

The Things That Spread

Leviticus 13:1-4,45,46

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1. SIN STARTS _____ . (Leviticus 13:1-2)

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God gives a **preventative process** for identifying uncleanness.

- If something seems wrong, you don't ignore it, manage it, or self-diagnose.
- You bring it to the **priest**.
- The issue is not just what is visible, but what is happening beneath the surface.
- Principle: early attention prevents deeper spread.

Biblical Picture

- The Law functions as a picture book
- Leprosy is a picture of sin in Scripture

What Sin & Leprosy Share

1. _____ (James 1:14–15)
 - Pattern: lust → sin → death
 - Sin does not show up finished
 - It starts small and develops over time
2. _____ (Romans 3:23)
 - Sin affects everyone
 - It is not selective or contained
3. _____ (Isaiah 59:2)
 - Sin separates from God
 - Sin separates from others
 - Sin creates internal division

What you tolerate *today* you will struggle to control *tomorrow*.

KEY POINT #1: Sin does not begin with destruction; it begins with something you are tempted to _____.

- Sin spreads *to* you, *in* you, and *through* you. (Romans 5:12; 1 Corinthians 5:6)

2. SIN SPREADS _____ . (Leviticus 13:3,4)

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- The priest is examining for depth, not just presence
- The question shifts: not "*Is it there?*" but "*How deep has it gone?*"
- The _____ determines the _____.

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- Time reveals what something really is. Not everything dangerous...*feels* dangerous right away.

- You are not a reliable evaluator of your own condition. (Jeremiah 17:9)
- Sin comes from within. Behavior reveals what is already forming internally. (Mark 7:21–23)
- Sin moves from: Behavior → Belief → Identity
- What you repeat internally... you eventually believe.

KEY POINT #2: Sin deepens before it becomes _____.

- By the time it is visible... it has already been forming on the inside.
- The priest makes the diagnosis, not the individual
- The Word of God reveals what is beneath the surface. (Hebrews 4:12)
- What settles in... will eventually shape you.

3. SIN SEPARATES _____. (Leviticus 13:45–46)

V. 45–46

- The priest's process moves from examination to declaration
- No more suspicion or observation, the condition is now fully revealed.

What the Leper Displays

- Clothes are rent → visible brokenness and grief
- Head is bare → loss of dignity and covering
- Mouth is covered → silenced voice and restrained expression
- Public declaration: "Unclean, unclean"

The Result

- Ongoing condition, not a temporary moment
- "All the days" — continual defilement
- Dwells alone, Outside the camp

What Sin Produces

- Separation from God, people, community and worship
- Sin never stays relationally _____, it always creates distance.
- What is hidden can feel contained. What is unexposed is still active.
- What stays hidden continues to grow. What is brought into the light can be addressed.
- We need others to help us see clearly. (James 5:16)
- *The Church is the most effective Treatment Facility on the Planet*
 - Fellowship – Bible Study – Discipleship – Ministry – Counseling – Pastoral Shepherding

KEY POINT #3: What is left _____ will eventually separate.

THE LAW DIAGNOSES. CHRIST CLEANSSES.

- The priest can only declare: "Unclean"
- He identifies the condition, but cannot remove it
- The Law reveals uncleanness, diagnoses the condition, but cannot restore the person.
- What the Law could only diagnose, *Christ* came to *cleanse*. (Hebrews 4:14–15, Matthew 8:2–3, Mark 1:41)
- **Where sin *spreads* _____ ... Christ *spreads* _____.**