

Inside of The Cup

Intro:

Col 2:20-23

self improvement - self made religion is worthless...why?

Problem:

Jer 13:23

Nature is the ultimate problem Leviticus 15 points to...

Eph 2:1-3

It is not the sin that is around us

It is not the sin that is non us

It is the sin that is within us that is our ultimate problem

The picture builds from outside in on both sides (chiasm) with the day of atonement in the middle

The unclean animal points (11) to the sin outside of us that we naturally take in from the world

The unclean childbirth (12) points to the outside sin we take in genetically from our parents

The unclean skin (13-14) points to the sin on us our skin, clothes, walls the sin we swim in

The unclean emission (15) points to the sin that dwells within us that comes forth from us...

Leviticus 15 might seem to be obscure but if you can get over your squeamishness you might even see the gospel...

Main Idea:

What comes out of a person is what defiles him

Clean the inside of the cup

Implication:

How to clean the inside of the cup?

How do you get rid of darkness?

Put your self help books and blogs away - they don't work

Take a break from all the life hacks, the tips and tricks the endless parade of techniques to change your life, your marriage your happiness - you won't change

Stop trying to empty the cup with nothing - its always 100 percent full

Stop trying to shoo away the darkness...

So what then should you do???

Application:

Add light -

Put Christ at the center of your ambitions, your apathy, your attitude, the center of your every appetite

Your sin might seem contagious - darkness might seem like its everywhere

but His holiness is more contagious - the light always overcomes the darkness

Articles for further study:

<https://www.gotquestions.org/not-under-the-law.html>

<https://www.gotquestions.org/law-vs-grace.html>

<https://www.gotquestions.org/total-depravity.html>

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Text:

What comes out of you is what defiles you

Unnatural discharge men

Leviticus 15:1 ¶ The LORD spoke to Moses and Aaron, saying,

Leviticus 15:2 **"Speak to the people of Israel** and say to them, When any man has a discharge **from his body, his discharge** is unclean.

Leviticus 15:3 And this is the law of his uncleanness for **a discharge**: whether **his body runs with his discharge**, or his body is **blocked up by his discharge**, it is his uncleanness.

Leviticus 15:4 Every bed on which the one with the discharge lies shall be unclean, and everything on which he sits shall be unclean.

Leviticus 15:5 And anyone who touches his bed shall wash his clothes and bathe himself in water and be unclean until the evening.

Leviticus 15:6 And whoever sits on anything on which the one with the discharge has sat shall wash his clothes and bathe himself in water and be unclean until the evening.

Leviticus 15:7 And whoever touches the body of the one with the discharge shall wash his clothes and bathe himself in water and be unclean until the evening.

Leviticus 15:8 And if the one with the discharge spits on someone who is clean, then he shall wash his clothes and bathe himself in water and be unclean until the evening.

Leviticus 15:9 And any saddle on which the one with the discharge rides shall be unclean.

Leviticus 15:10 And whoever touches anything that was under him shall be unclean until the evening. And whoever carries such things shall wash his clothes and bathe himself in water and be unclean until the evening.

Leviticus 15:11 Anyone whom the one with the discharge touches without having rinsed his hands in water shall wash his clothes and bathe himself in water and be unclean until the evening.

Leviticus 15:12 And an earthenware vessel that the one with the discharge touches shall be broken, and every vessel of wood shall be rinsed in water.

Leviticus 15:13 ¶ "And when the one with a discharge is cleansed of his discharge, then he shall count for himself seven days for his cleansing, and wash his clothes. And he shall bathe his body in fresh water and shall be clean.

Leviticus 15:14 And on the eighth day he shall take two turtledoves or two pigeons and come before the LORD to the entrance of the tent of meeting and give them to the priest.

Leviticus 15:15 And the priest shall use them, one for a **sin offering** and the other for a **burnt offering**. And the priest shall make **atonement** for him before the LORD **for his discharge**.

Natural discharge men

Leviticus 15:16 ¶ "If a man has an emission of semen, he shall bathe his whole body in water and be unclean until the evening.

Leviticus 15:17 And every garment and every skin on which the semen comes shall be washed with water and be unclean until the evening.

Leviticus 15:18 If a man lies with a woman and has an emission of semen, both of them shall bathe themselves in water and be unclean until the evening.

Natural discharge women

Leviticus 15:19 ¶ "When a woman has a discharge, and the discharge in her body is blood, she shall be in her menstrual impurity for seven days, and whoever touches her shall be unclean until the evening.

Leviticus 15:20 And everything on which she lies during her menstrual impurity shall be unclean. Everything also on which she sits shall be unclean.

Leviticus 15:21 And whoever touches her bed shall wash his clothes and bathe himself in water and be unclean until the evening.

Leviticus 15:22 And whoever touches anything on which she sits shall wash his clothes and bathe himself in water and be unclean until the evening.

Leviticus 15:23 Whether it is the bed or anything on which she sits, when he touches it he shall be unclean until the evening.

Leviticus 15:24 And if any man lies with her and her menstrual impurity comes upon him, he shall be unclean seven days, and every bed on which he lies shall be unclean.

Unnatural discharge women

Leviticus 15:25 ¶ "If a woman has a discharge of blood for many days, not at the time of her menstrual impurity, or if she has a discharge beyond the time of her impurity, all the days of the discharge she shall continue in uncleanness. As in the days of her impurity, she shall be unclean.

Leviticus 15:26 Every bed on which she lies, all the days of her discharge, shall be to her as the bed of her impurity. And everything on which she sits shall be unclean, as in the uncleanness of her menstrual impurity.

Leviticus 15:27 And whoever touches these things shall be unclean, and shall wash his clothes and bathe himself in water and be unclean until the evening.

Leviticus 15:28 But if she is cleansed of her discharge, she shall count for herself seven days, and after that she shall be clean.

Leviticus 15:29 And on the eighth day she shall take two turtledoves or two pigeons and bring them to the priest, to the entrance of the tent of meeting.

Leviticus 15:30 And the priest shall use one for a **sin offering** and the other for a **burnt offering**. And the priest shall make **atonement** for her before the LORD for **her unclean discharge**.

heb 13:4 (at the same time this is not saying the marriage bed is unclean - these bodily functions essential to our lives nothing wrong with them...totally natural...which gets to the root of the ceremonial problem - a picture a reminder of our nature - the sin from within...)

rom 3:9-20 (not just moral law but ceremonial law too a reminder of sin -

mk 7:14-23 (eph 2:1-3 (the idea of our nature being the problem is the big ultimate picture taught in lev and throughout the Bible)

matt 7:15-20 (what comes out defiles the impossibility of self improvement)

2 pet 2:17-22 (their problem was their nature)

Titus 1:9-16 (defiled impure unable to change)

1 cor 2:14-15 (the problem isn't information but nature...)

jn 8:31-47 (their problem was from within...lev 15 was meant to teach them this...)

Clean the inside of the cup

Leviticus 15:31 ¶ "Thus you shall keep the people of Israel separate from their uncleanness, lest they die in their uncleanness by defiling my tabernacle that is in their midst."

Leviticus 15:32 ¶ This is the law for him who has a discharge and for him who has an emission of semen, becoming unclean thereby;

Leviticus 15:33 also for her who is unwell with her menstrual impurity, that is, for anyone, male or female, who has a discharge, and for the man who lies with a woman who is unclean.

matt 23:25-28 (an answer the pharisees missed...how to clean the inside of the cup? How to clean old nature?)

matt 12:43-44 (implication)

jn 3:1-8 (cannot get rid of old nature - add new nature - most be born again)

lk 8:42-48 (application)