

holiness & HOMEWORK

WHERE RELIGION MEETS REALITY



Are you still separating
the **struggles** of your “**real**” life from
your **sanitized** “**religious**” life?



Leviticus 13:1–2

NIV

The LORD said to Moses and Aaron, ² “When anyone has a swelling or a rash or a shiny spot on their skin that may be a **defiling skin disease**, they must be brought to Aaron the priest or to one of his sons who is a priest.

Leviticus 13:3

NIV

³ The priest is to examine the sore on the skin, and if the hair in the sore has turned white and the sore appears to be more than skin deep, it is a defiling skin disease. When the priest examines that person, he shall pronounce them ceremonially **unclean**.

Leviticus 13:45–46

NIV

⁴⁵ “Anyone with such a defiling disease must wear torn clothes, let their hair be unkempt, cover the lower part of their face and cry out, ‘**Unclean! Unclean!**’ ⁴⁶ As long as they have the disease they remain unclean. **They must live alone;** they must live outside the camp.

**There was separation between the
SACRED and the SICK.**



Luke 5:12

ESV

¹² While he was in one of the cities, there came a man **full of leprosy**. And when he saw Jesus, he fell on his face and begged him, "Lord, if you will, you can **make me clean**."

Luke 5:13–14

ESV

¹³ And Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him, saying, "I will; **be clean**." And immediately the leprosy left him. ¹⁴ And he charged him to tell no one, but "go and show yourself to the priest, and make an offering for your cleansing, as Moses commanded, for a proof to them."

Luke 8:42–44

ESV

⁴² ...As Jesus went, the people pressed around him.

⁴³ And there was a woman who had had a discharge of blood for twelve years, and though she had spent all her living on physicians, she could not be healed by anyone. ⁴⁴ She came up behind him and **touched** the fringe of his garment, and immediately her discharge of blood ceased.

Luke 8:45–46

ESV

⁴⁵ And Jesus said, “Who was it that **touched** me?”
When all denied it, Peter said, “Master, the crowds surround you and are pressing in on you!” ⁴⁶ But Jesus said, “Someone **touched** me, for I perceive that power has gone out from me.”

Luke 8:47–48

ESV

⁴⁷ And when the woman saw that she was not hidden, she came trembling, and falling down before him declared in the presence of all the people why she had **touched** him, and how she had been immediately healed. ⁴⁸ And he said to her, "Daughter, your faith has **made you well**; go in peace."

Through **permanent cleansing**,
Jesus rescues us from the **defilement**
of **death, disease, and decay**.



2 Timothy 2:20–21

ESV

²⁰ Now in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and silver but also of wood and clay, some for honorable use, some for dishonorable.

²¹ Therefore, if anyone **cleanses** himself from what is dishonorable, he will be a vessel for honorable use, set apart as **holy**, useful to the master of the house, ready for **every good work**.

**In all of its messiness,
helping the hurting is holy work.**

