

## Remember Christmas Eve

### **Intro:**

1 Tim 2:15

We might find this obscure and hard to understand but Satan surely didn't...

Satan has tried to stop this salvation since the beginning...

He tried to wipe out the line of Christ through pharaoh (Ex 1:15-17), through Hama (Esther 3:1-6), and through Herod (Matt 2:1-16)

for he knew God had made a promise...a promise meant to be remembered at the birth of every baby in the nation of Israel...a promise enshrined into the law of Leviticus 12...

### **Problem:**

jn 16:21

in the midst of the joy the pain of childbirth is forgotten...but God doesn't want us to totally forget e

Lev 12 prescribes to Israel in the midst of greatest joy - an inconvenient reminder of judgment and the stain of original sin - not to be a kill joy but to point them to the source of true joy...and the birth of salvation Himself

### **Main Idea:**

Remember Eve

Remember Christmas

### **Implication:**

Leviticus 12 is a memento-mori even in the greatest moment of life it points us back to Eve to her inheritance of death and then it points us to Christmas the true source of life...but why?

### **Application:**

To reveal our idolatry

To redeem our joy

### **Articles for further study:**

<https://www.gotquestions.org/inherit-sin.html>

<https://www.gotquestions.org/Mary-redemptrix-mediatrix.html>

<https://www.gty.org/library/blog/B141201/mary-who-she-was-and-wasnt>

<https://christiancounseling.com/blog/uncategorized/the-idolatry-of-family/>

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Text:

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Leviticus 12:1 ¶ The LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

Leviticus 12:2 “Speak to the people of Israel, saying, If a woman conceives and bears a male child, then **she shall be unclean** seven days. As at the time of her **menstruation**, she shall be **unclean**.

Leviticus 12:3 And on the eighth day the flesh of his foreskin shall be circumcised.

Leviticus 12:4 Then she shall continue for **thirty-three days in the blood of her purifying**. She shall not touch anything holy, nor come into the sanctuary, until **the days of her purifying** are completed.

Leviticus 12:5 But if she bears a female child, then she shall be **unclean** two weeks, as in her **menstruation**. And she shall **continue in the blood of her purifying for sixty-six days**.

*lev 21:16-24 (remember her problem - not whole = blemished unholy - disassociate from the Fall)*

*lev 17:14 (even at a celebration of life is a remembrance of death...ps 127 (this is not about children being anything but a blessing...it is about the woman and yet...her impurity is our problem))*

*ps 51:5 (speak to the people of Israel - this was not a reference to his mothers morality but her nature - a reminder for everyone of their own inherited nature)*

*gen 17:1-16; (remember its persistence - even in the joy of birth even in the celebration of God's covenant a sense of hopeless impurity)*

*gen 5:1-5 (a reminder of our hopeless predicament...)*

*gen 2:15-17; 3:7-21; (Remember Eve, remember her punishment, and remember her promise...)*

### Remember Christmas

Leviticus 12:6 ¶ “And when the days of her **purifying are completed**, whether for a son or for a daughter, she shall bring to the priest at the entrance of the tent of meeting a lamb a year old for a **burnt offering**, and a pigeon or a turtledove for a sin offering,

Leviticus 12:7 and he shall offer it before the LORD and make **atonement for her**. **Then she shall be clean from the flow of her blood**. This is the law for her who bears a child, either male or female.

Leviticus 12:8 **And if she cannot afford a lamb, then she shall take two turtledoves or two pigeons, one for a burnt offering and the other for a sin offering. And the priest shall make atonement for her, and she shall be clean.**”

*lk 2:21-40 (enshrined into Leviticus is a prophetic picture of Christmas - but the emphasis should not be on Mary...the offering was for her impurity...)*

*lk 1:26-35 (Mary was not immaculate -- not about her conception - (Matt 1:1-18))*

*lk 11:27-28 (not about her womb)*

*lk 8:19-21 (Mary was just like you and me...not a co-mediatrix, co-redemptrix, she did not ascend to heaven - remember her salvation and how it comes...the same way it comes to all of us...through Jesus)*

*lk 8:40-48 (Jesus changes everything...Even this story of cleanness is sandwiched in a story about death Leviticus 12 is a memento-mori even in the greatest moment of life it points us back to Eve to her inheritance of death and then it points us to Christmas the true source of life...but why?)*

*lk 14:25-33 (to reveal our idolatry - we can't be His disciples while we are worshipping idols...its easy to see bad things as idols...but good things can become idols too...your family can become an idol, your family, your kids, your marriage, your home... Lev 12 reminds us that even in our greatest moment of joy- it is not an ultimate moment - don't look past the pain and the blood with rose colored lenses building an idol that will only disappoint you...which leads to our second implication)*

*jn 2:1-11 (to redeem our joy - I am afraid we don't really do a good job of understand the true joy promised in genesis enshrined into law in Leviticus and fulfilled in space and time 2000 years ago...Eve reminds us that death ruins everything not just when it ends, but now, in this life...and then we remember Christmas - the good news and great joy of Christmas isn't only for death but now...everything is an appetizer for the main course which is coming - its only Christmas Eve my friends enjoy the blessings of this life but do so with a loose hand with no strings attached...true joy is coming)*