

## Message #25

## Leviticus 14:21-32

**WHEN A POOR PERSON IS UNCLEAN THERE IS HOPE, FOR THERE IS A CLEANSING THAT CAN MAKE HIM CLEAN AGAIN, RESTORING HIM TO FELLOWSHIP AND WORSHIP.**

Whether one is a pious sinner or a poor sinner, there is complete cleansing found in Jesus Christ.

Furthermore, we learn from this text that spirituality and being clean has nothing to do with what one has or doesn't have. One could be very wealthy and be spiritually wealthy. One could be very poor and be spiritually wealthy. All of this comes forth in Leviticus. **There is something that is so important to see from these purification rituals—one unclean could never become clean until he or she first sensed a need for cleansing from all defilement.**

**STEP #1** – A poor unclean person was to offer one male lamb guilt offering. **14:21a**

Notice this was to be atonement for sin. Any unclean state in the mind of God will not be remedied until the blood has covered the sin. For the O.T. believer it came through an offering; for the N.T. believer it comes through confession.

**STEP #2** – The poor unclean person was to offer one-tenth of an ephaph of fine flour. **14:21b**

The poor person of means only had to offer one-tenth of an ephaph of fine flour for the grain offering along with oil and a log covered with oil.

**STEP #3** – The poor unclean person was to offer two turtledoves or young pigeons. **14:22**

What the poor person would realize is that God cared about him just as much as He did for others. When you are poor you may think God doesn't care about me as much as He does for people that are rich. Nothing could be further from the truth. In fact, Jesus came to preach glad tidings to the poor.

**STEP #4** – The poor unclean person was to take the offering to the priest on the eighth day. **14:23**

The cleansing period needed to be complete and seven days were required for that.

**STEP #5** – The priest must follow a prescribed process for cleansing. **14:24-31**

The process described in these verses is almost identical with the process described in verses 12-18. What this shows is that a poor person did have some options as to the offering, but the priest did not have any options when it came to his handling of the offering. No matter what the offering was, the priest still needed to apply that offering in exactly the way God prescribed.

In order for one unclean to become clean, there must be a careful and personal application of the sacrifice to the one unclean. The process was as follows:

- 1) The priest was to take the lamb of the guilt offering and the log of oil and offer them as a wave offering before the Lord. **14:24**
- 2) The priest was to kill the lamb and put some of the blood on the unclean person's right ear, right thumb and right foot. **14:25**

This shows that the person who will be sanctified needs a sanctified ear to hear God's Word, a sanctified thumb to do God's will and a sanctified foot to walk God's way. People who want to be clean must take in God's Word, obey it and live it. The process begins when the blood is applied.

- 3) The priest was to pour some oil into his left palm. **14:26**
- 4) The priest was to sprinkle some oil seven times before the Lord. **14:27**
- 5) The priest was to put some of the oil on the blood of the unclean person's right ear, right thumb and right foot. **14:28**

It is the applied blood that makes cleanness possible; it is the applied oil that makes it practical. In order for one to be clean, one needs sanctified ears, hands and feet. One needs to allow the Holy Spirit to purify one's hearing, one's works and one's walk.

- 6) The priest is to pour the rest of the oil on the head of one to be cleansed. **14:29**

From head to foot, one must be clean to have fellowship with God and acceptable worship of God. But once one is clean, he is completely clean from head to toe.

- 7) The priest shall offer one of the turtledoves or pigeons—one for a sin offering, one for a burnt offering and a grain offering. **14:30-31**

### **Parting thoughts:**

- 1. God can greatly use you regardless of your past if you recognize your need of cleansing.**
- 2. Any person, no matter who they are or what they have, can have a wonderful, close relationship with the Living God of the Bible.**