

## Leviticus 14:48-53

<sup>48</sup> But if the priest comes to examine it and the mold has not spread after the house has been plastered, he shall pronounce the house clean, because the defiling mold is gone. <sup>49</sup> To purify the house he is to take two birds and some cedar wood, scarlet yarn and hyssop.

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<sup>50</sup> He shall kill one of the birds over fresh water in a clay pot. <sup>51</sup> Then he is to take the cedar wood, the hyssop, the scarlet yarn and the live bird, dip them into the blood of the dead bird and the fresh water, and sprinkle the house seven times.

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<sup>52</sup> He shall purify the house with the bird's blood, the fresh water, the live bird, the cedar wood, the hyssop and the scarlet yarn. <sup>53</sup> Then he is to release the live bird in the open fields outside the town. In this way he will make atonement for the house, and it will be clean.

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### **Purify the House**

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## Missionary Robert Arthur Sharp (1872-1906)

- Went to Korea as a missionary in 1900
- Married with Alice Hammond Sharp in 1903
- Became ill and died in Korea in 1906 at the age of 34



*Sangyeo* (Funeral bier)

Source: National Folk Museum of Korea



## Funeral procession in Korea, 1911

Photograph from the St. Ottilien Monastery Archives

Leviticus 13 – How to recognize leprosy

Leviticus 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.

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## **Leviticus 14:45**

It must be torn down—its stones, timbers and all the plaster—and taken out of the town to an unclean place.

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Luke 13:6-9 (The parable of the fig tree)  
V.9 "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

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

## **Luke 5:14**

**14** Then Jesus ordered him, “Don’t tell anyone, but go, show yourself to the priest and offer the sacrifices that Moses commanded for your cleansing, as a testimony to them.”

## **Two messages from the text**

1. God's law assumes that the diseased house will be closed, then it will be restored or destroyed.

## **Two messages from the text**

2. The blood of the dead bird purifies the house from its contamination. At the same time, the released bird represents restoration and life.





The released bird that flies away alive symbolizes the **resurrection of Christ**

## **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.

## **1 Peter 1:2-3**

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.

## **The Story of Ruth**

# **Peter was forgiven and became a great apostle**



**Missionary Alice Sharp (1871-1972) founded  
*Myeongseon Academy***

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