



Dealing with Sin in the Camp

Numbers 5:1-31

Sin

- God is holy and His people have to be holy; if not, He either has to abandon them or destroy them.
- When holiness comes in contact with unholiness, death ensues.
- The laws of God against sin are not meaningless regulations, were designed to keep His people alive!
- We need to know how to deal with the sins that we are going to commit on the way to heaven.
- God put the priests between Him and His people for their own protection.
- Chapter 5 is all about sin and how to deal with it.

Inherited Sin Is Death

- A person could make themselves ritually impure by making contact with anything that had to do with death.
- God is a God of life, and anything that has to do with death is an exact opposite to Him!
- **WHO WE ARE** at our core is what alienates us from God.
- By **NATURE**, we are defiled and unclean, so we defile everything we touch!
- Jesus is the one Who has come to deliver us from death and wash us clean.
- The problem of our separation from God in the Old Testament still exists.
- Jesus made us **HOLY** by His death so we would not be condemned to an eternity away from the presence of God

Deliberate Sin Is Insulting To God

- God is talking about sins that are premeditated.
- Taking responsibility for your sins is critical in dealing with it.
- Whoever commits a sin, does not just say they are sorry, they have to do everything in their power to make it right.
- The worst part of any intentional sin is not what it does to our relationship with others, it is what it does to our relationship to God.
- Even after confession and restitution, there **STILL** needs to be a sacrifice.
- Jesus had to die to pay the penalty for our sin.

The Sin Of Unfaithfulness

- When we sin against God, it's unfaithfulness; spiritual adultery.
- The grain offering was given to symbolize submission to a superior.
- Judgment for unfaithfulness was placed totally in God's hands.
- From God's perspective Israel was His wife and He had every right to bring her to trial and make her drink the bitter cup of His wrath.

Conclusion

- If you have a relationship with Jesus Christ and then you go out and sin, THEN you are playing the part of the unfaithful wife.
- Our relationship with God has been restored because Jesus has taken the *'bitter cup'* for us.
- Jesus Christ paid the price for you and for me and made it possible for us to draw close to God and receive His blessings.