



Study Guide  
Numbers 5-6  
Purity in the Camp

Today we can learn from Israel about purity in the camp while we travel towards the promised land.

1. Read Numbers 5:1-4. What was to be done with a leprous person? How does leprosy relate to the wasting, decaying effects of sin? How does sin isolate us from others? How did Jesus treat the leprous person in Mark 1:40+? Discuss.
2. Read Numbers 5:5-10. Why is it important to do our best to restore any damages we may have caused by our poor choices? Give an example of healthy restoration when there has been a breach in a relationship. (see also 2 Cor. 7:10-12). Is there someone you need to reach out to and ask about restoration?
3. Read Numbers 5:11-31 briskly. How do you think this practice of having a woman drink a 'curse' was for her own good? How does being "free" from accusation or secret sins help bring healing? Discuss.
4. According to Numbers 6:1-21, the Nazirite vow was to help someone consecrate themselves fully to God. What was the vow? How is fasting today helpful when you want to generate more longing for God and eradicate idols in your life? Discuss.
5. Read Numbers 6:24-26 and Galatians 3:13-14. How does it make you feel that God stoops down, looks you in the face and blesses you? Is it hard for you to accept? How do you feel that Jesus took the curse upon Himself so that we could freely receive the Blessing? Discuss.

**Application**

Take a few minutes to pray for purity. Ask God to help us trust His provision and to learn to increasingly follow His Spirit.

## Numbers 5-6 Purity

Title: "Bemidbar" (*Hebrew*)- "In the wilderness"

Chapter 1-4- Get Organized

Chapter 5-6- Purity in the Camp

Big Idea: Pursue purity.

I. Purity (Numbers 5-6:20)

A. Be Clean (Numbers 5:1-4)

The Lord spoke to Moses, saying, <sup>2</sup> "Command the people of Israel that they put out of the camp everyone who is leprous or has a discharge and everyone who is unclean through contact with the dead.

B. Be Restored (Numbers 5:5-10)

When a man or woman commits any of the sins that people commit by breaking faith with the Lord, and that person realizes his guilt, <sup>7</sup> he shall confess his sin that he has committed. And he shall make full restitution for his wrong, adding a fifth to it and giving it to him to whom he did the wrong.

2 Corinthians 7:10-12

For godly grief produces a repentance that leads to salvation without regret, whereas worldly grief produces death. <sup>11</sup> For see what earnestness this godly grief has produced in you, but also what eagerness to clear yourselves, what indignation, what fear, what longing, what zeal, what punishment! At every point you have proved yourselves innocent in the matter.

C. Be Free (Numbers 5:11-31)

And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying, <sup>12</sup> "Speak to the people of Israel, If any man's wife goes astray and breaks faith with him, <sup>13</sup> if a man lies with her sexually, and it is hidden from the eyes of her husband, and she is undetected though she has defiled herself, and there is no witness against her, since she was not taken in the act, <sup>14</sup> and if the spirit of jealousy comes over him and he is jealous of his wife who has defiled herself, or if the spirit of jealousy comes over him and he is jealous of his wife, though she has not defiled herself, <sup>15</sup> then the man shall bring his wife to the priest...

D. Be Set Apart (Numbers 6:1-21)

And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying, <sup>2</sup> "Speak to the people of Israel and say to them, When either a man or a woman makes a special vow, the vow of a Nazirite, to separate himself to the Lord...he shall eat nothing that is produced by the grapevine...no razor shall touch his head...he shall not go near a dead body...

### Offerings that Express Felt Needs (Leviticus)

1. Burnt Offering, Lev. 1 & 6:8-13- I need to Worship
2. Sin Offering, Lev. 4-5:13 & 6:24-30- I need to be Pure
3. Peace Offering, Lev. 3 & 7:11-34- I need to Belong
4. Grain Offering, Lev. 2 & 6:14-18 – I need to Depend
5. Guilt Offering, Lev. 5:14-6:7& 7:1-10- I need to be Restored

### Fasting

1. Generate Longing for God.
2. Eradicate Idols.

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### II. The Blessing (Numbers 6:24-26)

The LORD bless you and keep you.

The LORD make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The LORD turn his face toward you and give you peace.

### Galatians 3:13-14

“Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us...in order that in Christ Jesus the blessing of Abraham might come to the Gentiles, so that we would receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.”

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