

# Leviticus 14:8

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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## Analysis

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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.

Ritual purity laws taught Israel to distinguish between clean and unclean, holy and common, training them in discernment and reverence for God's presence. The New Testament reveals that Christ's sacrifice accomplishes what the Levitical system could only symbolize—complete forgiveness and restoration of relationship with 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. The tabernacle's design parallels ancient Near Eastern temple architecture, yet its portable nature and absence of divine images distinguished it from pagan temples.

## Related Passages

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**Romans 10:9** — Confession and belief for salvation

**John 3:16** — God's love and salvation

## Study Questions

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1. How can you develop greater spiritual discernment in distinguishing what honors God from what defiles?
2. How does this verse help you understand both God's justice and His mercy in salvation?
3. In what practical ways should this verse influence your church life, family relationships, or personal integrity?

## Interlinear Text

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| כָּל               | אַתָּה                        | וְגַל            | עַ   | וְ                            | יְכַבֵּס    | וְ        | רְ        | וְ              | יְטַהַר | וְ | אַתָּה | וְ | גַּדְלֵךְ | וְ | אַתָּה | וְ | כָּל  |
| shall wash         | And he that is to be cleansed |                  | H853 |                               | his clothes |           | and shave | H853            |         |    |        |    |           |    |        |    | H3605 |
| H3526              |                               | H2891            |      |                               | H899        |           | H1548     |                 |         |    |        |    |           |    |        |    |       |
| off all his hair   | and wash                      | himself in water |      | And he that is to be cleansed |             | and after |           |                 |         |    |        |    |           |    |        |    |       |
| H8181              |                               | H7364            |      | H2891                         |             | H310      |           |                 |         |    |        |    |           |    |        |    |       |
| that he shall come | H413                          | into the camp    |      | and shall tarry               |             | abroad    |           | out of his tent |         |    |        |    |           |    |        |    |       |
| H935               |                               | H4264            |      | H3427                         |             | H2351     |           | H168            |         |    |        |    |           |    |        |    |       |
| וְ                 | שְׁבֻעַ                       | תְּ              | וְ   | יְמִים:                       |             |           |           |                 |         |    |        |    |           |    |        |    |       |
| seven              | days                          |                  |      |                               |             |           |           |                 |         |    |        |    |           |    |        |    |       |
| H7651              |                               | H3117            |      |                               |             |           |           |                 |         |    |        |    |           |    |        |    |       |

## Additional Cross-References

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**Leviticus 11:25** (Parallel theme): And whosoever beareth ought of the carcase of them shall wash his clothes, and be unclean until the even.

**Numbers 8:7** (Parallel theme): And thus shalt thou do unto them, to cleanse them: Sprinkle water of purifying upon them, and let them shave all their flesh, and let them wash their clothes, and so make themselves clean.