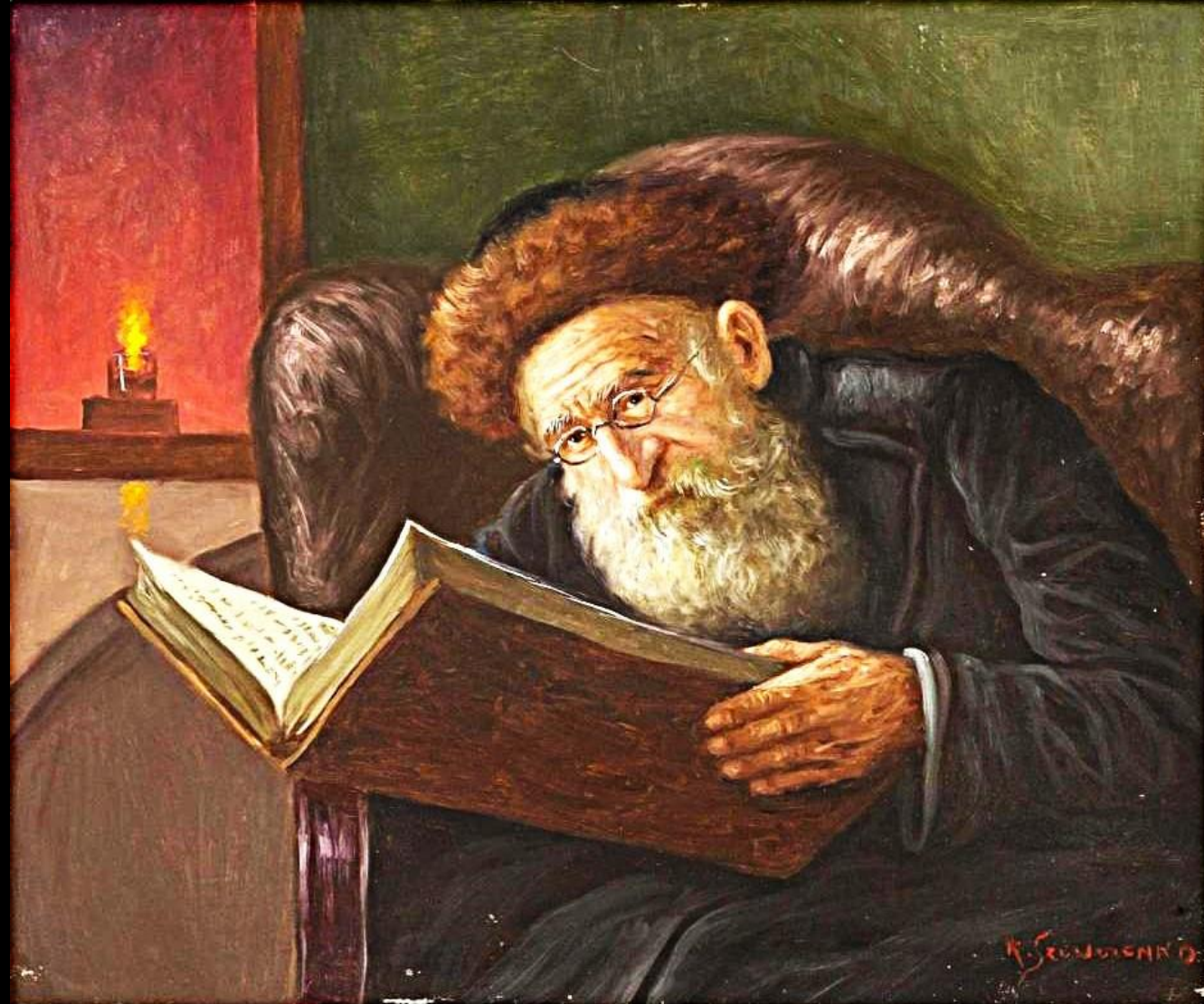


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For I believe Your commandments.

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## On Keeping God's Word

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But now I keep Your word.

68 You [are] good, and do good;

Teach me Your statutes.

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### Dividing Up **Leviticus**:

**Part 1:** Sacrifice: Approaching a Holy God **Ch. 1 – 10**

**Part 2:** Sanctification: Living a Holy Life **Ch. 11 – 27**

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### Previously in **Leviticus**:

- In **Leviticus 11 – 13**, we began the section of the book that governs the life of the community in Israel.
- These chapters are full of varied instructions for how the people of Israel were expected to live.

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What to expect in **Leviticus 14 – 15**:

- Where **Ch.13** showed us how the priests identified leprosy, **Ch.14** gives instructions for its cleansing.
- Then in **Ch.15** we get what to us seems an odd set of instructions.
- These are the guidelines as to what sort of bodily discharges rendered a person unclean.

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- I. Laws for Cleansing Lepers 14:1-32
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# I. Laws for Cleansing Lepers

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- **14:14-17, 25-28** Both blood and oil were applied to the cleansed leper's body in three places.
- These were the right ear, the right thumb and the big toe of the right foot.
- This is like the practice of anointing the priests for their service.

# I. Laws for Cleansing Lepers

14:1-32

- It is a reminder to the cleansed leper that his life should be in line with God's purposes in three ways.
  1. Hearing God's Word
  2. Doing God's Work
  3. Walking a Godly Path.

# I. Laws for Cleansing Lepers

14:1-32

- 14:4-7 The ritual with the birds is full of symbolism.
- The cedar wood can point to the wood of the cross.
- We saw hyssop used to mark the Jewish doorways with blood at the first Passover.
- A sponge with sour wine was lifted to Jesus' mouth with hyssop while He hung on the cross (John 19:29).

# I. Laws for Cleansing Lepers

14:1-32

- David may be thinking of the cleansing of the leper when he prays the following,

- **Psalm 51:7**

Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;  
wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

# I. Laws for Cleansing Lepers

14:1-32

- The **scarlet yarn** can point to the blood of Christ and is present in many passages dealing with redemption.
- This is the first appearance in a sacrificial setting.

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- We see it in 14:4, 6, 49, 51 and 52.
- We next see it in Numbers 19, again with cedarwood and hyssop in the burning of the red heifer.

# I. Laws for Cleansing Lepers

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- Later in **Joshua 2**, Rahab ties a scarlet cord in her window before the destruction of Jericho.
- This was a sign for the Israelites to make sure that her family was spared for helping the spies.

# I. Laws for Cleansing Lepers

14:1-32

- Finally, **the birds**.
- One of them died in an earthen vessel.
- This is much like Christ who came down from heaven and entered an earthen vessel to die for us.
- The second bird was dipped in the blood of the first and was then set free.

## II. Laws for Cleansing Houses

14:33-57

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- **14:34** The **leprous disease** talked about here is certainly not what we would call leprosy today.
- It must be something more like mold or mildew or a fungus of some type.

## II. Laws for Cleansing Houses

14:33-57

- Sin can affect us much like leprosy keeping us separated from God and others.
- In the same way, sin can corrupt families and houses.
- It's not that the inanimate object is corrupted.
- Yet the atmosphere of a home, family, a workplace or a church can be thoroughly degraded by sin.

## II. Laws for Cleansing Houses

14:33-57

- As with the mold in the house, the sin must be removed so the house can be purified.
- The same is true with, say, any church or Christian organization once sin has been allowed to settle in.

### III. Laws for Bodily Discharges

15:1-33

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- This chapter covers both abnormal discharges (likely indicating illness) and normal ones.
- Even normal, God-given functions of the body rendered a person ceremonially unclean for a time.

### III. Laws for Bodily Discharges

15:1-33

- The repeated emphasis is that these discharges make things and people “unclean.”
- They required washing, waiting, and sometimes offerings—all of which served as a reminder.
- Everyday life carries a measure of impurity that affects our approach to a holy God.

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### The Woman with the Discharge of Blood

- Let's read **Mark 5:25-34** for the story of a woman who received healing.
- Her condition would have put her in a perpetually unclean state.

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Christ Cleansing Lepers

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## Conclusions

### Christ Cleansing Lepers

- In the Gospels we sometimes see Jesus cleansing lepers.
- In the Synoptics of **Matthew, Mark** and **Luke**, it looks like the same story might be repeated.
- **Luke** then adds a different story of his own.

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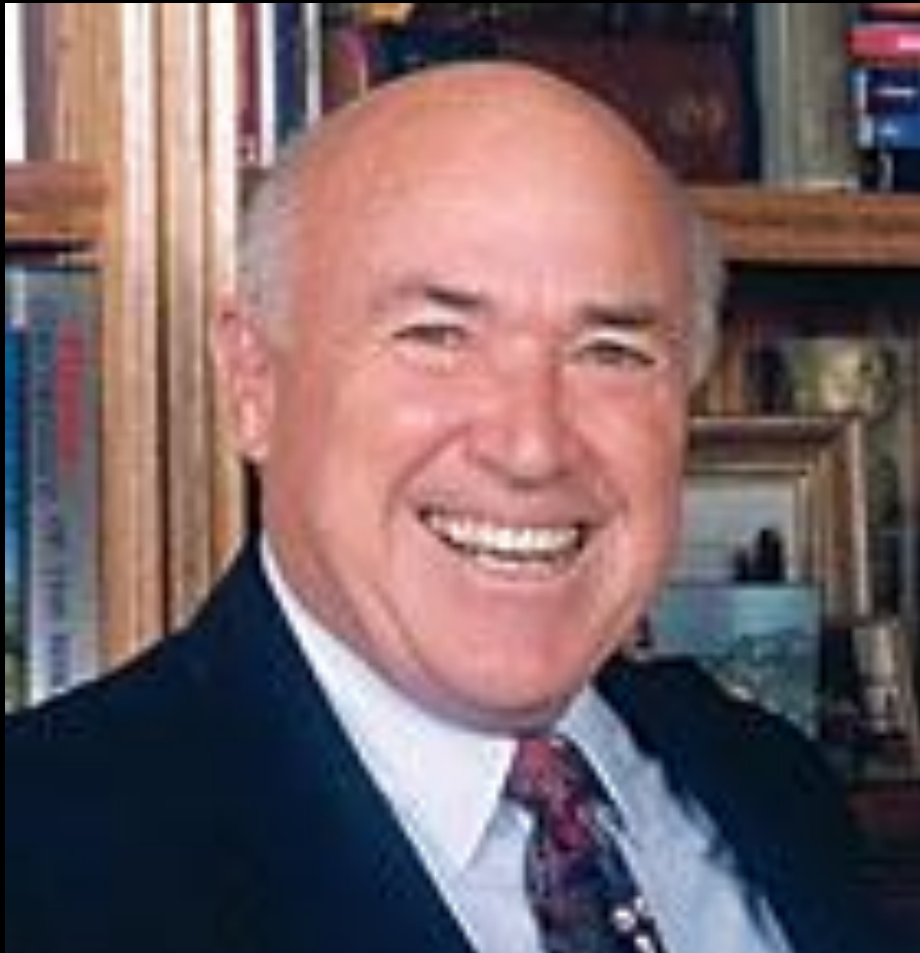
### Christ Cleansing Lepers

- Let's look at **Mark 1:40-45** and **Luke 17:11-17**.
- Note the similarity of Jesus sending the leper to the priest, just as we see in **Leviticus**.
- It makes me wonder just how often a priest had to perform that particular ritual.

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*Although leprosy was an incurable disease, the law provided a procedure to follow when one was healed of leprosy. These instructions wouldn't be of much use until many years later when Jesus would reach out ...*

*– Chuck Smith (1927 – 2013),  
Calvary Chapel Costa Mesa*

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*... and touch a leper and heal him ... The priests had probably never used this procedure before ... but they had studied it in this passage of Scripture, and no doubt knew what to do.*

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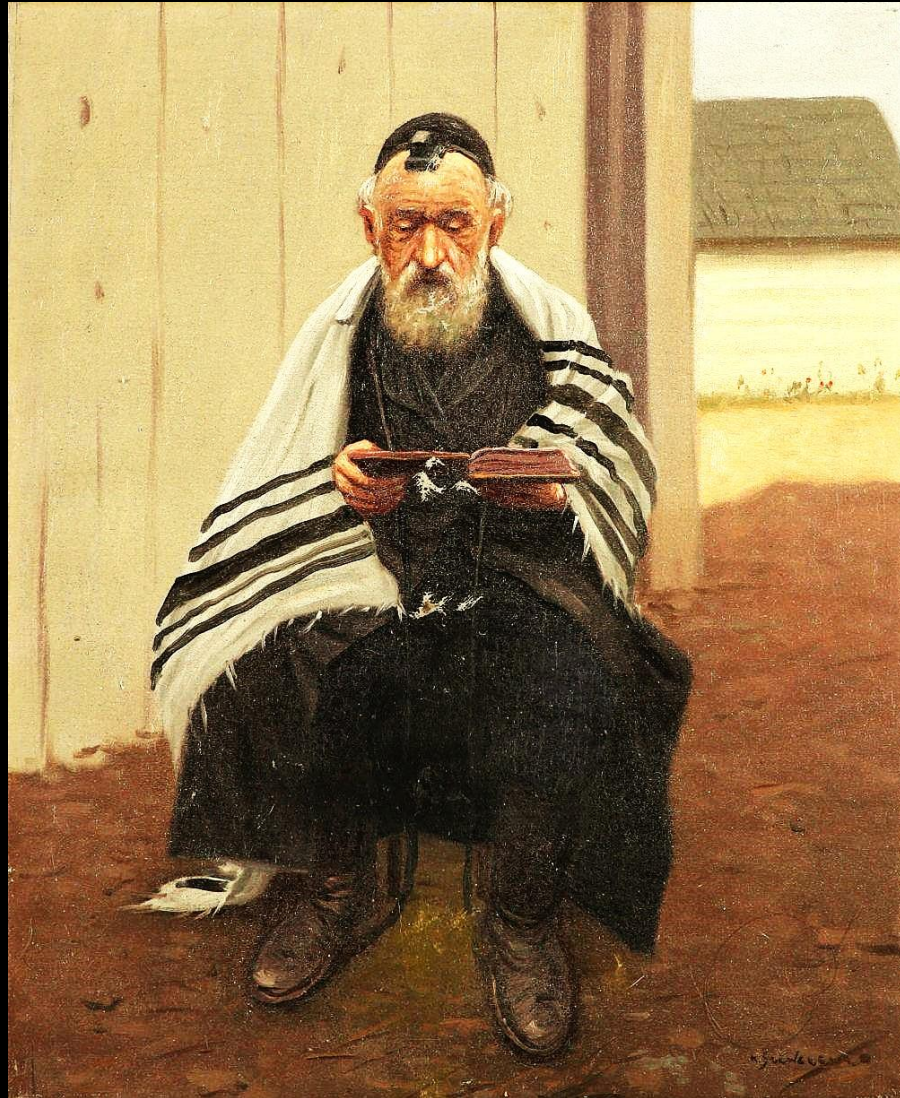
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### A Prayer Related to Cleansing from Sin

- Let's close by reading David's prayer for forgiveness in **Psalm 51**.

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*Yom Kippur*  
The Day of Atonement  
**Leviticus 16**

Tefillin – Boris Dubrov

# I. Clean and Unclean Animals

11:1-47



*In a day when there was neither refrigeration nor adequate means for cooking, many of these forbidden foods were potentially dangerous to the health of the people. However, the main reason was that the Jews might be reminded daily, ...*

*– Warren Wiersbe (1929 – 2019),  
pastor and Bible teacher*

### III. Laws About Leprosy

13:1-59



*Sin, like leprosy, is a horribly disfiguring process. It takes a beautiful person and eats away at them in a destructive way. Sin, also, is contagious, and it isolates those it infects.*

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