

# Numbers 19:8

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And he that burneth her shall wash his clothes in water, and bathe his flesh in water, and shall be unclean until the even.

## Analysis

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Even the one who burned the heifer became unclean, must wash, and remain unclean until evening. The contaminating nature of death extended to all who handled its purification, showing sin's pervasive pollution. Yet these unclean participants produced ashes that would purify others—a profound picture of substitutionary work that costs the substitute dearly.

## Historical Context

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The requirement for washing in water and waiting until evening established a pattern: purification takes time and requires proper procedure. Instant cleansing wasn't available even through this special provision. Only Christ's blood provides immediate, complete purification (1 John 1:7).

## Related Passages

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**James 2:17** — Faith and works

**Hebrews 11:1** — Definition of faith

**Matthew 25:31** — Final judgment

**Revelation 20:12** — Judgment according to deeds

## Study Questions

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1. How does understanding the costliness of your purification affect your gratitude toward Christ?
2. What does Christ's willingness to become 'unclean' for you reveal about His love?

## Interlinear Text

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וְשָׂרֵב	אַתָּה	יְכַבֵּשׁ	בְּגִדֵּי	בְּמִים	וְכַבֵּשׁ
And he that burneth	H853	her shall wash	his clothes	in water	and bathe
H8313		H3526	H899	H4325	H7364
בְּשֶׁרֶב	עַד	עַד	בְּשֶׁרֶב:		
his flesh	in water	and shall be unclean	H5704	until the even	
H1320	H4325	H2930		H6153	

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