

# Leviticus 14:27

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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

## Analysis

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**And the priest shall sprinkle with his right finger some of the oil that is in his left hand 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 holiness demanded in Leviticus becomes possible through Christ, who both satisfies God's righteous requirements and transforms believers by His Spirit.

## 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. Ancient sacrificial texts from cultures surrounding Israel demonstrate the widespread practice of animal sacrifice, but Israel's system uniquely emphasized moral atonement over magical efficacy.

## Related Passages

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**1 John 4:8** — God is love

**1 Corinthians 13:4** — Characteristics of love

## 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. What practical steps can you take this week to apply the principles taught in this verse?
3. How does this verse help you understand both God's justice and His mercy in salvation?

## Interlinear Text

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וְשַׁׁפֵּךְ	בְּכֶתֶן	בְּאַצְבָּעַ	וְ	מִן	פִּימָנִית	בְּאַצְבָּעַ	וְ	מִן	פִּשְׁׁמָנִית	וְ	מִן	
shall sprinkle	And the priest	finger		with his right				H4480	some of the oil			
H5137	H3548	H676		H3233					H8081			
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H834	H5921	hand	that is in his left	H8042		H7651		H6471		before	the LORD	
		H3709								H6440	H3068	