

Message #26

Leviticus 14:33-57

A while ago, I heard a well-meaning but lacking in knowledge minister say that no sickness or disease is from God. However, if we look carefully at what the Bible actually teaches, especially a verse like Leviticus **14:34**, we soon realize that even sickness is sent and removed by God.

There is a doctrine that is being lost these days that Leviticus truly recovers; God is a God of blessing and God is a God of cursing. If God chooses to bless someone or some thing, then there needs to be recognition of this reality and a pursuit of the same things that is causing God to bless. On the other hand, if God chooses not to bless someone or some thing, there needs to be an immediate repentance and a pursuit of that which is clean.

Now naturally any person of right mind would want God to bless him or her and in order for that to happen, **God's people must be clean in their personal lives and in their home.** The home is to be a place that is clean. There are to be no dirty little closet areas in one's home. God wants the places His people live in to be clean and free from pollution and disease.

IN ORDER FOR GOD'S PEOPLE TO BE CLEAN, THEIR HOMES NEED TO BE CLEAN AND THE PRIESTS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR REMOVING ANYTHING FROM THE HOUSE THAT IS UNCLEAN.

Let me suggest that there is a Priest who does inspect our homes—His name is Jesus Christ. When He looks into our homes, He either finds them clean or polluted. If He finds the home clean and the life clean, He grants His blessings. If He finds the home polluted or the lives polluted, He sends His cursings.

KEY PART #1 – God gives further instruction to Moses and Aaron. **14:33**

Instruction concerning the need for a clean house does not come from a preacher or a prophet; it comes directly from God.

KEY PART #2 – God is the One who gives a person a house. **14:34a**

The truth is at the time God gave this instruction to Israel, she was in a wilderness living in tents and sleeping out under the stars. But God was going to take them to a specific land and when they got to that land He was not only going to give them the land, but the houses in it.

KEY PART #3 – God is the One who marks some homes unclean. **14:34b**

Every believer/priest would be wise to ask God to show us any area that is unclean in our home.

KEY PART #4 – The one who owns the house has the responsibility of spotting the leprous mark that is in the house. **14:35**

When we see something evil in the house, we need to confess it to the High Priest, who is Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, and we need to remove it from our house.

KEY PART #5 – When the priest examines the house he is to take the following steps:

14:36-42

(Step #1) - Order everything out of the house. **14:36**

(Step #2) - The priest shall examine the leprous mark. 14:37-38

(Step #3) - The priest shall reexamine the house in seven days to see if the mark has spread.

14:39

This is an important principle—a wise leader uses time to determine if the problem has really resolved itself.

(Step #4) - The priest shall order that the marked place be torn down if the mark has spread.

14:40

There is only one way to deal with that which is unclean: get rid of it.

(Step #5) - The house is to be scraped and the plaster removed and dumped outside the city.

14:41

Again, that which is unclean needs to be completely removed from the house.

(Step #6) - New stones are to replace the old stones. **14:42**

KEY PART #6 – If the mark breaks out again, the priest must make another inspection.

14:43-47

(Step #1) – If the mark has spread again, the priest shall know the house is unclean. **14:43-44**

Here is a great way to determine true repentance—if the person who does something unclean does it again, he is unclean and there has only been a surface repair of the problem, not a complete dealing with the problem.

(Step #2) – If the house is unclean a second time, it is to be torn down. **14:45**

There is a place for complete removal from the premises.

(Step #3) – The one who went into the house during the quarantine period is also unclean.

14:46

(Step #4) – The one who lay down in the house or ate in the house during this time shall wash his clothes. **14:47**

KEY PART #7 – If the mark does not break out again, the priest may offer the proper sacrifices and the house may be pronounced clean. **14:48-53**

Now carefully notice **verse 53**: the purpose of all of this was to make atonement.

Apparently it was sin in the house that prompted God to disease the house and declare it clean or unclean. These principles were to be taught to the people to teach them that in order to worship God, they needed to be clean not just at worship services, but also their homes.