

# Leviticus 14:16

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And the priest shall dip his right finger in the oil that is in his left hand, and shall sprinkle of the oil with his finger seven times before the LORD:

## Analysis

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**And the priest shall dip his right finger in the oil that is in his left hand, and shall sprinkle of the oil with his finger seven times before the LORD:**

This verse falls within the section on **Cleansing from Skin Diseases**. Elaborate cleansing ritual for healed lepers, involving birds, blood, and multiple offerings, symbolizing restoration.

The Aaronic priesthood mediated between God and Israel, offering sacrifices and maintaining the tabernacle. This prefigured Christ's superior priesthood after the order of Melchizedek.

The access to God's presence that Leviticus carefully regulated is now freely available through Christ's blood, tearing the veil and opening the way to God.

## Historical Context

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Elaborate cleansing ritual for healed lepers, involving birds, blood, and multiple offerings, symbolizing restoration. Chapters 11-15 address ritual purity, teaching Israel to distinguish clean from unclean. These laws served multiple purposes: promoting health, teaching spiritual lessons about sin's defilement, and separating Israel from pagan practices. Archaeological evidence shows Canaanite worship involved practices Israel's laws explicitly prohibited. Israel received these laws while encamped at Sinai, before entering Canaan. The laws prepared them for life

in the promised land, distinguishing them from Canaanite practices and establishing their identity as God's holy nation. The portable tabernacle, central to Levitical worship, accompanied them through wilderness wanderings and eventually found permanent form in Solomon's temple. Archaeological discoveries at sites like Ugarit reveal Canaanite religious practices Israel's laws explicitly rejected, confirming the Bible's historical reliability and the distinctiveness of Israelite worship.

## Related Passages

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**Genesis 1:1** — Creation of heavens and earth

**Colossians 1:16** — All things created through Christ

## Study Questions

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1. How does Christ's superior priesthood, prefigured in this verse, assure you of access to God and effective intercession?
2. How can you use this verse to worship God more fully, obey Him more faithfully, or love others more sacrificially?
3. How does this verse help you understand both God's justice and His mercy in salvation?

## Interlinear Text

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אָשׁוּר	הַשֶּׁמֶן	מִן	הַיְמָנִית	בְּאֶצְבָּעוֹ	אֶת	הַכֹּהֵן	וְטָבַל
	in the oil	H4480	his right	finger	H853	And the priest	shall dip
	H8081		H3233	H676		H3548	H2881
בְּאֶצְבָּעוֹ	הַשֶּׁמֶן	מִן	וְהִזָּה	הַשְּׂמָאלִית	כַּפּוֹ	עַל	
finger	in the oil	H4480	and shall sprinkle	that is in his left	hand		
H676	H8081		H5137	H8042	H3709		H5921
לִפְנֵי	יְהוָה:	פַּעַם	שֶׁבַע				
before	the LORD	times	seven				
H6440	H3068	H6471	H7651				

