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A HOLY NATION

“For I am the Lord who brings you up out of the land of Egypt, to be your God. You shall therefore be holy, for I am holy.” (Leviticus 11:45)

Objectives

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| <i>Knowledge of God’s Will</i> | God is holy, and His people needed to be holy for Him to dwell among them. The purpose of the Mosaic laws was to transform the Israelites into a holy nation. |
| <i>Knowledge of God</i> | God is holy. |
| <i>Good Works</i> | Transform our thoughts and become holy by meditating on and memorizing God’s word. |

A. Holiness in the Camp (Num 5:1–5)

1. *Leprosy*: Like leprosy, sin is contagious, and it can slowly eat away at our spiritual life. When sin becomes a habit, we become desensitized to God’s words, which leads to spiritual death.
2. *Discharge*: Evil thoughts and desires that come from our hearts can be harmful both to ourselves and to others. If our hearts are clean, then our words and actions will be too.
3. *Corpses*: As God’s children we should always strive to follow His word and not allow ourselves to be influenced by the views and values of the spiritually dead.

B. Holiness Among the People (Num 5:5–10; Lev 6:1–7)

1. *When we offend our brother, we offend God*: When we commit a sin against someone, we are also committing a sin against God (Mt 25:40). In other words, the way we treat others affects our relationship with God.
2. *True repentance requires action*: Admitting that we are wrong may be difficult for us to do. But in order to live in harmony, we must set aside our pride, because God loves the humble at heart.
3. *With peace, there is holiness*: When we strive for peace and harmony, we become more holy (Heb 12:14). With strife and discord, negative feelings arise and create schisms.

C. Holiness in the Family (Num 5:11–31)

1. *Bring our problems to the Lord*: By praying and seeking out His will in the Bible, we can find ways to resolve our issues with God’s help, along with support from ministers or teachers.
2. *Keep the marriage holy*: God created marriage as a sacred alliance between man and woman. In the same way, as the bride of Christ, we need to learn to keep our hearts rooted in Christ.
3. *Nothing is hidden from God*: We should act in such a way so that we have no reason to be ashamed of our actions (2 Tim 2:15). To do so, we must walk as children of light (Eph 5:8).

Life Application: Small Thoughts, Big Differences

Our thoughts are the father of our deeds; before we do something, we need to have thought about it first. The Lord gave the Israelites laws to help them transform their thoughts and make them more holy. In the same way, we need to change the way we think.

1. Capturing Negative and Sinful Thoughts
2. Memorize and Meditate on the Bible

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Lesson 7 Homework Assignment

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| Read | | | | | | | |
| Pray | | | | | | | |

Memory Verse (Leviticus 11:45):

1. What special privilege did the Israelites receive? How were they to receive this?
2. “For out of the _____ proceed evil _____, _____, adulteries, fornications, thefts, _____, _____, blasphemies. These are the things which _____ a _____ [.]” (Matthew 15:19–20a)
3. Pick one of the ways the Israelites kept the camp holy and explain its spiritual teachings.
4. Why is it important to strive for peace? What happens if we don't?
5. What was the purpose of the laws that God gave to the Israelites?
6. Why is it so important that we control our thoughts?
7. What sinful or negative thought(s) do you need to bring into captivity? Pick a verse to help you transform the negative thought(s) into a godly one, and write it down below.