

# The Book of Leviticus

## Leprosy: A Type of Sin

### Introduction:

1. The theme of the book of Leviticus – 11:44.
2. Leviticus teaches how man can approach God (1 – 16) and remain in fellowship with God (17 – 27).
3. The physical laws of cleanliness symbolized spiritual purification found by the blood of Jesus.
4. We, too, must learn how to approach and remain in fellowship with God.
5. One illustration of this principle is leprosy, a type of sin.

### I. The Disease of Leprosy (Leviticus 13)

- A. Leprosy was a plague (vs.2).
- B. Leprosy was an uncleanness (vs. 3).
- C. Leprosy started out small, but spread throughout the body (vs. 4-8, 22).
- D. Leprosy brought separation (vs. 46).
- E. Leprosy brought judgment (vs. 3, 44).
- F. Leprosy brought death.
- G. The Confession of Leprosy
  1. Clothing rent (vs. 45)
  2. Covering the mouth (vs. 45)
  3. Crying out (vs. 45; 5:2)
- H. The Cleansing of Leprosy
  1. Offering (14:4-7)
  2. Sprinkling (14:7)
  3. Washing (14:8)
  4. Pronouncing (14:7-8)
  5. Obeying (cf. 2 Kings 5:1-19)

### II. The Disease of Sin

- A. Sin is a plague upon mankind, but not a contagious disease – one has to choose to get it.
- B. Sin is an uncleanness (cf. Heb. 3:13; Rom. 1:21-32)
- C. Sin starts small, but spreads (James 1:14ff; 2:10; Heb. 2:1).
- D. Sin brings separation (Isa. 59:1-2; 1 John 1:5-10).
- E. Sin brings judgment (2 Thes. 1:8-9; 2 Cor. 5:10).
- F. Sin brings death (Rom. 6:23; Jam. 1:15; 1 Tim. 5:6).
- G. The Confession of Sin
  1. Sorrow over sin (Matt. 5:4; Jam. 4:9-10)
  2. Influence for evil (1 Pet. 1:13-16)
- H. The Cleansing of Leprosy
  1. Offering – the blood of Jesus (Rom. 5:8-10; 2 Cor. 5:21; 1 Pet. 2:24)
  2. Sprinkling – the blood of Jesus (Heb. 9:13-14; 1 Pet. 1:2)
  3. Washing – the blood of Jesus (Titus 3:5; 1 Peter 3:21)
  4. Pronouncing – justification (Acts 2:41, 47; 8:38-39; 1 Cor. 6:11)
  5. Obeying – the Word of God (Heb. 5:8-9)

Conclusion: *Matthew 8:1-4; Mark 1:40-45; Luke 5:12-16*