

Life-Study of Leviticus Summaries - Messages 41-45

Leprosy in a Garment

Leprosy in a garment signifies the filthiness in one's **outward living, conduct, contact with people, etc.** The **warp** in garments signifies our outward conduct **toward God**, our relationship with God. In our conduct with God there should be no leprosy, no rebellion. The **wool** in garments signifies our outward conduct **toward others**; this should be free of leprosy. A garment which has a greenish or reddish appearance signifies the abnormal and strange change in one's living and conduct. In such case, the garment must be **burnt**. Burning the garment in fire signifies **eliminating the sinful and filthy living and conduct**. We should eliminate these things by dealing with it **by the cross of Christ**.

The Cleansing of the Leper

Cleansing from leprosy requires not only the **action from God's side** but also **coordination from man's side**. As lepers, we need to seek for cleansing. Our seeking is our cooperation with God's grace and love. The one who had been healed of leprosy still needed to be cleansed. To be healed is one thing, and to be cleansed is another.

In Lev. 14:10-32, the leper to be cleansed needed to solve the problem of his sin and sins before God. This means that **the sinner needs propitiation**. Offering one of the male lambs for a trespass offering, with the log of oil, both of which were waved before Jehovah, signifies that the death of the Lord Jesus as the trespass offering deals with our sins, and His resurrection in the Holy Spirit frees us from our trespasses, that we, having died to sins, might live to righteousness. In verse 19, we see the sin offering offered to make propitiation for him who is to be cleansed. This signifies that the Lord Jesus was offered as our sin offering to deal with our uncleanness at the root of our sins. Finally, the priest slaughtering and offering the burnt offering signifies that the sinner who is to be cleansed offers himself in Christ as the burnt offering to God and lives and walks absolutely for God by the life of Christ as the meal offering.

The Leprosy in a House

The house in Leviticus 14 typifies the church, our house, our home, and the leprosy in a house signifies sins and evils in the church. **When the condition of a church becomes abnormal, God causes the leprous sin to appear in the church**, reminding and warning the believers that they no longer have a house to live in and are no longer able to enjoy all the blessings God promised in His salvation.

In dealing with leprosy in a house, it is not adequate to remove certain believers and then fill the gap with other believers. We need to have a new start in the church life; to renew the church with new experiences of the Lord's gracious works. **We should pray for ourselves that we might be able to bring something new of Christ into the church life**. This is the only way for a diseased church to be healed.

The Cleansing of the Discharges from Man's and Woman's Body

Whatever comes out of our body, out of our constitution, as a discharge is unclean and contagious. Whatever issues from man's natural life, whether good or bad, is filthy and anything touched by or touching the issue of man's natural life is unclean. **We need the cross of Christ, the resurrection of Christ, and the Holy Spirit as the water of life in the word of God to purge away anything that has been affected by our natural life**. (Life-Study of Leviticus – Messages 41-45).