

Leviticus 15

Christ Cleanses Us from What Comes Out of Us

Friday, October 27, 2023 • Read Leviticus 15

Questions from the Scripture text: To whom does YHWH speak (v1)? To whom are they to speak (v2)? What might come from them? What is unclean? Whose uncleanness is it (v3)? In which two conditions? What other things become unclean (v4, 9, 12)? Who else becomes unclean in what ways (v5, 6, 7, 8, 10)? What must they do? When the discharge stops, how long does the one who had it have to wait (v13, 24, 28)? What must he do on that day? Then what must he bring on the next day (v1, 29)? Before Whom? Where? And give to whom? What does the priest do (v15, 30)? Who have their own specific discharges (v16–18, 19–24, 25–27)? How is v31 a summary for chs. 11–15? Which particular discharges' uncleanness were the main ones in this chapter (v32–33)?

What defiles a sinner? Leviticus 15 looks forward to the evening sermon on the coming Lord's Day. In these thirty-three verses of Holy Scripture, the Holy Spirit teaches us that **what comes out of a sinner defiles him, requiring atonement**.

What comes out of a sinner defiles him. The connection of 12:2 to Gen 3:16b–c emphasized to us that the problem is that we are sinners, and those who come from us are therefore sinners. Chapter 12, therefore, taught the same great lesson as Mark 7:1–23. What comes out of a man defiles him. "customary impurity" in 12:2 hinted forward to this chapter and the same lesson. Now, in chapter 15, any sort of flow from a man makes him unclean in a way that requires an 8th day atonement, just as the cleansed leper (cf. 14:10) needed to signify his "rebirth" into the sacred community. No diagnostic procedure, like those in chs. 13–14, is necessary. Any flow at all that comes out of him makes him unclean.

What comes out of a sinner defiles others. Whatever he wears or lays or sits upon becomes unclean. Whatever touches him, or touches something he has defiled, also becomes unclean. All of these must be washed (or in the case of pottery, be destroyed). We sinners make others unclean just by touching them, or their touching us. This is part of what makes the touching in Matthew 8:3 so amazing. Jesus not only has an internal cleanness that is so great that He cannot be defiled; but, His is so great that it can actually take away the defilement of others. No water ever cleansed like Jesus cleanses.

The need for new creation. As we noted above, the atonement that is required in this chapter is an "8th day" atonement (v1, 29). This corresponds to the day of circumcision (cf. 12:3; Gen 17:12), and the new heart that is needed for the new birth (cf. Deut 10:16, 30:6). The 8th day is the 1st day of a second week, the 1st day of a new creation. It is the day that has become the Lord's Day. When someone is kept out of the sacred assembly in a way that needs atonement, the Lord gives them to do so on the 8th day of their cleanness, a sign that teaches us about the new birth that is necessary for entering the new creation. Much of the chapter, then, focuses on those discharges that are related to a man's fathering children or a woman's conceiving children. In God's providence, He has made these to be times of physical discharge that remind us that we and our children both desperately need to be born again—to become members of the new creation.

What is the great uncleanness about us? How can we be cleansed? What does this cleansing do for us?

Sample prayer: Lord, we confess that because we are sinners, whatever comes from us is unclean. Give us the new birth, we pray, and unite us to Christ so that much may come out of us that is from Him, rather than from us. And do this, also, for our children, we ask. For, they have come from sinful parents and need Christ, through whom we ask it, AMEN!

Suggested songs: ARP51B "From My Sins, O Hide Your Face" or TPH274 "Jesus, My Great High Priest"

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Leviticus chapter 15 lettuce. Read and hear read these words. With hearts and minds offered unto God and worship.

Being careful of how we consider them. That we would consider them as they are the very words of god. And you always spoke to Moses and Aaron saying, Speak to the children of israel and say, to them. When any man has a discharge from his body. His discharge is unclean.

And this shall be his uncleanness in regard to his discharge. Whether his body runs with his discharge. Or his body is chopped up by his discharge. It is his unliness. Every bed is unclean on which he has the discharge lives. Everything in which he sets shall be unclean. Whoever touches his bed, she'll wash his clothes.

And bathe in water and be unclean. Until evening. He who sets on anything, on which He who has the discharge set. Shall wash his clothes and bathe in water. And be unclean until evening. And he who touches the body of him, who has the discharge Shall wash his clothes and bathe in water.

Had to be ugly until evening. If he who has the discharge spits on the moose. Clean, And then he saw washes clothes, and bathe in the water. And to be unclean until evening. And he saddle on which he, who has the discharge rides. Shall be unclean. Whatever touches anything that was under him.

Shall be unclean until evening. He who carries any of those things. So, wash his clothes. And bathe in water. And to be unclean until evening. And remember the one that has the discharge touches And has not rinsed his hand in water. He's always his clothes and bathe in water.

And be unclean until evening. The vessel of earth. He has discharged. Touches shall be broken. And every vessel of wood shall be rinsed and water. And when he who has a discharge is cleansed, it was discharge. Then he shall count for himself. Seven days for his cleansing. Washes clothes.

When bathe his body and running water. Then he shall be cleaned. Only eighth day. He shall take for himself two, turtle doves. Or two young pigeons. Come before y'all way to the door, the tabernacle of meeting. That give them to the priest. The priests shall offer them the one as a sin offering.

The other as a burned offering. So the priests shall make a tournament for him. Before you always, because of his discharge. Funny man has an admission of semen. Than he shall wash all his body in water. Going to be unclean until evening. And then he garment and any leather on which there is semen.

It shall be washed with water and be unclean until evening. Also, when a woman lies with a man and there is an emission of semen, They shall bathe in water and be unclean until evening. If a woman has a discharge And the discharge from her body is blood. She shall be set, apart seven days.

And whoever touches her shall be unclean until evening. Everything that she lies on during her impurity. Shall be unclean. Also everything that she sits on. Shall be unclean. Whoever touches her bed, she'll wash his clothes. Bathe in water and be unclean until evening. Whoever touches anything that she sat on, So watch his clothes and bathing water.

And be unclean until evening. If anything is on her bed or on anything, which she sits When he touches it, he shall be unclean until the evening. And if any man lies with her at all, So that her impurity is on him. He shall be unclean, seven days. And every bed on which he lines shall be unclean.

A woman has a discharge of blood for many days. Other than at the time of her customary impurity. Or if it runs beyond or usual time, Of impurity. All the days of her unclean discharge shall be as the days. Of her customary impurity. She shall be unclean. Every bed on which she lies all the days of her discharge.

Shall be to her as the bed of her impurity. And whatever she sits on shall be unclean. As the uncleanness of her impurity. Whoever touches those things shall be

unclean. He shall wash his clothes and bathe in the water. And be unclean until evening. But if she is cleansed of her discharge, then she shall count for herself.

Seven days. And after that she shall be clean. And on the eighth day, She shall take for herself. To you two, turtle doves or two young pigeons. And bring them to the priest to the door of the tabernacle of meeting. Than the priest saw for the one as a sin offering.

And the other as a burnt offering. The priest shall make atonement for her before he always. For the discharge of her uncleanness. That's usual separate the children of israel from there. Uncleanness Unless they die in their uncleanness. When they defile my tabernacle. That is among them.

This is the law. Wanted as a discharge. And for him who met semen and his unclean, thereby. And for her who is in disposed, because of her customary impurity, For the one who has a discharge either, man. Or woman and for him who lies with her. Who is unclean?

So far the reading of gods inspired and The narrant word.

One of the things that is missing. This section of the law about clean and then clean. That deals with discharges. As opposed to the part that dealt with Infections of plague.

As opposed to the part that dealt with infections of plague. Which was in our Bible's translated often leprosur. But there's really just infections of plague. Is that in that section? There was all of this diagnosis. In this section. There is discharge, or A very Basically. The verb root. Is flow.

Anything that flows out of, or Comes out of. A person. Makes him unclean. That is because we ourselves. Or sinners. You're unween. What comes out? Of a person defiles him. And of course, what comes out of us is? Not just, Plus.

Blood. Seed. All of the grace things that are Main subject on the face of this chapter, But what comes out of us, our lives. And murders. Adulteries rebellions. All matter of wickedness. Justice lord, jesus taught. Mark chapter 7 verse 1, through 23. Pharisees were offended. That the Disciples were not washing their hands.

We even have in limiticus 15. One point at which, Washing your hands might spare you. Becoming unclean. Washing hands is fine. But that is not the great lesson. Of the fact that what comes out of a man defiles him, Comes out of a sinner. The files and because he is a sinner.

Not because it's gross. Not because you might get sick and die. You might get sick and die because we're sinners. On death itself, has entered the world through sin. But, To have upon us. This, reminder and testimony and display of our uncleanness. Makes it dangerous to worship. From that was The point of,

Verse 31. Thus, you shall separate the children of israel from their uncleanness. Lest they die in their uncleanness when they defile. My tabernacle. That is among them.

So the lord teaches us to take very seriously, what is Coming out of us. And to deal with it. By the cleansing and the sacrifice that he has provided Before we approach him for worship. Now, the cleansing that he has provided, it's not So much. Now, the washing with water.

Although i do highly recommend. The continuation of. The. Bathing and anticipation of going to public worship practice. What he has given for our cleansing is. The lord jesus christ. Union with him. Resting upon him and his righteousness, to be our worthiness. And especially, Trusting, that his sacrifice has put away.

The guilt of our sin. And the impurity of our sin. And that it consecrates us unto God. And marks us and

Constitutes us. Holy Before him. For the public worship. We may or may not have had one of the many. Discharges. Described in leviticus 15. We have always had the discharge of sin. And so let us never approach God. Without coming first, my faith through christ and through christ. For cleansing.

And consecration. Not only does what comes out of the center, defiles him. What comes out of the center? Defiles others. We see. Transmission of this sin. Here. In this chapter, Generally speaking. Anyone who touches someone who's unclean in this way? Anything that touches someone is an include. Who is unclean in these ways?

Anyone who touches anything that has touched someone? It was unclean in these ways. And even more. We are reminded. That the uncleanness. That we transmit to those nearest to us. A husband. From whom the seed comes. The words translated semen here is just the Hebrew word for seed. A wife.

From whom every month blood comes. And the seed and the blood come from them, why? Because These are connected to. How children? In God's providence, come by them as well. So we're reminded that husbands and wives are sinners. And that fathers and mothers are sinners and the children who come from them, are sinners.

So, rather than being proud, Of our covenant status. Committedness of our marriage. Or. Many other. Right. And proper aspect. We ought to be humble. And realize that we are still sinners. Threatened to defile one another, and therefore we all the more Needs to keep short accounts with god. By the lord jesus christ.

And by his cleansing So that we rather than defiling one another. Or a help to. Our children. We should also remember then. The weather in the congregation. Where passages like first corinthians 5? Teach us, teach us that Sin from one member of the congregation. Leavens infects. Pervades. To another and then another until the whole congregation, And these are those at him, we should most care.

That we should not be the means by which they become defiled. So, we are. Not only. Watching against sin and dealing immediately with sin. For the sake of not. Defiling god's worship ourselves individually. Also knots to filing one another. What comes out of a center to files? Those who are near him, those who meet touches.

What we ultimately need is not.

What we ultimately need is not Leviticus 15. And it's ceremonial washing. And then the eighth day. Offerings, first of a sin offering and then of an ascension. Which is called here. The bird buffering. What we ultimately need is christ. To him, all of these things looked forward. And there is a hint here.

About what christ does by his cleansing. What Christ does. By hesitonement, what christ does? By his ascension and our union with him. Is that he is ushering in the new creation. And so what we have seen several times, now we see again, That someone who has. Had this extended discharge.

Once they are. Clean. Once the discharge stops for seven days, The seventh day, they do the washing mutual. But then the eighth day is as it were a new creation day. They are reborn or recreated into. The community that The lord here is gathering to himself in his tabernacle.

By these eight-day sacrifices. Just as the fulfillment of these shadows would come, And when we trust in the lord, Jesus, We received not just cleansing. But a participation in the life to come. Participation in Jesus Christ, in the new creation. A consecration to. Be able to approach to God, up to be.

A consecration to be able to approach God. In the lord, Jesus, who is The everlasting tabernacle. Of the new heavens and the new earth. In which righteousness dwell. There is no sun or moon. The dwelling place of God is with man. And he who sits on the throne and the lamb.

Are the light of the place. And all of these eight days. It's the circumcision. Eight day atonements that we have already seen so far. The eighth day atonement of this chapter One of the feasts has. A great prominent eighth day high day.

All of these eight days. Look forward. To that first of the new creation. So, when you and I come, And we come cleansed by Christ. Toned for my Christ and come to God. We come knowing that we Our leg claimed to a privilege that will be forever and ever that will outlast.

This world. Jesus said this about himself. Leave it when he touched the leper. Matthew chapter 8. The man said, if you are willing, You are able to make me clean. When Jesus showed the Almighty and infinite ability. To make him clean by touching him.

There's no one nothing else that conduction unclean person without being defiled. That's so great. Is The cleanness. Purity. Of our lord Jesus. That not only is he not undefiled when he touches us. But his cleaning his cleanness. Has the ability to make us clean to take away. Our defiled.

When he touches us.

And so this, Chapter most of all to make us. To marvel at the Cleanness. The purity of our lord Jesus. Disability to cleanse us. The tone for us. And his willingness to come and Be bored of a woman. Be circumcised on the eighth day. Participate in her needing to be.

Purified from his birth.

Have required for him, the sacrifices for Firstborn son of redemption. To be baptized in the baptism of repentance. That was what we needed. This Jesus has done this for us. That his cleanness. Is perfect enough. Invaluable enough. That he makes us.

Perhaps you have. Felt. Defiled. I said that has come from your heart. We got great to you that by a spirit applying to you. Leviticus 15. Context of his word as a whole. You would know the lord, Jesus is the one. It has made you perfectly clean in himself.

And atoned for use and that you can draw near to God. In Christ, our tabernacle. Forever.

Our father in heaven. We thank you. That you have given your son. Not lord, Jesus Christ. To cleanse us. Tone for us. Bring us near. Holy and clean and consecrated unto you.

Grant that we would enjoy. That reality, which is The great lesson of and fulfillment of This portion of your word that you have given us to study together as a man, That you have given us by which to worship you as a We ask it his name in Christ's name.