

Defiled From Within
Leviticus 15:1-33

Main Point:

Come to Jesus in faith to be cleansed of your indwelling sin and defilement.

1. In Israel, you were defiled by what came out of you.

2. As a person with indwelling sin, the same is true of you today.

3. Only Jesus can give you the cleansing that you need.

4. Come to Him in faith and be cleansed of your sin.

Gordon Wenham “It was the purpose of these laws to explain the conditions that made a man unclean, so that he might avoid actions that might bring down God’s wrath upon him.”

Mark 7:15, 21-23 15 There is nothing that enters a man from outside which can defile him; but the things which come out of him, those are the things that defile a man ... 21 For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders, 22 thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lewdness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness. 23 All these evil things come from within and defile a man.” (NKJV)

Jeremiah 17:9 9 “The heart *is* deceitful above all *things*, And desperately wicked; Who can know it? (NKJV)

Sinclair Ferguson “It is the heart of man ... which is corrupted and pumps sin through every area of his life. It is a factory of evil, including both outward acts and inward thoughts ...”

Mark 5:25-29, 34 25 Now a certain woman had a flow of blood for twelve years, 26 and had suffered many things from many physicians. She had spent all that she had and was no better, but rather grew worse. 27 When she heard about Jesus, she came behind *Him* in the crowd and touched His garment. 28 For she said, “If only I may touch His clothes, I shall be made well.” 29 Immediately the fountain of her blood was dried up, and she felt in *her* body that she was healed of the affliction ... 34 And He said to her, “Daughter, your faith has made you well. Go in peace, and be healed of your affliction.” (NKJV)

J.C. Ryle “We need not doubt that we are meant to see here an emblem of the relief that the gospel confers on souls.”

Matthew Henry “Christ puts honor upon faith, because faith gives honor to Christ.”

1 John 1:9 9 If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us *our* sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. (NKJV)

Ephesians 5:25-26 25 Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her, 26 that He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word, (NKJV)

J.C. Ryle “May we never forget this to our dying day! Personal application to Christ is the real secret of peace with God.”