

## BIBLE DISCUSSION GROUP STUDY QUESTIONS

In preparation for Sunday, August 11, 2019

Passage: Leviticus 12:1-15:33

Memory Passage: Leviticus 10:10-11

### DAY 1 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

### READ THE PASSAGE

(a) This week we will approach our passage in a different way than normal. We will cover a large swath of Leviticus, but these 4 chapters have much in common and many of the same outcomes within the theology of Leviticus. So each day you will read a chapter (for reasons that will be clear, at times we will read parts from multiple chapters) and answer questions about the general teaching, purpose, and outcome of each set of regulations. One thing to remember from the outset: uncleanness does not necessarily flow from sinful acts. There is a close connection we will see between uncleanness and sin, but often the uncleanness flows from the polluting effects of sin in general rather than personal sin. The situations needing cleansing in chapters 12-15 are all of the former type, which you will see as you answer the questions. It will be helpful to read through the questions for each day prior to reading the text.

(b) **Read Lev. 12:1-8 & 15:19-24.** (1) Why does giving birth result in uncleanness for a woman (note that the child is not said to be unclean)? (2) What is the process for becoming clean again? (3) Though the text does not tell us, can you think of reasons why the length of cleansing is twice as long following the birth of a girl as it is for the birth of a boy? (4) What is the relationship of this type of uncleanness to sin (i.e. is it personal sin of the woman or the effects of sin in the world) and how do you know (hint: don't overlook v. 7)?

### DAY 2 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

### READ THE PASSAGE

(a) Leprosy in Leviticus does not refer to what we know today as leprosy (Hanson's Disease). In Leviticus it is a broad term covering many different conditions. Today we will examine skin conditions and their cleansing and tomorrow we will examine mold & mildew contaminating fabrics and dwellings and their cleansing.

(b) **Read Lev. 13:1-46 & 14:1-33.** (1) What role do the priests play in these verses and why is this important? (2) Why do some cases result in a pronouncement of being unclean and others result in being put away for 7 days? (3) What is the result of each case of cleansing in 14:1-33, and how is this different from the result of cleansing in chapter 12? (4) Why are purification (sin) and guilt offerings required for skin conditions that are not brought about by individual sin? (5) In what ways can you see the grace of God to His people in these acts (consider, among other things, health benefits to the community & different types of offerings accepted)?

### DAY 3 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

### READ THE PASSAGE

(a) **Read Lev. 13:47-59 & 14:33-57.** (1) Explain what should be done with garments infected by mold or mildew (i.e. "leprosy disease" in these verses) and anything that touches them. (2) Explain the process of diagnosing houses infected with mold or mildew. (3) Why are these infected houses considered unclean, and why is a person considered unclean when they come in contact with them while they are shut up or unclean? (3) Explain what these situations have to do with sin (personal? corporate? depravity in general? all? none?). (4) What benefits are brought to the community through these laws? (5) Why would God bring such conditions about (cf. v. 35)?

### DAY 4 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

### READ THE PASSAGE

(a) **Read Lev. 15:1-33.** (1) What do all of these bodily discharges have in common? (2) Why are these discharges (v. 2) unclean (v. 31)? (3) Why is the uncleanness of these discharges so contagious? (4) What is being atoned for in the offerings after the man or woman is pronounced clean?

### DAY 5 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

### READ THE PASSAGE

(a) Synthesizing all of chapters 12-15 as you answer the following questions: (1) What do these chapters have to do with the holiness of the tabernacle? (2) What do these chapters have to do with Israel's relationship with other nations? (3) We have established several theological truths during our study of Leviticus. How do each of these help you understand the purpose of chapters 12-15: God is life so sin and everything hinting at death are incompatible with Him; blood is the Lord's because life is in the blood; God is perfect and holy so His people must not approach Him if they are blemished or abnormal.

(b) **Read Mark 1:4-45, 5:25-34, 7:1-23, 1 Cor. 6:9-11, & Rev. 21:27.** There are many other NT passages you might consider, but I have limited our gaze to these few. How has Jesus fulfilled the purity laws found in Leviticus 12-15? How does life in this age prepare us for life in the next age?

(c) Write down at least 3 applications for NT believers that flow from the eternal truths concerning both God and man found in Leviticus 12-15. Consider the many times the Bible describes the effects of the gospel with "clean/cleansing" language.

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*Bodily Uncleanliness*