Leviticus 12-15 Clean and Unclean-Offending God

- Chapters 12-15 Principles and Focus
  - Chapters 13-14 Infectious skin diseases
    - 21 skin diseases, 3 diseased garments
  - Chapters 12, 15 Sexual reproduction
    - Ch. 12 Uncleanness from child birth
    - Ch. 15 Uncleanness from sexually related discharges
  - Every case involving uncleanness is not a direct responsibility of the person who is declared unclean
  - Primary concern—protecting the sanctity of God's dwelling
    - Not the health of the individual
    - Nor the public health
    - Lev. 5:3; 15:31-33
      - Don't approach ME in worship when you're like THIS
- Characteristics of skin disease
  - Visible, external
  - Contagious and/or contaminating
  - Not fatal
  - Part of the body not all
  - Only the priest could declare unclean or clean
- Consequences of being declared unclean
  - Things had to be destroyed or purified
    - Washed with water 11:32, 15:6
    - Burned with fire 13:52, 55, 57
    - Broken 11:33, 35
    - Torn down and demolished 14:40-41,45
  - Humiliation of being declared unclean
  - Isolation from God and His worship
  - Removal from association with the people of Israel Num. 5:2
- Cleansing process
  - Wash and wait
  - Atonement
  - The cleansing ritual—string—cedar—birds 14:49-53
  - Ultimately, the Day of Atonement
- Uncleanness from sexual reproduction
  - Gen. 3:7, 10; Exodus 19:14-15, 20:26, 28:42-43
  - The obvious—sex was to be prohibited as a part of worship Exodus 32
    - Unlike the pagans around Israel
  - God was saying, My worship will be undistracted
  - You shall be holy, as I AM HOLY

- Why should I be unclean for something I did not cause?
  - Paul calls the Law a school master
  - The doctrine of the depravity of man (Adam) is imbedded in the Law
  - Romans 8:18-23
- Failure of the Law
  - Priests could declare unclean
  - Priests could declare clean
  - But the law provided no cure for that which made man unclean
- The victory in Christ Jesus and His Covenant
  - HE MAKES US CLEAN
  - 1 Corinthians 6:9-11