

Today we will begin the sixth lecture on the Book of Leviticus. /We will study Leviticus chapter 12. /Chapter 12 speaks of the purification time of women after childbirth.

/Read verses 1-3. /The LORD said to Moses, ""Say to the Israelites: 'A woman who becomes pregnant and gives birth to a son will be ceremonially unclean for seven days, just as she is unclean during her monthly period. On the eighth day the boy is to be circumcised.

/After a woman gave birth to a child, she was ceremonially unclean for a certain amount of time. /Women bleed heavily at childbirth. /Many unclean things also leave her body. /If a woman gave birth to a son, she was ceremonially unclean for seven days.

/The son was then to be circumcised on the eighth day. /What did circumcision signify? /First, it meant that sexual desires were removed. /It meant to remove one's greed.

/Second, circumcision was a sign that he was a man of God. /He belonged to God. /Today, we do not receive circumcision. /However, we have received spiritual circumcision.

/Believers are spiritually circumcised, and they become people of God. /It says our passions and desires were crucified with Christ. /Believers receive circumcision through Christ.

/A woman who gave birth to a son was to wait thirty-three days to be purified. /The woman would be purified from her bleeding after thirty-three days.

/What if a woman gave birth to a daughter? /A woman was considered ceremonially unclean for fourteen days if she gave birth to a daughter.

/Verse 5. /If she gives birth to a daughter, for two weeks the woman will be unclean, as during her period. Then she must wait sixty-six days to be purified from her bleeding.

/She was then purified from her bleeding after sixty-six days. /Why were women considered unclean after giving birth to daughters? /In Genesis 3:16, God said that he would increase the pains of childbirth.

/Why did that happen? /It was because Eve committed a sin before Adam. /The pains of childbirth was increased because of her sin. /Psalm 51:5.

/Man is born in sin. /We have been born in sin. /God also considered women unclean after they gave birth, because there was a great amount of blood and secretion at childbirth.

/If a woman gave birth to a son, she was unclean for seven days, and if a woman gave birth to a daughter, she was unclean for fourteen days.

/If a woman gave birth to a son, she was purified from her bleeding after thirty-three days, /and if a woman gave birth to a daughter, she was purified from her bleeding after sixty-six days. /Even now, women take maternity leaves for about a month after they give birth.

/What was the reason for these regulations? /Jesus Christ came to this world as a man. /Ecclesiastes 7:28 /Isaiah 6:9 /What comes to mind when we think of the number “33”?

/Jesus died on the cross when He was thirty-three years old. /He took up all our sins and died on the cross. /Ezekiel 4:6 /Let’s count one day as one year.

/Thirty-three days would be thirty-three years. /Thirty-three days can be calculated into thirty-three years. /This showed that Jesus would be crucified on the cross and be resurrected when He was thirty-three years old. /If a woman gave birth to a daughter, she was purified from her bleeding after sixty-six years.

/God doubled the number of days because the woman first ate from the tree of knowledge of good and evil. /2 Timothy 2:14. /Adam did not sin first, but was tempted by the woman.

/A woman gave an offering to God after she gave birth. /In verse 6, it says that she was to give a burnt offering after her days of purification were over. /Jesus’ mother, Mary, also gave offerings to God.

/Luke 2:24. /There were different types of burnt offerings. /There was a year-old lamb. /A lamb was given as a burnt offering, and a young pigeon or a dove was given as a sin offering.

/If one could not afford a lamb, one was to bring two doves or two young pigeons, one for a burnt offering and the other for a sin offering.

/In verse 8, a woman was allowed to give two doves or two young pigeons as offerings. /Job gave offerings for his children. /Job 1:5. /Job always gave offerings to God and prayed for his children.

/Job gave sin offerings to God with faith, because there was a chance that his children would sin. /Why were women to give sin offerings to God after they gave birth?

/First, it was because man is born in sin. /Psalm 51:10. /Second, the pains of childbirth was the result of sin. /Third, it was to atone for the sins she committed while giving birth.

/Women encounter great pain in childbirth. /When giving birth, women can complain, /be resentful, /and think bad thoughts.

/This is instinctive in humans. /Women gave sin offerings for the sins they committed while giving birth with great pains.

/Fourth, it was to atone for the sin of uncleanness of secretion and blood at childbirth.
/What can we learn through this?

/We can learn that God requires us believers to be clean. /God wants his people to be physically clean. /Our hearts must be clean. /How can our hearts be clean? /We cannot wash our hearts clean with soap. /The Israelites believed that their hearts were in their stomachs.

/We also say that our hearts hurt. /What part of your body hurts when you say your hearts hurt? /Does your heart actually hurt? /Does your head hurt? /The Jews believe that the heart is in the kidneys.

/They believe that the heart is deep in their internal organs. /When their hearts hurt, they say that their stomachs hurt. /They say that their hearts hurt, and they say their chests hurt.

/Some people believe that the heart is in the head. /They believe that their heads hurt when their hearts hurt. /Where do you think the heart is?

/Medically, the heart is an emotion that the brain feels. /Feelings in the heart is not seen with the eyes, but it does exist. /Our hearts must be clean. /Our hearts can be clean if we throw away our greed.

/Does greed go away if we believe in Jesus? /There are times when it seems as if we do not have greed. /There is a Korean saying that greed is thicker than the ground. /Our hearts can become clean if we continuously remove our greed.

/Then our bodies must also be clean before God. /If our bodies are clean, our bodies can become healthy as well.

/We will now study chapter 13. /Chapter 13 specially speaks about infectious skin diseases. /Infectious skin diseases were very scary diseases. /Infectious skin diseases are even medically difficult to fix today.

/How were the people to distinguish people with infectious skin diseases? /How were they to deal with them?

/Read verses 1-2. /The LORD said to Moses and Aaron, "When anyone has a swelling or a rash or a bright spot on his skin that may become an infectious skin disease, he must be brought to Aaron the priest or to one of his sons who is a priest.

/Chapters 13 and 14 speak about infectious skin diseases. /The infectious skin diseases here are different from skin diseases we have today. /The skin diseases in Leviticus symbolized wicked sins.

/Sin has two characteristics. /First, sin makes people filthy. /When sin enters, it rots its surroundings. /A small amount of yeast makes the entire dough rot. /Second, sin is contagious.

/When sin enters, its surroundings become quickly contaminated. /When sin enters the church, the church can become quickly contaminated with sin. /Therefore, the church must govern sins. /Then the church can maintain its holiness.

/The church must maintain holiness and peace. /A church that loses its holiness and peace cannot be called a church of God. /Can a church that has become filthy with sin be called a church of God?

/If there are fights and disputes in the church, and there is no peace, how can it be called a church of God? /The same goes for families of believers. /We must maintain holiness and peace.

/In order for us to do so, we must have knowledge about sin. /How were those with infectious skin diseases to be dealt with? /If anyone was infected by such skin diseases, his skin would rot and his disease would be contagious.

/Infectious skin diseases could threaten one's life. /2 Timothy 2:16. /There are perishable sins. /They are ungodly sins. /Their teachings spread like gangrene.

/Their sins were so severe that they could rot one's skin. /These sins were lies, false teachings about the Bible. /They were wrong and evil ideologies. /Today, they are known as heretic ideologies.

/There are sinful ideologies that falsely teach God's word. /Such teachings are like infectious skin diseases. /Now, if anyone with an infectious skin disease was found, he was to be immediately taken to the priest.

/The priest was to examine the person and see if he had an infectious skin disease. /The priest was to carefully examine his skin. /If one had an infectious skin disease, there was a sore on his skin, /the hair on the sore turned white, /and the skin appeared deep.

/He also lost feeling on his skin. /This was the examination to determine infectious skin diseases. /The same goes for our faith. /We examine our faith. /We will discover wrong things.

/Its colors will be different, /its ways will be different, /and there may be things that do not agree with the Bible. /We have the tradition of faith. /However, the tradition is not the Bible.

/If our traditions do not agree with God's word, we must fix our traditions. /I'm sure you have traditions in your church. /There may be traditions of faith that come from fathers of faith. /What must we do if the traditions do not agree with the Bible?

/If any tradition, no matter how good it is, does not agree with the Bible, we must boldly throw it away. /This is faith of religious reformation. /If there is something wrong, we can fix it.

/Some know that some things are wrong, and yet, they say that it cannot be fixed because it is tradition. /This means that they will keep the infectious skin diseases they have. /Then, they will soon contaminate others. /Everything around them will rot. /Lives can be threatened. /Anyone with an infectious skin disease was brought to the priest.

/In verses 4-8, the priest examined the man. /In verse 4, it says that the infected person was put in isolation for seven days. /They examined the infected person to see if there were any changes on his skin.

/In verse 6, seven days passed. /The sore on his skin faded. /It also did not spread in the skin. /This mean that it was only a rash, not an infectious skin disease. /The priest then pronounced this man clean.

/The man was to go home and wash his clothes and then he would be clean. /He was a patient with a skin disease. /An infectious skin disease and a normal skin disease was different. /Let's take a look at birds that fly in the air. /Birds excrete while they fly in the air.

/Let's say the droppings landed on you. /What will you do? /You would most likely go home, wash your clothes, and wash your body. /What if the bird built a nest on your head?

/What would you do? /It is the same with sins. /There are sins that are like normal skin diseases. /We can wash our clothes and our bodies, and we can maintain our cleanness. /We must wholeheartedly repent of such small sins and become upright.

/However, infectious skin diseases refer to terrifying sins. /These are severe sins. /These are terrifying sins. /These are terrifying sins that threaten one's life. /We must especially be careful that heretic ideologies do not enter the church.

/We must be awake so that new theologies and mysticism do not enter the church. /What are new theologies? /They refer to rational faith. /Believers of this do not believe the Bible if they cannot rationally make sense of the Bible.

/Jesus walked on water. /They say, "I don't believe it." /Why don't they believe it? /"This is not scientific." /"This is illogical." /"This is irrational." /They say, "Hence, I cannot believe it."

/There is another terrifying sin. /It is emotional faith. /We call this mysticism. /Mysticism is the act of continuously adding to the Bible. /People add their experiences. /They continuously add their feelings and emotions to the Bible.

/Unbelievers also feel emotions. /Take a large drum and bang on it. /Sing a happy song and play the drum.

/Play it for one or two hours. /Then, what will happen to our emotions? /We will discover new emotions. /When we cheer loudly at important sports games, /we become very excited.

/If we cheer loudly at a sports game, we get happy, but can we call that grace of the Holy Spirit? /We cannot say that we have filled with the Holy Spirit.

/When we watch soccer games /or baseball games, we can get overly excited. /The same goes for the church. /The ways are just a bit different. /If man's emotions are stimulated, he can feel new emotions.

/We can feel that we are filled with grace /just as if we are filled with the Holy Spirit. /However, this is the filling of the Holy Spirit. /Are you filled with emotions every Sunday?

/Then what is it to be filled with the Holy Spirit? /It means to wholly receive the guidance and inspiration of the Holy Spirit. /It means to completely receive inspiration of the Holy Sprit. /Then, you can ask these questions.

/How can we completely receive inspiration of the Holy Spirit? /How can I feel this? /How can I know? /There is a way you can know.

/John 16:13 says, the Holy Spirit is the Spirit of truth. /The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of God. /The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of Christ. /The Holy Spirit is the Spirit who works within God's word. /The Holy Spirit does not work in places that do not have the truth.

/Places that do not have the truth are places that provoke man's emotions. /Cults say that they are filled with the Holy Spirit. /False churches say that they are filled with grace. /However, they are all wrong.

/All diseases are not works of God. /We must not make the healing of diseases our priority. /Hospitals treat patients. /Then, are hospitals places where God's great works take place?

/One man had surgery. /Can we call this God's work? /One man was treated at the dentist. /Was this God's work? /He was healed by the doctor.

/God's church is not a place of healing of physical sicknesses. /One can be healed of his physical sickness by God's grace. /Lepers can be healed. /Paralytics can be healed.

/The eyes of the blind can grow bright, /and the eyes of the deaf can open. /Such special things can happen. /However, the church is firstly a place of healing of spiritual

sicknesses.

/If we go to church to fix physical sicknesses, /is that true faith? /Such faith is inconsistent faith. /Anyone with such faith holds onto God to receive blessings.

/How must we serve God? /We serve God because we are overcome with God's grace in his salvation. /When we serve God in this way, we obey God's word.

/We must overcome hardships. /We must carry our own cross even as we shed tears. /This is done with thanksgiving. /We do not do this to receive salvation.

/We can have physical sicknesses until we die. /Even Paul had a thorn in his flesh. /What does Paul say in 2 Corinthians 12:10? /"For when I am weak, then I am strong."

/Now, we can come to a conclusion. /The church is not a place of healing of physical sicknesses. /Other religions of the world heal sicknesses. /All healing of sicknesses cannot be seen as works of the Holy Spirit.

/The priest examined anyone with an infectious skin disease. /In verses 9-11, the infectious person was examined for seven days, and his disease broke out all over his skin. /His skin began to swell up. /There was raw flesh in the swelling.

/This revealed wicked ideologies and heretic elements. /The priest then acknowledged it as an infectious skin disease. /In verse 12, a man with the disease all over his skin came to the priest.

/Verses 12-13. /"**If the disease breaks out all over his skin and, so far as the priest can see, it covers all the skin of the infected person from head to foot, the priest is to examine him, and if the disease has covered his whole body, he shall pronounce that person clean. Since it has all turned white, he is clean.**"

/The infectious skin disease spread all throughout his skin. /He became white /from head to toe. /However, the priest pronounced that person clean.

/This was because the disease would no longer spread through his skin. /His disease was revealed. /Sins could not longer be concealed. /He acknowledged his filthiness. /Hence, this man had an infectious skin disease, and yet, he was pronounced clean.

/However, from verse 14, it says that if raw flesh appeared on him, he would be considered unclean. /We are always capable of sinning. /We can commit sins even after we become clean.

/Do you not sin after you repent? /Believers can sin after they repent. /We repent and sin again, /and repent and sin again. /What must we do then?

/We must continuously go before God and repent of our sins. /2 Peter 2:22.

/A dog returns to its vomit, /and a pig that is washed goes back to wallowing in the mud. /
This means that we must not return to sin after we repent.

/In verses 16-17, the infected person's raw flesh changed and turned white and clean.
/The priest saw that his skin returned to normal. /Then the man became clean.

/In verses 18-23 is an infectious skin disease of boils on the skin. /It first appeared
small, /but it grew and became a big disease. /Ephesians 4:26.

/There was small anger, /but that small anger became the cause of a great sin. /Therefore,
we must control our smaller sins first. /From verse 24, it speaks of an infectious skin
disease that resulted from a burn on the skin.

/The skin disease spread while treating the burn. /The person's skin changed color, /his
hair turned white, /and his flesh appeared more than skin deep. /This person was
examined for seven days.

/This person was examined to whether his skin disease was infectious, was a normal skin
disease, or if it was a burn. /The priest examined him seven days later. /If the disease
spread because it was infectious, it was diagnosed as an infectious skin disease, /and if he
had become clean, he was pronounced clean.

/In verses 29-39, it says that itches were to be distinguished from infectious skin diseases.
/Itches resulted in loss of hair on the body. /If there was an itch on the head or chin, the
person was to be taken to the priest for examination.

/The priest examined the person for seven days, and if there were signs of an infectious
skin disease, he was pronounced unclean. /Small sins come into us first. /There is a
saying, "What is learned in the cradle is carried to the tomb."

/There is a saying, "He that will steal a pin will steal an ox." /When small sins come, we
must discover the sins. /We must immediately take control over the sins. /The same goes
for our sins.

/We must not treat small sins lightly. /We must not become unclean with sins after we
become clean. /We must always be careful of sins even after we become clean. /We must
protect ourselves so that we do not contaminated by sins.

/In verses 38-39, it says that all men and women were to be careful of infectious skin
diseases. /It also warns the people to be careful of other skin diseases.

/Verse 40 speaks of baldness. /This is the loss of hair. /A man who lost his hair was
considered clean because he was bald. /This was not an infectious skin disease. /It also
says that an infectious skin disease could spread on clothes.

/In verse 47, it says that any woolen or linen clothing can be contaminated with mildew. /
The clothes changed color because of the infectious skin disease. /In verse 50, it says that
they were to examine this for seven days.

/They were to watch and see if it was an infectious skin disease. /Why does the Bible
speak of clothing? /It was to warn us to watch out that sins do not come into us through
clothing or materials.

/Jude 1:23. /It says that we must hate even the clothing stained by sin. /The clothes do not
sin, /but rather, it tells us to hate the things that belong to sinners.

/We must guard ourselves against sins. /Infectious skin diseases make skin rot. /Sin
makes the church rot, /makes families rot, /and makes us rot. /We must hate sin.

/We will conclude this lecture here. /Thank you.