

A Stretched Out Hand

Intro:

Lk 7:36-39

The Pharisees were holy hypochondriacs...they were the separated ones...and their behavior probably looked a bit familiar...

Problem:

Lk 7:40-50

Simon should have known what was going on...

Mk 14:3

after all he was a cleansed leper...who apparently missed the message of Leviticus 13-14...

Leviticus 13-14 is a neon sign pointing to the gospel - a visible lesson about sin and salvation...

Main idea:

Can you see the sin?

Can you see the separation?

Can you see the stretched out hand?

Implication:

Leviticus 13-14 reminds us that sin is a disease and there is no vitamin no mask no vaccine or social distancing that will protect us and make us clean...we cannot heal ourselves, our lives our homes or our nation...we are hopelessly unclean but but do not despair -

Application:

Jesus touched the leper and He made him clean...

though we may be afflicted by the sin in this world, the sin of our very flesh...we are not nor have we ever been alone...we are not forsaken

Articles for further study:

<https://www.gotquestions.org/Bible-leprosy.html>

<https://www.gotquestions.org/God-allow-sickness.html>

<https://www.gotquestions.org/sickness-will-God.html>

Text:

Can you see the sin?

Leviticus 13:1 ¶ The LORD spoke to Moses and Aaron, saying,

Leviticus 13:2 "When a person has **on the skin of his body** a swelling or an eruption or a spot, and it turns into a case of leprous disease **on the skin of his body**, then he shall be brought to Aaron the priest or to one of his sons the priests,

Leviticus 13:3 and **the priest shall examine the diseased area on the skin of his body**. And if the hair in the diseased area has turned white and the disease **appears** to be deeper than the skin of his body, it is a case of leprous disease. **When the priest has examined him, he shall pronounce him unclean.**

Leviticus 13:4 But if the spot is white in the skin of his body and **appears** no deeper than the skin, and the hair in it has not turned white, the priest shall shut up the diseased person for seven days.

Leviticus 13:5 And the priest shall **examine** him on the seventh day, and if in his eyes the disease is **checked** and the disease has not spread in the skin, then the priest shall shut him up for another seven days.

Leviticus 13:6 And the priest shall **examine** him again on the seventh day, and if the diseased area has **faded** and the disease has not spread in the skin, then the priest shall pronounce him clean; it is only an eruption. And he shall wash his clothes and be clean.

Leviticus 13:7 But if the eruption spreads in the skin, after he has shown himself to the priest for his cleansing, he shall appear again before the priest.

Leviticus 13:8 **And the priest shall look**, and if the eruption has spread in the skin, then the priest shall pronounce him unclean; it is a leprous disease.

Leviticus 13:9 ¶ "When a man is afflicted with a leprous disease, he shall be brought to the priest,

Leviticus 13:10 **and the priest shall look**. And if there is a white swelling in the skin that has turned the hair white, and there is raw flesh in the swelling,

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Leviticus 13:11 it is a chronic leprous disease in the skin of his body, and the priest shall pronounce him unclean. He shall not shut him up, for he is unclean.

Leviticus 13:12 **And if the leprous disease breaks out in the skin, so that the leprous disease covers all the skin of the diseased person from head to foot, so far as the priest can see,**

Leviticus 13:13 **then the priest shall look, and if the leprous disease has covered all his body, he shall pronounce him clean of the disease; it has all turned white, and he is clean.**

Leviticus 13:14 But when raw flesh **appears** on him, he shall be unclean.

Leviticus 13:15 **And the priest shall examine** the raw flesh and pronounce him unclean. Raw flesh is unclean, for it is a leprous disease.

Leviticus 13:16 But if the raw flesh recovers and turns white again, then he shall come to the priest,

Leviticus 13:17 **and the priest shall examine him,** and if the disease has turned white, then the priest shall pronounce the diseased person clean; he is clean.

Leviticus 13:18 ¶ "If there is in the skin of one's body a boil and it heals,

Leviticus 13:19 and in the place of the boil there comes a white swelling or a reddish-white spot, **then it shall be shown to the priest.**

Leviticus 13:20 **And the priest shall look,** and if it **appears** deeper than the skin and its hair has turned white, then the priest shall pronounce him unclean. It is a case of leprous disease that has broken out in the boil.

Leviticus 13:21 **But if the priest examines** it and there is no white hair in it and it is not deeper than the skin, but has **faded**, then the priest shall shut him up seven days.

Leviticus 13:22 And if it spreads in the skin, then the priest shall pronounce him unclean; it is a disease.

Leviticus 13:23 But if the spot remains in one place and does not spread, it is the scar of the boil, and the priest shall pronounce him clean.

Leviticus 13:24 ¶ "Or, when the body has a burn on its skin and the raw flesh of the burn becomes a spot, reddish-white or white,

Leviticus 13:25 **the priest shall examine it,** and if the hair in the spot has turned white and it appears deeper than the skin, then it is a leprous disease. It has broken out in the burn, and the priest shall pronounce him unclean; it is a case of leprous disease.

Leviticus 13:26 **But if the priest examines** it and there is no white hair in the spot and it is no deeper than the skin, but has faded, the priest shall shut him up seven days,

Leviticus 13:27 **and the priest shall examine** him the seventh day. If it is spreading in the skin, then the priest shall pronounce him unclean; it is a case of leprous disease.

Leviticus 13:28 But if the spot remains in one place and does not spread in the skin, but has faded, it is a swelling from the burn, and the priest shall pronounce him clean, for it is the scar of the burn.

Leviticus 13:29 ¶ "When a man or woman has a disease on the head or the beard,

Leviticus 13:30 **the priest shall examine** the disease. **And if it appears** deeper than the skin, and the hair in it is yellow and thin, then the priest shall pronounce him unclean. **It is an itch,** a leprous disease of the head or the beard.

Leviticus 13:31 **And if the priest examines the itching** disease and it **appears** no deeper than the skin and there is no black hair in it, then the priest shall shut up the person with **the itching disease** for seven days,

Leviticus 13:32 and on the seventh day **the priest shall examine the disease.** If **the itch** has not spread, and there is in it no yellow hair, and **the itch appears** to be no deeper than the skin,

Leviticus 13:33 then he shall shave himself, but **the itch** he shall not shave; and the priest shall shut up the person with **the itching disease** for another seven days.

Leviticus 13:34 And on the seventh day **the priest shall examine the itch,** and if **the itch** has not spread in the skin and it **appears** to be no deeper than the skin, then the priest shall pronounce him clean. And he shall wash his clothes and be clean.

Leviticus 13:35 But if **the itch** spreads in the skin after his cleansing,

Leviticus 13:36 then **the priest shall examine him,** and if **the itch** has spread in the skin, the priest need not seek for the yellow hair; he is unclean.

Leviticus 13:37 **But if in his eyes the itch is unchanged** and black hair has grown in it, **the itch** is healed and he is clean, and the priest shall pronounce him clean.

Leviticus 13:38 ¶ "When a man or a woman has spots on the skin of the body, white spots,

Leviticus 13:39 **the priest shall look,** and if the spots on the skin of the body are of a dull white, it is leukoderma that has broken out in the skin; he is clean.

Leviticus 13:40 ¶ "If a man's hair falls out from his head, he is bald; he is clean.

Leviticus 13:41 And if a man's hair falls out from his forehead, he has baldness of the forehead; he is clean.

Leviticus 13:42 But if there is on the bald head or the bald forehead a reddish-white diseased area, it is a leprous disease breaking out on his bald head or his bald forehead.

Leviticus 13:43 **Then the priest shall examine him,** and if the diseased swelling is reddish-white on his bald head or on his bald forehead, **like the appearance of leprous disease in the skin of the body,**

Leviticus 13:44 he is a leprous man, he is unclean. The priest must pronounce him unclean; his disease is on his head.

Mk 2:1-12 (sickness and disease are not always due to sin but sometimes they are...)

ex 4:1-7 (a visible picture of God's affliction...)

Numbers 12:1-16 (a visible picture of sin)

2 Kings 5:1-27 (visible picture of sin)

2 Kings 7 (a visible contrast to a man who should have been righteous)

2 chron 26:16-21 (a visible picture of sin - gross abnormal communicable, without a cure)

Can you see the separation?

Leviticus 13:45 ¶ "**The leprous person who has the disease shall wear torn clothes and let the hair of his head hang loose, and he shall cover his upper lip and cry out, 'Unclean, unclean.'**

Leviticus 13:46 **He shall remain unclean as long as he has the disease. He is unclean. He shall live alone. His dwelling shall be outside the camp.**

Leviticus 13:47 ¶ "When there is a case of leprous disease in a garment, whether a woolen or a linen garment,

Leviticus 13:48 in warp or woof of linen or wool, or in a skin or in anything made of skin,

Leviticus 13:49 if the disease is greenish or reddish in the garment, or in the skin or in the warp or the woof or in any article made of skin, it is a case of leprous disease, **and it shall be shown to the priest.**

Leviticus 13:50 **And the priest shall examine the disease** and shut up that which has the disease for seven days.

Leviticus 13:51 **Then he shall examine the disease** on the seventh day. If the disease has spread in the garment, in the warp or the woof, or in the skin, whatever be the use of the skin, the disease is a persistent leprous disease; it is unclean.

Leviticus 13:52 And he shall burn the garment, or the warp or the woof, the wool or the linen, or any article made of skin that is diseased, for it is a persistent leprous disease. It shall be burned in the fire.

Leviticus 13:53 ¶ "**And if the priest examines,** and if the disease has not spread in the garment, in the warp or the woof or in any article made of skin,

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Leviticus 13:54 then the priest shall command that they wash the thing in which is the disease, and he shall shut it up for another seven days.

Leviticus 13:55 **And the priest shall examine** the diseased thing after it has been washed. **And if the appearance** of the diseased area has not changed, though the disease has not spread, it is unclean. You shall burn it in the fire, whether the rot is on the back or on the front.

Leviticus 13:56 ¶ **"But if the priest examines,** and if the diseased area has faded after it has been washed, he shall tear it out of the garment or the skin or the warp or the woof.

Leviticus 13:57 **Then if it appears again** in the garment, in the warp or the woof, or in any article made of skin, it is spreading. You shall burn with fire whatever has the disease.

Leviticus 13:58 But the garment, or the warp or the woof, or any article made of skin from which the disease departs when you have washed it, shall then be washed a second time, and be clean."

Leviticus 13:59 ¶ **This is the law for a case of leprous disease in a garment of wool or linen, either in the warp or the woof, or in any article made of skin, to determine whether it is clean or unclean.**

num 5:1-4 (against holiness of God...)

ps 84 (feeling forsaken...(lev 10:6) signs of mourning...helpless, hopeless, waiting lonely and alone for an indeterminate amount of time)

ps 30:2, 11-12 (there was a point to all this...somewhere between chapter 13 and 14 something happens that turns the lepers mourning into dancing and this too is a picture...)

Can you see the stretched out hand?

Leviticus 14:1 ¶ The LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

Leviticus 14:2 "This shall be the law of the leprous person for **the day of his cleansing**. He shall be brought to the priest,

Leviticus 14:3 and the priest shall go out of the camp, and the priest shall look. Then, if the case of leprous disease is healed in the leprous person,

Leviticus 14:4 **the priest shall command them to take for him who is to be cleansed two live clean birds and cedarwood and scarlet yarn and hyssop.**

Leviticus 14:5 And the priest shall command them to kill one of the birds in an earthenware vessel over fresh water.

Leviticus 14:6 **He shall take the live bird with the cedarwood and the scarlet yarn and the hyssop, and dip them and the live bird in the blood of the bird that was killed over the fresh water.**

Leviticus 14:7 And he shall sprinkle it seven times on him **who is to be cleansed** of the leprous disease. **Then he shall pronounce him clean and shall let the living bird go into the open field.**

Leviticus 14:8 And **he who is to be cleansed** shall wash his clothes and shave off all his hair and bathe himself in water, and he shall be clean. And after that he may come into the camp, but live outside his tent seven days.

Leviticus 14:9 And on the seventh day he shall shave off all his hair from his head, his beard, and his eyebrows. He shall shave off all his hair, and then he shall wash his clothes and bathe his body in water, and he shall be clean.

Leviticus 14:10 ¶ "And on the eighth day he shall take two male lambs without blemish, and one ewe lamb a year old without blemish, and a grain offering of three tenths of an ephah of fine flour mixed with oil, and one log of oil.

Leviticus 14:11 And the priest who cleanses him shall set the man who is to be cleansed and these things before the LORD, at the entrance of the tent of meeting.

Leviticus 14:12 And the priest shall take one of the male lambs and offer it for a guilt offering, along with the log of oil, and wave them for a wave offering before the LORD.

Leviticus 14:13 And he shall kill the lamb in the place where they kill the sin offering and the burnt offering, in the place of the sanctuary. For the guilt offering, like the sin offering, belongs to the priest; it is most holy.

Leviticus 14:14 **The priest shall take some of the blood of the guilt offering, and the priest shall put it on the lobe of the right ear of him who is to be cleansed and on the thumb of his right hand and on the big toe of his right foot.**

Leviticus 14:15 Then the priest shall take some of the log of oil and pour it into the palm of his own left hand

Leviticus 14:16 and dip his right finger in the oil that is in his left hand and sprinkle some oil with his finger seven times before the LORD.

Leviticus 14:17 And some of the oil that remains in his hand the priest shall put on the lobe of the right ear of him who is to be cleansed and on the thumb of his right hand and on the big toe of his right foot, on top of the blood of the guilt offering.

Leviticus 14:18 And the rest of the oil that is in the priest's hand he shall put on the head of him who is to be cleansed. Then the priest shall make atonement for him before the LORD.

Leviticus 14:19 The priest shall offer the sin offering, to make atonement for him who is to be cleansed from his uncleanness. And afterward he shall kill the burnt offering.

Leviticus 14:20 And the priest shall offer the burnt offering and the grain offering on the altar. Thus the priest shall make atonement for him, and he shall be clean.

Leviticus 14:21 ¶ "But if he is poor and cannot afford so much, then he shall take one male lamb for a guilt offering to be waved, to make atonement for him, and a tenth of an ephah of fine flour mixed with oil for a grain offering, and a log of oil;

Leviticus 14:22 also two turtledoves or two pigeons, whichever he can afford. The one shall be a sin offering and the other a burnt offering.

Leviticus 14:23 And on the eighth day he shall bring them for his cleansing to the priest, to the entrance of the tent of meeting, before the LORD.

Leviticus 14:24 And the priest shall take the lamb of the guilt offering and the log of oil, and the priest shall wave them for a wave offering before the LORD.

Leviticus 14:25 And he shall kill the lamb of the guilt offering. And the priest shall take some of the blood of the guilt offering and put it on the lobe of the right ear of him who is to be cleansed, and on the thumb of his right hand and on the big toe of his right foot.

Leviticus 14:26 And the priest shall pour some of the oil into the palm of his own left hand,

Leviticus 14:27 and shall sprinkle with his right finger some of the oil that is in his left hand seven times before the LORD.

Leviticus 14:28 And the priest shall put some of the oil that is in his hand on the lobe of the right ear of him who is to be cleansed and on the thumb of his right hand and on the big toe of his right foot, in the place where the blood of the guilt offering was put.

Leviticus 14:29 And the rest of the oil that is in the priest's hand he shall put on the head of him who is to be cleansed, to make atonement for him before the LORD.

Leviticus 14:30 And he shall offer, of the turtledoves or pigeons, whichever he can afford,

Leviticus 14:31 one for a sin offering and the other for a burnt offering, along with a grain offering. And the priest shall make atonement before the LORD for him who is being cleansed.

Leviticus 14:32 This is the law for him in whom is a case of leprous disease, who cannot afford the offerings for his cleansing."

Leviticus 14:33 ¶ The LORD spoke to Moses and Aaron, saying,

Leviticus 14:34 "When you come into the land of Canaan, which I give you for a possession, and I put a case of leprous disease in a house in the land of your possession,

Leviticus 14:35 then he who owns the house shall come and tell the priest, "There seems to me to be some case of disease in my house."

Leviticus 14:36 Then the priest shall command that they empty the house before the priest goes to examine the disease, lest all that is in the house be declared unclean. And afterward the priest shall go in to see the house.

Leviticus 14:37 And he shall examine the disease. And if the disease is in the walls of the house with greenish or reddish spots, and if it appears to be deeper than the surface,

Leviticus 14:38 then the priest shall go out of the house to the door of the house and shut up the house seven days.

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Leviticus 14:39 And the priest shall come again on the seventh day, and look. If the disease has spread in the walls of the house,
Leviticus 14:40 then the priest shall command that they take out the stones in which is the disease and throw them into an unclean place outside the city.
Leviticus 14:41 And he shall have the inside of the house scraped all around, and the plaster that they scrape off they shall pour out in an unclean place outside the city.

Leviticus 14:42 Then they shall take other stones and put them in the place of those stones, and he shall take other plaster and plaster the house.

Leviticus 14:43 ¶ "If the disease breaks out again in the house, after he has taken out the stones and scraped the house and plastered it,

Leviticus 14:44 then the priest shall go and look. And if the disease has spread in the house, it is a persistent leprous disease in the house; it is unclean.

Leviticus 14:45 And he shall break down the house, its stones and timber and all the plaster of the house, and he shall carry them out of the city to an unclean place.

Leviticus 14:46 Moreover, whoever enters the house while it is shut up shall be unclean until the evening,

Leviticus 14:47 and whoever sleeps in the house shall wash his clothes, and whoever eats in the house shall wash his clothes.

Leviticus 14:48 ¶ "But if the priest comes and looks, and if the disease has not spread in the house after the house was plastered, then the priest shall pronounce the house clean, for the disease is healed.

Leviticus 14:49 And for the cleansing of the house he shall take two small birds, with cedarwood and scarlet yarn and hyssop,

Leviticus 14:50 and shall kill one of the birds in an earthenware vessel over fresh water

Leviticus 14:51 and shall take the cedarwood and the hyssop and the scarlet yarn, along with the live bird, and dip them in the blood of the bird that was killed and in the fresh water and sprinkle the house seven times.

Leviticus 14:52 Thus he shall cleanse the house with the blood of the bird and with the fresh water and with the live bird and with the cedarwood and hyssop and scarlet yarn.

Leviticus 14:53 And he shall let the live bird go out of the city into the open country. So he shall make atonement for the house, and it shall be clean."

Leviticus 14:54 ¶ This is the law for any case of leprous disease: for an itch,

Leviticus 14:55 for leprous disease in a garment or in a house,

Leviticus 14:56 and for a swelling or an eruption or a spot,

Leviticus 14:57 to show when it is unclean and when it is clean. This is the law for leprous disease.

lev 8:23-24 (Leviticus reminds us that we cannot heal ourselves we cannot heal our lives our homes - this ritual is not a cure but it is a neon sign pointing to the true cure...a cure that treats a leper as if he were a priest - can you see the Scarlett thread that runs from the bird set free covered in the water and blood to our blessed Savior pierced with water and blood running down His side (jn 19:33-34)

Luke 17:11-19 (missed what was right in front of them... We take a somewhat magical view of medicine and a natural view of our body...but the same doctor who heals every cut and mends every broken bone came in the flesh and did His daily work all of a sudden. The curtain was pulled back but only those who saw their true condition could see it

lk 4:22-30 (can you see your condition)

lk 5:29-32 (implication)

lk 5:12-14 (application)