

Numbers 5 - Outside the Camp

So they will NOT DEFILE THE CAMP WHERE I DWELL

Num 5:1-4 NIV The LORD said to Moses,² "Command the Israelites to send away from the camp anyone who has **a defiling skin disease or a discharge of any kind, or who is ceremonially unclean because of a dead body.** ³ Send away male and female alike; send them **outside the camp** so they will **not defile their camp, where I dwell** among them." ⁴ The Israelites did so; they sent them outside the camp. They did just as the LORD had instructed Moses.

To those with a defiling skin disease

- Mat 8:2-3 NIV [to a man with leprosy] ³ **Jesus reached out his hand and touched the man.** "I am willing," he said. "Be clean!" **Immediately he was cleansed of his leprosy.**

To those with a discharge of any kind

- Luk 8:43-44 NIV And a woman was there who had been subject to bleeding for twelve years, but no one could heal her. ⁴⁴ She came up behind him and touched the edge of his cloak, and **immediately her bleeding stopped.** ⁴⁵ "Who touched me?" Jesus asked. When they all denied it, Peter said, "Master, the people are crowding and pressing against you." ⁴⁶ But Jesus said, "**Someone touched me; I know that power has gone out from me.**"⁴⁸ Then he said to her, "Daughter, **your faith has healed you. Go in peace.**"
 - Lev 15:19-33 NIV "When a woman has her regular flow of blood, the impurity of her monthly period will last seven days, and **anyone who touches her will be unclean till evening.**
 - Lev 6:25-27 NIV "Say to Aaron and his sons: 'These are the regulations for the sin offering:²⁷ **Whatever touches any of the flesh will become holy.**

Or who is ceremonially unclean because of a dead body

- Luk 8:49-54 NIV While Jesus was still speaking, someone came from the house of Jairus, the synagogue leader. "**Your daughter is dead,**" he said. "Don't bother the teacher anymore." ⁵⁰ Hearing this, Jesus said to Jairus, "Don't be afraid; just believe, and she will be healed." "Stop wailing," Jesus said. "She is not dead but asleep." ⁵³ They laughed at him, knowing that she was dead. **54 But he took her by the hand and said, "My child, get up!"**

Just as these were put outside the camp, Jesus suffered outside the camp

- Heb 13:11-13 NIV The high priest carries the blood of animals into the Most Holy Place as a sin offering, but the bodies are burned outside the camp. ¹² And so **Jesus also suffered outside the city gate to make the people holy through his own blood.** ¹³ **Let us, then, go to him outside the camp,** bearing the disgrace he bore.

These examples of defilement and separation in the OT finds their answers in Jesus Christ...He died OUTSIDE THE CAMP to make the people holy through His blood.

Those Who Wrong Another

Num 5:5-10 5 The LORD said to Moses, 6 "Say to the Israelites: 'Any man or woman who **wrongs another** in any way **and so is unfaithful to the LORD** is guilty 7 and must confess the sin they have committed. **They must make full restitution for the wrong they have done, add a fifth of the value to it and give it all to the person they have wronged.** 8 But if that person has no close relative to whom restitution can be made for the wrong, **the restitution belongs to the LORD** and must be given to the priest, along with the ram with which atonement is made for the wrongdoer.9 All the sacred contributions the Israelites bring to a priest will belong to him. **10 Sacred things** belong to their owners, but what they give to the priest will belong to the priest."

Restitution - see story of Zacchaeus - His salvation brought about a heart to do what was right

When we wrong another we are unfaithful to the LORD

- David said, **"against you only have I sinned"**
- Whatever you do to the least of my brothers **you do to me**

What about restitution - from the perspective of the one who owes

- Rom 13:7-8 NIV Give to everyone what you owe them: If you owe taxes, pay taxes; if revenue, then revenue; if respect, then respect; if honor, then honor. 8 **Let no debt remain outstanding, except the continuing debt to love one another**, for whoever loves others has fulfilled the law.

What about restitution from the perspective of the one who was wronged

- Mat 18:21-22 NIV Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, "Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother or sister who sins against me? Up to seven times?" 22 Jesus answered, "I tell you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times.

The Offering for Jealousy

11 Then the LORD said to Moses, 12 "Speak to the Israelites and say to them: **'If a man's wife goes astray and is unfaithful to him** 13 so that another man has sexual relations with her, and this is hidden from her husband and her impurity is undetected **(since there is no witness against her and she has not been caught in the act)**, 14 and if feelings of jealousy come over her husband and he suspects his wife and she is impure--**or if he is jealous and suspects her even though she is not impure--** 15 then he is to take his wife to the priest. He must also take an offering of a tenth of an ephah of barley flour on her behalf. He must not pour olive oil on it or put incense on it, because it is a **grain offering for jealousy, a reminder-offering to draw attention to wrongdoing.**

This law is dealing with two issues (1) actual marital unfaithfulness, and (2) unjustified jealousy - both will destroy a marriage - it leaves the outcome into the hands of the LORD

The process to determine guilt or innocence

The Offering for Jealousy	Adulteress caught in the very act (Jn 8:1-11)
Vs 16 set her before the LORD	They brought the woman to Jesus (The LORD)

Vs 17 take some of the dust that is on the floor of the tabernacle and put it into the water	Jesus wrote in the dust (Jn 8)
offering of remembrance - grain offering of jealousy - bringing iniquity to remembrance.	The bread and cup - do this in remembrance of me - a remembrance of removing iniquity
And in his hand the priest shall have the water of bitterness that brings the curse.	Jesus offered water that springs to everlasting life (Jn 4) He became a curse for us (Gal 3:13)
Then the priest shall make her take an oath...(if no man has lain with you then...but if you have gone astray then...)	
write these curses in a book and wash them off into the water of bitterness...make the woman drink the water of bitterness that brings the curse	Shall I not drink the cup the Father has given me (Jn 18:11)
If she is guilty the consequences come upon her, if she is not guilty, then they don't.	Neither do I condemn you, go and sin no more

When we see here the unfaithful wife, we are seeing ourselves

Marriage is like the relationship between Christ and the church

- Isa 54:5 NIV For your Maker is your husband-- the LORD Almighty is his name-- the Holy One of Israel is your Redeemer; he is called the God of all the earth.

Unfaithfulness to the LORD is adultery

- Jas 4:4 NIV You adulterous people, don't you know that friendship with the world means enmity against God? Therefore, anyone who chooses to be a friend of the world becomes an enemy of God.

Phinehas and the jealousy of God

- Num 25:11 KJV Phinehas, the son of Eleazar, the son of Aaron the priest, hath turned my wrath away from the children of Israel, while he was zealous for my sake among them, **that I consumed not the children of Israel in my jealousy.**

God Himself is the jealous husband - yet HE drank the cup -- Our bridegroom drank the cup, and carried our guilt

- Joh 18:11 NIV Jesus commanded Peter, "Put your sword away! Shall I not drink the cup the Father has given me?"

In all these cases - the holiness of God was upheld...God's jealousy would destroy us, God's justice would condemn us, and God's righteousness would bring judgement - **But he made a way through Jesus**

Isa 53:4-5 KJV Surely he hath borne our **griefs**, [*sickness, disease, anxiety, affliction*], and carried our **sorrows**: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. 5 But he was wounded for our **transgressions**, he was bruised for our **iniquities**: the chastisement of our **peace** was upon him; and with his stripes we are **healed**.