

“The Wages of Sin is Death: A Little Leaven Leavens the Whole Lump”

Leviticus 13:1-59 & 1 Corinthians 5:6-13

- The basics of Leviticus 13:1-59:
  - This portion of scripture is both instruction on how to keep contagious disease/sickness from infecting the entire camp and a living parable of the severity of sin (Deuteronomy 32:39; Job 2:4-5 & 7 & 10).
    - Sin/sickness affects both our relationship with God and our relationship with one another. If left unaddressed it will eventually lead to death both spiritually and physically (Romans 6:23). Both spiritual and physical healing is a grace from God’s hand (Romans 11:36).
    - (Leviticus 13:46) The sick/sin person was taken away from their family, their friends, normal activities, and the worship of God (Luke 16:26-30). This again shows the severity of sin. Sin that is not dealt with will eventually kill all enjoyment and benefit of our relationships (Psalm 51:10-12).
    - (Leviticus 13:1-3) The priest could offer neither hope or a cure. After identifying the sickness it was up to the grace of God to heal the person of their condition. Their job was to keep sickness out of the camp (2 Timothy 2:24-25; 1 Corinthians 5:6-13).
    - (Leviticus 13:4-5) When someone was sick it was a public confession of their condition and there was a public responsibility. “Wickedness” must be dealt with, it is not a trivial reality (Matthew 18:15-18).
    - (Leviticus 13:45) They were to dress as if they were mourning and have shame. Sickness shows the fragility of life and its effect on everything (James 4:8-10; Romans 8:1; 2 Corinthians 7:9-10).
    - (Leviticus 13:51-52) Infected materials were either washed or burnt because of contamination. It must be “cut off” from the rest of the house (Matthew 5:27-30; Jude 1:23).
    - (Leviticus 13:45-46 & 59) Disease/sin affect the order of life on this planet. It affects the way in which God designed for something to work (Colossians 3:17).
    - Staying “healthy” is done with great intentionality, but in a sinful world we are all vulnerable to the effects of sickness/sin (2 Corinthians 6:14-7:1; Romans 7:21-25).

*“Holiness requires hard work, but it is never the product of mere hard work. From first to last, holiness is a gift of grace. And so, we pray not only, “Lord, make us diligent,” but, “Lord, make us desperate.” (Scott Hubbard)*

**Worship:** Glorious Day (Casting Crowns)

All Glory Be To Christ (Kings Kaleidoscope)