

Is There a Plague In Your House?

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Leviticus 14:34-57

- I. Leprosy, being a picture and type of sin, also manifests itself in a house that people live in.
 - A. The Scripture here speaks of the fact that God would put the plague of leprosy in a house.
 1. This doesn't mean that God would put sin in the house, but that He would put the plague in the house because of the sin.
 2. The plague of leprosy is not the leprosy itself, but the result of it's presence.
 - B. The description given here of red or green streaks speaks of some kind of mold, with which we are all familiar.
 - C. The presence of mold is evidence of something else wrong.
 - D. Mold appears in the presence of dead and decaying substances, and is therefore the evidence that they are dead and decaying. (What is in your refrigerator?)
 - E. The Israelites occupied the dwellings of the Canaanites who had lived there before them.
 1. The Canaanites were physically and morally impure and unclean.
 2. What had went on in these houses while they lived there had left them defiled and unclean – a breeding ground for plagues and diseases.
 - F. We can understand this more now because we all carry our bleach with us when we stay in motel rooms, or move into a different house, and we are very conscious of the uncleanness around us.
- II. The application to be made here is mostly moral.
 - A. The plague of leprosy in a house is represented by mold of different colors and that springs from different causes.
 - B. It is the evidence that something is dead or dying, or decaying and giving rise to the mold and giving it something to feed on.
 - C. It is evidence of something that is unclean and being neglected or forgotten.
 - D. This speaks of the problems that plague our homes, and it is not really hard to spot the plagues in our homes.
 - E. There are very few homes that are free from plagues now – even in the churches.
 - F. Most homes are not happy, peaceful places, but places full of unpleasant odors and unclean things.
 - G. Most homes have bitterness and strife in them.
 - H. Most homes are the dwelling places of disobedient children and angry and discouraged parents.
 - I. Most homes are either so lonely they echo or in such chaos that everyone in them is a nervous wreck and on medication.
 - J. All these plagues are the mold which is evidence of something dead and decaying lying around, or hidden somewhere in that home.
 - K. There is almost no home now that does not have Internet and wifi.

- L. Most homes have some kind of TV piped in through satellite, cable, antenna, Netflix, or with the phone service.
- M. Most homes have pornography hiding there – it is too easily available through too many avenues.
- N. Most homes have people who are hiding secret things – Dad, Mother, children.
 - 1. The only reason for hiding things is because they are wrong in some way – immoral, unclean, hurtful.
- O. All these things that we allow to occupy places in our homes are the things that cause the plagues in our homes.
 - 1. Will we ever realize that?

III. How was the plague stopped?

- A. The priest told them to empty the house before he came to look at it.
- B. He came to the house and looked to see the evidence of the plague.
- C. If he saw it he shut the house up seven days.
- D. If, after seven days, the plague had spread they took out the part of the house where the mold was and scraped it clean and replaced it.
- E. If the plague came back after that they tore the house down and got rid of all of it and built a new house with new materials.
- F. If there is something in the home, which is the source of problems in the home, it needs to be removed, and replaced with something that is not food for the plague.
- G. Our home needs to be a clean place, both physically and morally.
 - 1. If you do not want your house to stink you have to remove the dead mouse.
 - 2. If you leave him there it is going to stink from now on, and you are always going to know he is there.
 - 3. Whatever pertains to death and sin and the wicked world around us needs to be swept out of our house.
- H. Our home needs to be free of the idols and superstitions of the world.
- I. If we do not want our home to have a plague in it we need to get rid of the things that give the devil a foothold inside our walls.
- J. Serious Christians have always not allowed Ouija boards, playing cards, and any other things associated with the occult, as well as books and magazines that spoke of or pictured nudity, immorality, or sensual matters.
- K. People who laugh and mock at such convictions are ignorant of the plagues that break out from living in the presence of these things.
- L. If we do not want the plague of leprosy in our house we have to keep our house clean.
 - 1. Negligence, laziness, carelessness, apathy, and self-indulgence will give rise to plagues that are hard to get rid of and which sometimes lead to the total dismantling and destruction of our home.