

## "Born Into Sin, Redeemed by God"

Leviticus 12:1-8

- What this portion of scripture *DOES NOT* teach:
  - This portion of scripture does not teach that women are inferior to or have less value to men; in fact, nowhere in the Word of God teaches this (Galatians 3:28; Ephesians 5:25 & 28-29).
  - This portion of scripture does not teach that sex or having children is evil or wrong. God has designed sex to glorify Him by using this good gift according to God's Word (Genesis 1:28; Hebrews 13:4; Genesis 2:24-25; Matthew 19:4-6; 2 Corinthians 7:9-10).
- What this portion of scripture *DOES* teach:
  - That every child is born into sin; that sin makes us unclean; and that sin separates us from God.
    - Every child is born into sin (Job 25:4; Psalm 51:5; Romans 5:18-19).
    - Sin makes us unclean (Isaiah 6:5; Isaiah 64:6; 2 Corinthians 6:17-7:1).
    - Sin separates us from God (Isaiah 59:2; Romans 3:23; Hebrews 4:16).
  - What is the significance of the 40 (male) and 80 (female) days of separation?
    - The number 40 in the Bible so often points to sin or the consequences of sin....The flood (Genesis 7:12); The giving of the Law (Exodus 34:28); The wandering in the wilderness (Joshua 5:6); and Jesus' temptation (Luke 4:2).
    - Why double the time for the female? The woman sinned first (1 Timothy 2:14); the woman is the weaker vessel (1 Peter 3:7); through a woman the savior will come (Genesis 3:15; Isaiah 7:14; Matthew 1:23).
  - In Leviticus 12 we see these three realities:
    - We are *RUINED* by the fall (Leviticus 12:2 & 4); We are *REDEEMED* by the blood (Leviticus 12:6-7); We are *REGENERATED* by the Holy Spirit (Leviticus 12:4).
    - Circumcision was symbolic of our *REGENERATION* or of being *BORN AGAIN* (John 3:7; Romans 2:28-29; Titus 3:5-6; Colossians 2:9-15).
  - Closing observations:
    - The pain and damage of childbearing was a direct result of the fall (Genesis 3:16). In God's grace and goodness He gave the woman time to recover from the weakness and vulnerability that came from childbearing.
    - Women had much more rights than the women of the surrounding nations; they were protected after childbirth, were able to offer their sacrifices beside men and the same as men, women also had the same consequences as men in sin and uncleanness.
    - God, in His great grace, provided a way for both the poor and rich to be made right with Him. Showing again that God is not a respecter of persons or shows favoritism (James 2:1-5; Romans 2:11).

**Worship:** How Great Thou Art (Various Artists)

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