

NUMBERS 5: SERMON NOTES

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OPEN: THE GOD OF ORDER AND CLEANLINESS

- **"CLEANLINESS IS NEXT TO GODLINESS"** (cliche but not found in scripture)
- **The census was taken at the camp and marching orders were also given.**
- **Now they are given The Laws of Discretion.**

VERSES 1-4: UNCLEAN DOES NOT ALWAYS RESULT FROM SINFULNESS

- **For Example: Nicodemus, Joseph, of Arimathea, Priest**
- **DISCHARGE:** something that was meant for life is now dead by natural causes. (i.e. - blood, semen, puss)
- **SPIRITUALLY UNCLEAN:** You could not partake in the fellowship with God and His people until you were considered ritually clean. (Reference: Leviticus 13 & 15)

If you have not been cleaned by the blood of Yeshua, you have no part in the worship of God, you are still unclean by natural causes and sinful nature. (Isaiah 64)

- **LEPROSY: TZARA'AT: SKIN, CLOTHING, HOUSE**

One of the ways you could become unclean by leprosy was called lash on Hara ("The evil tongue")

- **MOSES & THE FIRST BORN: NUMBERS 13; MATTHEW 11:15-20**

- **SLANDER AND GOSSIP EVEN IF TRUE BRINGS DEATH**

LESSON # 1: THE ISOLATION OF A PERSON (METZOR) OUTSIDE THE CAMP WAS A HOLINESS ISSUE NOT A HEALTH ONE (VERSE 3) WE ARE UNCLEAN BY NATURAL CAUSES WHICH BRINGS DEATH (SINFUL NATURE) THE ONLY CURE OF "SINS OF HUMANITY" IS THE BLOOD OF OUR HIGH PRIEST YESHUA. (Reference: ISAIAH 64)

VERSES 5-10: THE UNCLEANLINESS BECOMES SIN WHEN HIDDEN OR IGNORED

- **The unfaithful are to deal with the unclean issues: The sin of mankind** (Reference: verses 1-4) **This is dealing with the sin of the tongue again.**
- **ASHAM:** guilt offering (Reference: Leviticus 5)

LESSON #2 TO HIDE OR IGNORE OUR SIN: "SINS OF HUMANITY" (SINFUL NATURE) WILL BRING ABOUT DEATH; THE ONLY REMEDY IS TO CONFESS THAT YESHUA IS OUR GUILT OFFERING.

VERSES 11-15: THE TEST FOR ADULTERY

1) It is to expose the deliberate unfaithfulness of a wife. [AGAIN THE SIN WITH THE MOUTH]

ADULTERY IS A METAPHOR THROUGHOUT THE SCRIPTURES OF GOD AND HIS PEOPLE FOR BOTH ISRAEL (HOSEA) AND THE CHURCH (LAODICEA)

2) She willingly took part in the act of being unfaithful, then kept it a secret. (Hiding sin again). (Reference verses 13-14)

3) Only the husband can bring these charges, not the community (Reference verse 15); **No gossip.**

4) The man better make sure the charges are not decided based upon his flesh. (Reference verse 14)

- Punishment was **DEATH FOR THE WOMEN.**
- The husband would be found out as a *jealous idiot*.

VERSES 16-22: THE RITUAL

1) If she was guilty she had everything to fear.

- It would be a slow and painful death
- Hopefully by this point, she would confess her sin.

2) If she was innocent, she had nothing to worry about.

- **"AMEN. AMEN."**
- By this point the husband is worrying.

VERSES 23-28: THE RESULTS

1) INNOCENT: She is all good before God, she is free.

2) GUILTY: She is dead. [SO WAS THE MAN THAT DEFILED HER]

VERSES 29-31: THE EMPHASIS ON MAKING SURE THE CHARGES ARE TRUE

(Reference: verse 29, 14) **OR IF THIS IS JUST A SPIRIT OF JEALOUSY**

- **MAN SHALL BE FREE FROM GUILT:** From her death but she shall bear her guilt.
- *This is not saying he is innocent or not being a jerk.*

LESSON #3: WE ARE ALL GUILTY OF SPIRITUAL ADULTERY AGAINST GOD HE HAS THE RIGHT TO TEST US; BUT BEING AS THE FORGIVING HUSBAND THAT HE IS, HE CONTINUES IN HIS RELATIONSHIP WITH US AS WE SLOWLY WASTE AWAY IN THIS LIFE WAITING.