

Infection and Cleansing

To those who have not believed or acted on their belief in the risen Savior, I want to open your eyes to the tutor of the Law that brings us to Christ. And if you are in the body of Christ, I hope to inspire you to reawaken perhaps that dormant desire of Bible study.

Infection

Lev. 13:2,3,7

(vs. 2) Visibly noticeable – We cannot walk around very long with this infection and not realize it. Not only ourselves, but others will start to notice it in us as well.

(vs. 3) Deeper than the skin – This is not a superficial disease that we can cleanse by removing the filth of the flesh. It takes a stronger cleansing than simply taking a bath.

(vs.7,8) Cancerous – If left untreated, the infection will spread, and eventually consume us.

Hands and feet - Leprosy bacteria attack the nerves in the hands and feet and cause them to become **numb**.

Eyes - Leprosy bacteria attack the nerves around the eyes causing the loss of blinking reflex (which protects the eye from injury and moistens the surface). The eyes become dry and infected, and **blindness** may result.

<http://rarediseases.about.com/cs/infectiousdisease/a/071203.htm>

It must be a sad state indeed, to become so numb that you are blind to your actions.

We get this disease by spending time with others who have it, and we can spread it by the same method. So what was the rule for those which were so infected?

Lev. 13:45,46

No contact with fellow Israelites; no mutual benefit; no involvement in worship. This person is alone... outside the camp of God. Who would choose such an existence?

Romans 8:5-8 (allegory – fleshly disease)

Romans 8:12,13 – “for if you are living according to the flesh, you must die...”

Remedy

The cleansing process outlined in **Leviticus 14** is interesting in many ways.

Lev. 14:13 - The blood of the guilt offering is applied. (Guilt Offering – **Lev. 6:2,7**)

EAR – **Romans 10:17**

HAND – **James 1:22,25** (the saying “he works with his hands”)

FOOT – **Ephesians 5:15-17**

We have to hear the Word, act on our faith, and walk by the Faith. And we figured that out from Leviticus!

So the Law has become our tutor to bring us to Christ (**Galatians 3:24**) but the Law was only a shadow of the good things to come (**Hebrews 10:1**).

Through all of this, the Priest is the only one that can pronounce a person clean or unclean.

Hebrews 5:5-10