

Leprosy Study

I. Leprosy represents God's _____. God judges _____.

1. Miriam's sin of _____. Numbers 12:1-15
2. Gehazi's sin of _____/_____. 2 Kings:20-27
3. Uzziah's sin of _____/_____. 2 Chronicles 26:16-21

We can see here in these examples that God punishes sin and that He has used leprosy as this punishment. This is also shown by the Hebrew word for leprosy, meaning "stricken," which has the connotation of being struck by God.

All diseases are not a direct result of sin. Some are, some are a result of this fallen world, and some can be so that the "works of God should be manifest."

But does God judge sin? Yes!

Romans 6:23a says, "For the wages of sin is death," and in Hebrews 9:27, "And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment." Further verses that show God's punishment of sin are Exodus 32:33, Numbers 32:23, and Job 21:17.

II. What is Leprosy?

_____, leprosy was:

- A generic term applied to various skin conditions and even used to describe mold or mildew.
- Leviticus Chapters 13 and 14 is the section of the law that discusses leprosy
- If someone else came into close contact with a leprosy person, they were also considered unclean.

_____, the leprosy we know now is

- Known as Hansen's Disease
- Caused by bacteria
- Causes characteristic discoloration, lesions, and nerve damage

- Extremely resistant to treatment, requiring multiple antibiotics to be taken for 6-24 months
- Contagious from prolonged close contact with a diseased person
- Many cultures separated those infected into Leper colonies, and this still occurs in areas of India, China, Japan, Africa, and Thailand.

III. How Leprosy can teach us about _____.

1. Leprosy starts small and grows at a varying rate.
2. Leprosy Damages
3. Leprosy Separates
4. Leprosy Weakens
 - a. Muscles
 - b. Eyesite

IV. Jesus _____.

Cleansing of the Leper: Leviticus 14:1-32

(4) Then shall the priest command to take for him that is to be cleansed two birds alive and clean, and cedar wood, and scarlet, and hyssop:

(5) And the priest shall command that one of the birds be killed in an earthen vessel over **running water**:

(6) As for the living bird, he shall take it, and the cedar wood, and the scarlet, and the hyssop, and shall dip them and the living bird in the blood of the bird that was killed over the running water:

Cleansing of someone that touched one dead: Numbers 19:1-22

(17) And for an unclean person they shall take of the ashes of the burnt heifer of purification for sin, and **running water** shall be put thereto in a vessel:

(18) And a clean person shall take hyssop, and dip it in the water, and sprinkle it upon the tent, and upon all the vessels, and upon the persons that were there, and upon him that touched a bone, or one slain, or one dead, or a grave:

(19) And the clean person shall sprinkle upon the unclean on the third day, and on the seventh day: and on the seventh day he shall purify himself, and wash his clothes, and bathe himself in water, and shall be clean at even.

יָד – Chay or Chai (pronounced as Hi) – Adjective – Life, Living.

These cleansings required Living Water.

Our living water is Jesus

When we have sin in our lives, we need to turn to Jesus, the living water, for cleansing.

1 John 1:9

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Hebrews 1:1-3

God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets,
Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds;
Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high;