

Questions

1. What are some of your big takeaways?
2. Read Revelation 21:8, 27. What is the ultimate severity of moral spiritual uncleanness.
3. What are some of the theological reasons for why the ceremonial laws were given?
4. Read Ezekiel 36:25-29. How does this passage express the clean/unclean motif as it points to the promise and hope of the New Covenant in Jesus?
5. Read Luke 24:25-27, 44. How do these passages further inform the Christological reason for the ceremonial laws?
6. Read Hebrews 9:11-14; 13:10-14. How do these passages further our understanding for the Christological reason for the ceremonial laws? Further, what did Jesus accomplish that the law could not?
7. Read 1 John 1:5-9. How are we encouraged to continually live in the good of Jesus's atoning sacrifice? How do you need to press into the grace of this passage?

Need prayer? Someone will be up front by the piano to pray with you after the 1st & 2nd services.

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JESUS, FRIEND OF SINNERS

Encounters with Jesus in the Gospels

Jesus, The Friend Who Makes Us Clean

Mark 1:40-45; 5:21-43

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Jesus is the friend sinners, who makes us clean.

The Biblical motif that underlies the encounters in Mark engages with what the people of Israel understood as the ceremonial laws of clean and uncleanness.

When the Bible address what's unclean, it can include disease, dry rot in buildings, discharge from the body—blood or otherwise, corpses, certain animals, sin and wickedness, Gentiles, demons or demonic possession of humans, and anything compared to God apart from His cleansing.

Relevant OT Passages

Numbers 5:1-4



Why do these laws exist? Why are they sent outside the camp?

Three reasons:

1) A practical reason.

The Leper: Mark 1:40-45

2) A theological reason.

The Woman Suffering from Bleeding: Mark 5:25-34

Numbers 5:3

Leviticus 13:45; 15:6-12

The Dead Little Girl: Mark 5:35-43

3) A Christological reason (A Jesus reason).

Putting It All Together

The Biblical reality is sin pervasively defiles us. And that defilement is an objective spiritually reality, but it can often be a subjectively feeling. And that feeling can lead to shame, which can turn into hiding.

"Sin, defilement, shame, hiding"

Hebrews 13:12, "Jesus... suffered outside the gate [outside the camp], so that he might sanctify the people by his own blood."

1 John 1:7-9 says, "7 If we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. 8 If we say, "We have no sin," we are deceiving ourselves, and the truth is not in us. 9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."