

## Life-Study of Leviticus Summaries - Messages 36-40

### Discernment in Diet

To eat is to contact the things outside of us that could affect us inside. This especially refers to our contacting of people. It is also not merely to contact something but also to receive something into us. Once a thing is received into us, that thing can be digested inside to become our constituent, that is, our being, our constitution.

Beasts that divide the hoof and chew the cud signify persons who have discernment in their activities and who receive the word of God with much reconsideration. We need to chew the cud, eating the word of God by chewing it again and again, and we need to have a walk that is full of discernment. Aquatic animals having fins and scales signify persons who can move and act freely in the world and at the same time resist its influence. We do not want to be salted with worldly salt. Birds that have wings for flying and that eat seeds of life as the food supply signify persons who can live and move in a life that is away from and above the world and who take things of life as their supply of life. Insects having wings and having jointed legs above their feet for leaping on the ground signify persons who can live and move in a life that is above the world and who can keep themselves from the world.

### Abstaining from Death

In order to live a holy life, we need to abstain from anything that belongs to death. All dead things are unclean. Uncleanness, therefore, equals death. Death is more hidden than sin and is more defiling and abominable than sin. The defilement of death should be cleansed from our conduct in our daily life. When we are defiled by touching death, we need to confess our sins and then pray ourselves into the Spirit. It is in the Spirit that our daily life, our daily walk, which has been defiled by death, will be cleansed. Christ is the real cleanness. Only Christ and that which is out of Christ are clean for our food supply.

### Uncleanness in Human Birth

Uncleanness is the source from which we were born. We are unclean by birth, and now we remain unclean in our living. The uncleanness of mankind is from within. How can our uncleanness be dealt with? Our flesh must be put aside through the death of Christ that we might be brought into the resurrection of Christ, not only to be cleansed but also to have a new beginning of life. Then, we need Christ to be our burnt offering for our not being for God and to be our sin offering for our sin.

### Uncleanness Issuing from Within Man

Leprosy comprises both an outside factor and an inward effect. It signifies the serious sin issuing from within man, such as willful sin, presumptuous sin, and opposing God with determination. It always comes from rebellion, rebellion against God's authority, against God's deputy authority, against God's regulation, and against God's economy.

In the church life we all are tested concerning how pure we are in our motive, purpose, and activities. If we see that we are a totality of uncleanness and that it is impossible for us to be absolutely pure in our motive, intention, and purpose, we shall realize how much we need God's full salvation. We should have a time of confession before the Lord, asking Him to forgive our sins and impurities daily.

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