

CONFESSION FOR CLEANSING

The man who acts presumptuously by not obeying the priest who stands to minister there before the LORD your God, or the judge, that man shall die. So you shall purge the evil from Israel. And all the people shall hear and fear and not act presumptuously again. - Deut 17:12-13

The Israelite Metaphor

- Be holy (Lev 19:2)
- Identify, Isolate, Discharge the evil
- Physical realm: cleanse the home of leaven (Ex 12:15)
- Emotional realm: cleanse the family of rebellion (Deut 21:18-21)
- Spiritual realm: leaders of idolatry put to death (Deut 13:5)

The Human Metaphor

- Identify, Isolate, Discharge
- Physical realm: Systems in the body have a cleansing function
 - Circulatory system – kidneys and lungs
 - Digestive system – kidneys and liver
- Emotional realm: Expression and processing
 - Release, Tears, Return to joy
- Spiritual realm: Authority in Christ Jesus
 - Demonic possession, influence, oppression
 - Legal ground

Identify

- Conviction by the Holy Spirit
- Unpleasant emotions: disgust, guilt, embarrassment, regret
- Prophecy, exhortation, reprimand

Isolate

- Name the offense specifically
- Distinguish offenses (deep digging, synonyms, connotations)

Discharge

- Released from offense through forgiveness received
- Release ties to offense through forgiving others
- Pray for the replacement
 - Truth instead of lies
 - Blessing instead of curse
 - Freedom instead of captivity