

=FAVORITE BIBLE CHAPTERS=

Lesson 42

Leviticus 14

INTRODUCTION: Leviticus 14 deals with the ceremony through which a leper had to go when he was cleansed. It is a beautiful picture of salvation. Let us notice the step-by-step procedure of this ceremony.

I. THE LEPER WAS BROUGHT TO THE PRIEST. Leviticus 14:2. The priest here is a type of the Lord Jesus Christ. Since leprosy is a type of sin, and the priest is a type of Jesus, we find the answer for sin is in Jesus.

Notice the word “brought.” He was brought to the priest; he was not sent to the priest. Here is a picture of soul winning. People who are sinners must be brought to Jesus, just as the leper was brought to the priest. So we have the priest, Jesus; the leper, the sinner; the one who brings the leper to the priest, the soul winner.

II. THE PRIEST CAME OUT OF THE CAMP. Leviticus 14:3. Here is a picture of Jesus, our priest, coming out of the camp to die for us on the cross outside the city of Jerusalem in order that we might be cleansed.

III. THE LEPER BROUGHT TWO BIRDS. Leviticus 14:4. These birds were to be alive and clean. These birds picture the Lord Jesus Christ. “Alive” pictures the fact that Jesus ever liveth, and “clean” pictures the fact that He is spotless as our substitute.

IV. ONE BIRD WAS KILLED IN AN EARTHEN VESSEL. Leviticus 14:5. This bird represents Jesus dying for us on the cross.

The earthen vessel is a picture of Jesus’ body. He was God in an earthen vessel. The fact that a bird was used pictures the incarnation of Jesus. God came to earth. The bird leaving the sky and coming to earth pictures Jesus leaving Heaven and coming to earth.

V. THE LIVE BIRD WAS DIPPED IN THE BLOOD OF THE FIRST BIRD AND LET LOOSE. Leviticus 14:6, 7. Just as the first bird pictured the death and the burial of Jesus, the second bird pictures the resurrection of Jesus, especially when the bird was let loose to go into the air.

VI. THE PRIEST SPRINKLED THE BLOOD ON THE LEPER SEVEN TIMES. Leviticus 14:7. Here is a picture of the blood being applied to the sinner.

VII. THE LEPER WAS THEN TO WASH HIS CLOTHES, SHAVE HIS HAIR, AND BATHE. Leviticus 14:8. Here is a picture of the cleansing of the person once he is saved. After we are saved and the blood is applied, we are to be clean.

VIII. THE LEPER WAS TO COME INSIDE THE CAMP. Leviticus 14:8b. Here is a picture of the new convert coming inside the camp. It is a type of the church. Once a person is saved, he is supposed to come inside the church.

IX. THE BLOOD WAS APPLIED TO HIS RIGHT EAR, HIS RIGHT HAND, AND HIS RIGHT FOOT. Leviticus 14:14. Here is a beautiful picture of salvation. The blood applied to the right ear represents hearing and reminds us that faith cometh by hearing. The blood applied to the right hand typifies the faith in Christ that we exert; we must receive His gift of salvation. The blood

applied to the right foot is a picture of the fact that we are to go and carry the message once we are saved.

X. OIL WAS SPRINKLED SEVEN TIMES. Leviticus 14:16. Oil in the Bible is a symbol of the Holy Spirit. When a person is saved, the Holy Spirit comes in him to live. The Holy Spirit is our comforter, our teacher, our guide, our helper, our strength, etc.

XI. OIL WAS THEN PLACED ON THE RIGHT EAR, THE RIGHT HAND, AND THE RIGHT FOOT. Leviticus 14:17. (Teacher, remind the pupils that they are supposed to hear right, use their hands right, go to the right places and let the Holy Spirit lead them as they go.)

XII. THE REST OF THE OIL WAS POURED ON THE HEAD. Leviticus 14:18. This is the anointing of the Holy Spirit. God wants all of His people to be anointed for soul winning and to have the power of God upon them!