



Grace Assembly Of God

## CHAPTER-BY-CHAPTER BIBLE READING DEVOTIONAL

Scripture:	Leviticus 13	Title:	“Be Set Free”
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Summary of Chapter	God instructs the Israelites on His laws regarding skin diseases and the treatment of possessions that have been contaminated.		

Key Verse(s) NLT	How does it speak to me?
<i><sup>45</sup> “Those who suffer from a serious skin disease must tear their clothing and leave their hair uncombed. They must cover their mouth and call out, ‘Unclean! Unclean!’ <sup>46</sup> As long as the serious disease lasts, they will be ceremonially unclean. They must live in isolation in their place outside the camp.</i>	<p>As someone who suffers from a rather serious case of eczema, on reading this passage, I immediately thought that the treatment of these unfortunate people who just randomly contracted a random skin disease was quite unfair. At no fault of their own, they are forced to leave their family and friends, lead an isolated life and fated to be looked upon with fear and aversion for the rest of their life. However, after studying into the passage a little more, I realised that the skin diseases that they spoke of here tended to refer to diseases like scabies, ringworm and leprosy which were highly infectious and could cause great harm to the community. It is with the community’s health in mind that an infected person would be isolated, not to punish the person, but purely out of love and to protect everyone.</p> <p>The recent pandemic and the quarantines and isolation help to frame this perspective where a person has to be isolated to protect their loved ones. With Leviticus 11-15 talking about God’s laws of purity, we can further draw a parallel between these infectious skin diseases and sin. Just like these skin diseases, whenever we suspect or see the starting traces of sin in our lives, we need to quickly identify it and take very serious steps to separate it from our lives. This will help us to not be polluted by sin and lead a holy life, set apart for God. In fact, as Christians, we have an even greater hope. While the Israelites back then could only separate the unclean leper from the rest of the community, the Bible records that Jesus healed many with leprosy, making them clean again. In the same way, we don’t have to continue to live a life with sin hanging over our heads. Jesus came to save us from sin and to make us clean again.</p>

### APPLICATION REFLECTIONS

Adult:	<b>Are there sins in your life that you have left to fester for too long? Commit them to God to be set free from them.</b>
Youth:	<b>What are some of the difficulties in living a life separate from sin? How can God and the Bible help you?</b>
Child:	<b>Think of 1 bad or wrong thing you did this week. Pray and ask God to forgive you, and to teach you to do the right thing the next time.</b>

### PRAYER

Praying Scripture:	Dear heavenly Father, we thank You God for sending Jesus to die on the cross and save us from our sins. We pray that You help us continually examine our lives and flee from sin.
Thanksgiving Prayer:	I/We thank you for _____ (e.g. delicious food we ate, places we went, prayer that was answered, etc)
Intercessory Prayer:	I/We want to pray for _____ (e.g. healing of sickness, family members, work or study, leaders, nation, etc)
Salvation Prayer:	I/We pray for the salvation of my/our unsaved loved ones _____ (add one name per day). In Jesus’ Name I/we pray. Amen.