leviticus 14:14–21}

III. What Do We Learn from These Offerings?

- A. The Guilt/Reparation Offering
 - 1. Reparation offering? (Cf. Matt. 22:37)
 - 2. Right ear, thumb & toe (Blood)

3. Right ear, thumb & toe (Oil)

Leviticus 14:16, 18

¹⁶ and dip his right finger in the oil that is in his left hand and *sprinkle some oil with his finger seven times before the Lord*. ... ¹⁸ And 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. *Then* the priest shall *make atonement* for him before the Lord. (Cf. Lev. 4:26)

- B. The "Regular" Offerings
 - 1. The Sin/Purification offering
 - 2. The Burnt offering
 - 3. The Grain Offering
- C. Exceptions Made for the Poor (Vs. 21-32)
- D. Drawing Near to God is the Goal

IV. Why are the Laws for Leprous Homes Included?

- A. These are Part of this Larger Section (13-14)
{Read **Leviticus 14:33–53**}
- B. When & Where

Leviticus 14:34a

³⁴ "*When* you come into *the land of Canaan*, which I give you for a possession...

- C. Who...

Leviticus 14:34b

...and *I put a case of leprous disease in a house* in the land of your possession...

- D. The Cleansing of the House (Cf. Leviticus 14:49–53; Leviticus 14:4–7)

Key Idea for Israel

When God heals a person's body so they can rejoin God's chosen people, this mercy and grace is paid for by the blood of a substitute provided for by God.

Furthermore, there is a true home God has prepared for His people that will be in His very presence.

V. What does this Teach Us about the Ministry of Jesus?

- A. When Jesus “Heals” Us, We are Put on Display for a “Week”
- B. Jesus Pays Our Debt of Failure to Worship
 - 1. Sets us apart with his blood
 - 2. Anoints us with the Holy Spirit
- C. We are not Home Yet!
 - 1. When God heals physically...

Isaiah 53:4–5

⁴ Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. ⁵ But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our *iniquities*; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and *with his wounds we are healed*.

- 2. When God chooses **not** to heal us physically...

2 Corinthians 4:16–18

¹⁶ So we do not lose heart. Though *our outer self is wasting away*, our inner self is being renewed day by day. ¹⁷ For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, ¹⁸ as we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are *transient*, but the things that are unseen are *eternal*.

- 3. When we get home to God, all signs of the curse will be no more!

Revelation 21:3–4

³ And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Behold, *the dwelling place of God is with man*. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and

God himself will be with them as their God. ⁴ *He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, **and death** shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away.”*

Key Idea

*The healing Jesus gives **all** his people is a deep, permanent healing from the corruption found in sinful hearts. This great salvation was paid for by the death of Jesus; was applied to us by our great High Priest when he anointed us with the Holy Spirit; and will ultimately include a new immortal body so that we will be fit for **His holy presence**.*