

## **The Law of the Leper    Leviticus 14:1-8**

### **Sin separates 13:50**

Taken away from public. Mom and dad taken to prison away from their children.

### **Sin enslaves 13:50**

Shut up. Imprisoned. Under lock and key. Jn 8:34 *Jesus answered them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whosoever committeth sin is the servant of sin.*

The world is drunk on liberty. “Be the real you.” “Let the “great” in you come out.” A unsaved person is a prisoner until and unless the son of God sets that person free. Today’s society is telling people that normal is being abnormal.

### **Sin spreads 13:57**

Impacts those around. You can doom your children with your ungodly behavior. Like father; like son. Please give strong consideration, parents, to living for the Jesus.

One thing I have found in all 25 countries I have visited- SIN. It spreads like wildfire. It is in all 7 continents. It is in the Asian person, the European folk, the Canadian, the American, and all people of planet earth.

### **Hope 14:1-2**

A leper had no medicine. A leper had no hospital. If you have a disease in this life, there is medicine, and there are hospitals. Some hospitals, for example, specialize in treating cancer.

The hope of a sinner is not found in the emergency room or a surgery center or a bottle from the pharmacy. “The Lord spake unto Moses.” The cure for sin came down from above. Two-thousand years ago, the sin doctor made a trip from the throne of God in Heaven to a stable in Bethlehem, Judea.

God did not have to send his son to forgive the sin of drunkenness or murder or fornication. God did not have set prisoners free who had been bound by sin such that they had lost their mind like the Maniac of Gadara. We have hope for sin because of the LOVE of God for sinners. The song says it wasn't nails who held Jesus to the cross- it was His love!

Lepers are placed together in a place of isolation. Often such places are referred to as leper colonies. Few, if anyone, visits a leper colony. No one climbs the fence to get where they are. No one break the lock to get in such a place. Jesus came down and stepped right into a colony of lepers. The sinless one came to pay a visit to the sinless. The clean one visited the unclean. The pure Lamb of God came to associated with defiled man.

## **The plan**

### The Receiver

The plan is called The Law of the Leper. The plan was spoken to a man. If you refuse to listen to God's messengers, men and women spreading the Gospel, you have no hope. You will die in your transgressions and sins. You will perish in the lake of fire.

God, not man, chose to use men to spread the Gospel. 1Co 1:18 *For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God.* 1Co 1:21 *For after that in the wisdom of God the world by wisdom knew not God, it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe.*

I can see Moses as he gladly, and with great joy, spread the word that God had granted mankind a cure for leprosy. Imagine if someone came through that door to announce a cure for cancer. I would hush and let them speak. Moses cried "hear me, hear me now. Good news. We now have a cure for leprosy." The people likely rejoiced in the street, lifting their voice in thanksgiving and praise.

## The Administrator

The plan that God spoke to Moses we are about to speak about. Before we see the details of the plan, we note that this plan had an *administrator*. Your health insurance plan has an administrator. Likewise, the Law of the Leper had an administrator: verse 2b *he shall be brought unto the priest*. No priest- no plan. No priest- no healing. No priest- death, separation, enslavement. No priest- condemned to death. Jesus is our great High Priest. He administers the Plan of Salvation. Never has an enslaved sinner, pressed beneath the weight of sin, been delivered and set free unless the administrator, Jesus Christ, was involved. Lk 19:10 *For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost.* Lk 5:31-32 *And Jesus answering said unto them, They that are whole need not a physician; but they that are sick. 32 I came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.*

## Two birds

\*Alive and clean.

Alive: go into field and get a lamb that has been ravaged by a lion and died and bring that as a sacrifice. Never! **Cain's** offering was dead. **Adam** tore fig leaves from a tree. Detached from the tree, those leaves died. He wrapped *dead* figs leaves around himself and his wife. All of us were dead in trespasses and sin, Ephesians 2:3. What can a dead person or thing offer to a sinner? If you ever have life, it will be through a *living* Savior. Jn 10:10 *The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.*

Clean: No guile was found in Jesus. Pilate said on three occasions "I find no fault in him." Sin creates stains. Sin leaves marks. Sin disfigures faces. Sin makes young lives look old.

\*One killed

There were two birds. The priest was faced with a decision. He had to choose the bird that he would kill. God chose his son, Jesus Christ, to die for mankind. Gal 4:4 *But when the fulness of the time*

*was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law.* A countless number of angels, seraphim and heavenly beings adorned heaven, but God selected his only begotten Son as the bird to die. A man who attempts to substitute another person for Jesus in the plan of salvation has defied God!

The bird was slain over an earthen vessel. God became man. Jesus became earthly. Jesus was God. Jesus was man. He was heavenly, and he was earthly. He could not die for us in Heaven. Death is impossible in Heaven. It was necessary for him to come to the earth. That was an earthen vessel hanging on the old rugged cross. The God-man cried it is finished, and by his own power and might, he yielded to the very force he controls and that force we know as death. He dismissed life to leave his body.

One living

What about the second bird? The second bird got to live. Glory. That is me. That is you. You and I that have been born again got to live. Our blood was not shed into the vessel. Our life was spared by the death of the living one. We did not have to die for the cleansing of our own unrighteous souls. I live because Jesus died.

Notice the procedure. The living bird was *dipped in the blood* (verse 6) of the dead bird whose blood, in death, was caught in the earthen vessel. Notice what happens to the living bird next: Verse 7 ...*shall let the living bird loose into the open field.* April 11, 1965 I was dipped in the blood. I was set free. The chains fell off. I changed masters. I got a new master. I will never be in the captivity of sin again. I am stained. I bear the mark of my Savior. I am not ashamed of the cross. I am not ashamed of the Bible. I bear the identity of the Lamb of God. We are Blood Kin! It was all because of Calvary.