

Purify the House – Leviticus 14:48-53

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Main ideas in Leviticus 13 and 14

- Chapter 13 – How to recognize leprosy
- Chapter 14 – How to cleanse leprosy

2 Corinthians 5:1 “For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, an eternal house in heaven, not built by human hands.”

Luke 13:9 (The parable of the fig tree)

“If it bears fruit next year, fine! If not, then cut it down.”

The main theme of Leviticus 14

The restoration of the sick and contaminated houses

How the Old Testament scholars interpret:

- Cedar → Eternal life
- Scarlet thread → Restoration/Salvation
- Hyssop → Cleansing from sin

Two messages from the text

1. God’s law assumes that the diseased house will be closed, then it will be restored or destroyed.
2. The blood of the dead bird purifies the house from its contamination. At the same time, the released bird represents restoration and life.

1 Peter 1:2-3

² who have been chosen according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through the sanctifying work of the Spirit, to be obedient to **Jesus Christ and sprinkled with his blood**: Grace and peace be yours in abundance. ³ Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into **a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ** from the dead.

Missionary Alice Sharp (1871-1972), wife of Robert A. Sharp, founded the first Christian Women’s school in Chungnam Province in Korea.

Conclusion

Those who are in Christ want to be cleansed of sin and be holy.