

A T O N E D



LEVITICUS 15 & 18

DISORDER IN THE TENT

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OPENING

Ice Breaker - 5 minutes

Choose one:

- Our culture often says, “follow your desires.” Do you find that idea freeing, confusing, or concerning?
- What makes topics like the body or sexuality difficult to talk about in a church setting?

Leviticus now moves from public life into deeply personal areas—our bodies and our desires—and shows us that the effects of the fall are closer than we often admit.

Read the Text Together - Leviticus 15:31; 18:1–5,24–30

Listen for why uncleanness matters, how God calls His people to live differently.

SUMMARY

Leviticus 15 and 18 show that the disorder of the fall is not just “out there” in the world—it is in us, affecting both our bodies and our desires.

Leviticus 15 teaches that even natural bodily processes can render someone “unclean.” This does not mean sinful, but it does point to a deeper reality: our bodies are marked by fragility, loss, and disorder in a fallen world. We need cleansing, not just forgiveness.

Leviticus 18 then shifts to moral disorder – especially in the realm of sexuality. God sets clear boundaries, not to restrict joy, but to protect life, covenant, and flourishing. In a disordered world, desire itself cannot always be trusted.

Together, these chapters teach:

- Our condition (brokenness) needs cleansing
- Our choices (sin) need correction



The good news is that Jesus enters both. He touches the unclean and makes them clean, and He restores disordered desires by giving new hearts.

Because Christ restores what is disordered, we honor God with our bodies and desires.

DISCUSSION

Observation Questions

- In Leviticus 15, why must Israel be careful about uncleanness?
- What kinds of behaviors are addressed in chapter 18?
- In Leviticus 18:3–5 and 24–25 what warnings does God give?
- How does God express his kindness and desire for his people's good in 18:4–5?

Interpretation & Theological Reflection

- Why is it important that “unclean” does not mean “sinful”?
- What do bodily conditions in Leviticus 15 teach us about life in a fallen world?
- Why does God place clear boundaries around sexuality in Leviticus 18?
- How do these chapters together show the difference between **brokenness we experience** and **sin we commit**?

Application Questions

- Where do you feel the effects of brokenness in your body or life (illness, fatigue, limitation, frustration)?
- How does it change your perspective to know that not all brokenness is guilt — but still points to a need for restoration?
- In what ways are you tempted to “follow your desires” instead of trusting God's design?
- How has this study in Leviticus shaped your awareness of God's holiness? Has that changed how you see Him or yourself?
- What would it look like this week to honor God more intentionally with your body and in your relationships?



This document can be used for either personal or group reflection.

Group facilitator: Please feel empowered to use only the questions that are helpful for the context of your group.



Closing Prayer

- Praise God as the Creator of our bodies and the giver of good design.
- Confess areas where desires have led you away from God's will.
- Confess shame or discouragement related to brokenness.
- Thank Jesus for entering our brokenness and making us clean.
- Thank God for grace that restores, not just forgives.
- Ask God for purity, wisdom, and self-control.
- Pray for healing where there is physical or emotional brokenness.
- Ask God to shape your desires to reflect His design.

Optional Take-Home Reflection

- What is one area of your life where you need to align more with Christ's restoring work – in your body, your desires, your relationships?



**PREPARE FOR
NEXT WEEK:**

Lev. 10:1-20, 16:1-2; Mark 11:15-19