

A Holy People Leviticus 1:1-7:38, Hebrews 10:1-14

The Problem of Impurity

- The reality of uncleanness is not just about personal hygiene or physical contamination; it is about demonstrating that God's holiness permeates every aspect of life.
- God's holiness is so complete and so absolute that even the smallest impurity would defile a person.
- Holiness is not just about following rituals; it is about reflecting God's character in our daily living.
- We often settle for the appearance of cleanliness rather than the reality of purity in our lives.

The Inadequacy of Rituals

- The Old Covenant rituals might have dealt with the symptoms of impurity, but they never cured the disease of sin.
- The Old Covenant rituals were never designed to be the ultimate solution; they were a shadow, pointing to the deeper need for inward cleansing.
- No amount of good deeds can erase the guilt and shame of past mistakes.
- We need something more than ritual; we need a Savior.
- The law shows us the problem, but Christ came to bring the solution.

The Promise of Cleansing

- The Old Covenant's rituals only cleanses outwardly, while Christ's sacrifice cleanses us inwardly.
- Jesus' blood purifies us from within, setting us free from dead religious works and opening the way to serve the living God.
- Holiness under the New Covenant is not something we achieve by ritual or self-effort; it is a gift that transforms us from the inside out.
- The Levitical laws were never meant to be the solution; they were meant to highlight the problem.
- Christ has made us clean, not just to remove our guilt but to transform our lives.

The Pursuit of Holiness

- Being made clean in Christ is not just a status we receive; it is a lifestyle we pursue.
- Holiness is not optional for believers.
- We are not called to fit into the world's mold but to stand out as ambassadors of a holy God.
- Holiness is not just about the big moral decisions; it is about our everyday choices.
- Living as a holy people is not about ritualistic purity but about reflecting Christ's purity in every aspect of our lives.

Conclusion

- The pursuit of holiness is not about perfectionism; it is about transformation.
- The call to holiness in Leviticus finds its fulfillment in Christ.
- Only Jesus can make us truly clean!
- Jesus calls us to live set apart for His glory, reflecting the purity that He alone can give.