

# Sheepfold Gleanings

## METZORA - INFECTED ONES

Leviticus 14:1 to 15:33

2 Kings 7:3-20

Hebrews 13:4

Matthew 9:20-26

Luke 17:1-37

*This torah portion, Metzora, is a continuation from the last parsha, Tazria. We recommend reading Tazria first as it contains much of the background material for this study.*

In Leviticus we are reading Yahweh's instructions for daily living. These teachings show us how to walk in a redeemed lifestyle and how to stay in His blessings and provisions that lead to eternal life. In this Torah teaching, we will learn about the process of cleansing from the *tzarat* affliction. We are coming to understand the ways of the priesthood and how to discern between holy and unholy ways, clean and unclean practices. Yahweh has called us to be a holy priesthood who will walk in Yeshua's Presence. By His grace, Yahweh has put in each of us a supernatural, built-in warning system to let us know if we are outside His provision and blessings. By His Holy Spirit/*Ruach HaKodesh* we can discern when we have missed the mark. *Tzarat*, or afflictions, are evidence that we are out of Yahweh's order (outside the camp) in some way and need to return to Him.

Staying inside Torah's principles protects us and binds the enemy. Stepping outside Torah looses the enemy's ability to operate in our lives and leave us prey to his lies and accusations. What does it mean to stay *inside Torah*? There are two courtrooms in life: one ruled by Satan/*Ha Satan*, the prince of the earth, and the other by Yahweh. If we miss the mark we open ourselves up to Satan's court, the accuser and his lies, and we run the risk of losing our citizenship in Yeshua's Kingdom. When we obey Yahweh's directions/principles for our life and meet with Him, there is no accuser.

🌿 **Psalm 146:5-7** "Happy is he who has the God of Jacob for his help, whose hope is in the LORD his God, Who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them; Who keeps truth forever, Who executes justice [*deliverance*] for the oppressed, Who gives food to the hungry. Yahweh gives freedom to the prisoners."

Eating of *the Tree of Life* – Yeshua, the Living Torah – is staying on the path of righteousness that leads to Life. Partaking of *the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil* is being *outside Torah* and will expose us to a realm that could lead to death spiritually, emotionally and/or physically. That tree may look good but evil lurks behind the false attraction and false fruit. Yahweh desires to be our covering. That is why He has given us the applications for life. Our

covering is Yeshua. He is the love, fullness and the goal of Torah – God’s teaching and instruction called *the Gospel*.

In Leviticus, Yahweh is teaching us to discern between clean and unclean, holy and unholy and about His feast days/*moedim*. Leviticus also teaches us how to remain IN His principles that govern His life to give us the maximum benefits from His blessings. He wants us to be blessed abundantly. Yahweh’s teaching is showing us what we participate in that can bind His power and authority from operating in our lives or what causes Him to withdraw His hand of blessing altogether. Stepping outside His realms for life can hinder His anointing and blessings and cause us challenges and *dis-ease*. In many cases we cause our own failure. We tend to lay all the blame on outside influences (people, places or things) or on the enemy, without taking any responsibility for the choices we ourselves have made in coming into agreement with the enemy. We bind ourselves in the choices and decisions we make that take us outside the Torah, Yahweh’s teaching and instructions for our Life!

In His mercy Yahweh helps us when we innocently sin or miss the mark of obedience to Torah. In the case of King Saul, he chose to speak evil against David and after many warnings Yahweh allowed him to enter the realm of death to show him his errors. King Saul left himself wide open to influencing forces. In accordance with Yahweh’s established laws of cause and effect, Saul’s disobedience cut him off from the guidance and communion he had formerly enjoyed with Yahweh and left him prey to mental and emotional breakdown, a disease of the mind and soul. This was something Saul brought on himself (1 Samuel 18:10).

We need to take responsibility for our own walks and not blame others for our failures or poverty. We need to step into a walk of commitment to Yahweh’s ways. The Bride makes herself ready and comes dressed in garments without spot or wrinkle to the wedding supper with her Bridegroom. Many miracles happened in the Scriptures with those who repented and changed their direction (and associations) to conform to Yahweh’s ways. Once they repented they entered into water immersions/*mikvah* for status change from an unclean realm to a clean realm. Later, they were anointed with oil then offered praises of thanksgiving to Yahweh. Only Yeshua, Yahweh in the flesh, is our Savior and Deliverer. He is our only healer; it is not the person with the healing ministry in Church that heals or appropriates any of His glory.

Yahweh has prescribed a lasting healing process and eternal joy for all those who come to Him by faith and who follow His instructions through applying the ritual application of life: repent, wash and anoint. This is a procedure in the *walk of sanctification called redemption*. In the time of Yeshua, there were over two hundred *mikvah* pools in front of the Temple, many of which can still be seen today. This act of the believer is a freewill offering to Yahweh and an ongoing purification process (Leviticus 5-7). Ceremonial washing is taught all through the New Testament/*Brit Chadasha*. The people who practiced the ritual application of God’s teaching and instruction knew the value of the change of status. It was not for a physical cleansing but for a spiritual cleansing. (See reference section for scriptures on mikvah).

📖 **James 1:14-22** “Each one is tempted when, by *his own evil desire*, he is dragged away and enticed. Then, after desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin and sin, when it is full-grown, gives birth to death. Therefore, get rid of all moral filth and the evil that is so

prevalent, and humbly accept the word planted in you, which can save you. Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive your selves, DO what it says.”

✠ **Colossians 2:13-15** “You were dead because of your sins, that is, because of your “foreskin,” your old nature. But God made you alive along with the Messiah by forgiving you all your sins. He wiped away the bill of charges against us. Because of the regulations, it stood as a testimony against us; but he removed it by nailing it to the execution-stake. Stripping the rulers and authorities of their power, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by means of the stake.” (CJB)

Yeshua made a way for us through His death and shed blood on the stake/cross. Now we can *choose* to walk in that life. It is not what we believe that will make the difference but what we *do*. Obedience to His Word and the pursuit of that in our hearts as a *lifestyle* is what really counts and brings the blessings.

✠ **Philippians 4:9** “The things which you learned and received and heard and saw in me, these do, and the God of peace will be with you.”

In this study we are learning *how* to be cleansed from an unclean/*tzarat* affliction. We know Yeshua has made the way, but does this mean we do not apply the Torah, the teaching and instruction of Yahweh in our life? Because Yeshua came to earth, does this mean that Yahweh’s teaching and instruction are no longer valid or applicable today? Yeshua’s death at the cross set us free from the *law of sin and death* and opened up to us the *law of life* for the first time. This is what He came to give us. That *law of life* is recorded in the Old Testament/*Tanakh* and acted out in the New Testament/*Brit Chadasha*. We have now been given life through the Living Torah, Yeshua. He gave us the words for life and He cannot *not* separate His Word from Himself. His Life is contained *in* His Word. We need to have faith in His faithfulness, the words that He spoke to Moses and the disciples in order to receive healing and life (John 4:1-42).

✠ **Galatians 3:7-9** “Understand, then, that those who believe are children of Abraham. The Scripture [*Yeshua – the word made flesh*] foresaw that God would justify the Gentiles [*Nations*] by faith, and announced *the gospel in advance to Abraham*: ‘All nations will be blessed through you.’ So those who have faith are blessed along with Abraham, the man of faith.”

We are all His priests today. Let us learn what brings us fully into the realm of life. Remembering this is not for salvation purposes but rather is about blessings (good health included) and what bring us into His Presence. If we continue to feed ourselves the unclean and the unholy we will make ourselves sick and bring contamination upon others and ourselves. Not following Yahweh’s ways will separate us from Him. (1 Peter 2:9).

✠ **Deuteronomy 28** “If you fully obey Yahweh your God and carefully follow all His commandments I give you today, all these blessings will come upon you and accompany you if you obey Yahweh your God. However, if you do not obey Yahweh your God and do not carefully follow all His commands and decrees I am giving you today, all these curses will come upon you and overtake you.”

In the story of Zacchaeus from Luke 19 (first mentioned in Leviticus 1:1 *Vayikra*) we see Yeshua taking the time to share with sinners what sin is and detail it in such a way as people want to take responsibility for it in their lives. These lessons found in *Tazria* and *Metzora* are Yeshua's original lessons. Reading it today is as if we are sitting listening to Yeshua directly teaching us how to be responsible for our own sin and how to have eternal life. The choice of life or death is literally being placed into our hands.

Since the foundation of the world, Yeshua has made the way for us by the shedding of His blood offered for our sin. Now He has comforted us by dwelling in us. This is the power (Holy Spirit) that over comes the temptation - of any sin (Revelation. 13:8). Greater is He that is in us than he that is in the world. None of us are without sin. Now it is up to us to be responsible to resist all sin. It is doable. These instructions in Leviticus are the tools to begin making restitution and to walk in our redemption. This is what the gospel message is all about.

*Faith brings the birthright; obedience brings the blessings.*

## Discharges Causing Uncleaness

### Leviticus 15

The three things that contaminate Yahweh's children are lust of the eye, lust of the flesh and pride of life (1 John 2:16). These all have to do with idolatry in us. Unforgiveness, gossip and slander are the enemy's tools. Satan's name means slanderer, accuser of the brethren. If we gossip, slander or argue causing disagreements and dissension, what does this say about us? We not only contaminate ourselves but others at the same time. In so doing we actually speak for Satan. (More teaching on slander and gossip in study *Kedoshim* Leviticus 13 at [www.sheepfoldgleanings.com](http://www.sheepfoldgleanings.com))

*“What causes fights and quarrels among you? Don't they come from your desires that battle within you? Keep reminding them of these things. Warn them before God against quarreling about words; it is of no value, and only ruins those who listen. Avoid foolish and ignorant debates, for you know that they breed quarrel. But avoid foolish controversies and genealogies and arguments and quarrels about the law, because these are unprofitable and useless.”* (James 4:1; 2 Timothy 2:14, 23; Titus 3:9).

## Naaman Healed From The Unclean Realm/*Tzarat*

**2 Kings 4:42 to 5:19** Naaman, a great commander in King of Aram's army, had a *tzarat* or skin affliction. He heard of Elisha through an Israelite woman in his household who knew of this prophet of Yahweh. Elisha shared with him that Yahweh's Word would heal him *if he obeyed it*. Naaman was told to immerse (*mikvah*) himself seven times in the Jordan River to restore his flesh. We see in Scripture what kind of a man Naaman was by his response to the suggested treatment for his healing and what had caused his skin condition in the first place.

📖 **2 Kings 5:11-12** “But Naaman became *furious*, and went away and said, ‘Indeed, I said to myself, He will surely come out to me, and stand and call on the name of Yahweh his God, and wave his hand over the place, and heal the leprosy/*tzarat*. Are not the Abanah

and the Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them and be clean?’ So he turned and went away *in a rage.*”

Naaman’s illness was rage based. He was haughty, full of pride and anger. Naaman resented the humiliation and declined the cure. He was exhibiting verbal *tzarat* emissions bringing contamination to his own body. How many of us realize that when we harbor pride, anger and rage we contaminate ourselves with sickness and disease? Later Naaman changed his *attitude and humbled* himself, dipping/immersing himself seven times into the Jordan River. He came up healed and restored, becoming clean with skin like that of a young boy. Naaman applied the ritual application of the law in obedience to Yahweh’s Word. He repented and took a *mikvah* (immersion). This sanctified and made him clean and whole again.

🌿 **Jeremiah 32:19** “Great are your purposes and mighty are your deeds. Your eyes are open to all the ways of men; you reward everyone *according to his conduct and as his deeds deserve.*”

🌿 **Isaiah 57:15** “For thus says the High and Lofty One Who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy: *‘I dwell in the high and holy place, with him who has a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, And to revive the heart of the contrite ones.’*”

🌿 **Matthew 8:1-4** “When He [*Yeshua*] had come down from the mountain, great multitudes followed Him. And behold, a leper came and worshiped Him, saying, ‘Lord, if You are willing, You can make me clean.’ Then Yeshua put out His hand and touched him, saying, ‘I am willing; be cleansed.’ Immediately his leprosy was cleansed. And Yeshua said to him, ‘See that you tell no one; but go your way, show yourself to the priest, and offer the gift that Moses commanded, as a testimony to them.’”

Yeshua, *the living water*, healed the *tzarat* person, the person outside the camp. Yeshua instructed him to *complete* his cleansing by *following the Law of Moses* and applying the ritual application of Torah (His teaching and instruction). This would have involved immersing in water, an outward sign of his status change and then approaching the priest with a freewill offering. This course of action completed the cleansing and healing process that set this man truly free.

*Born again* is a Hebrew expression used when a person went into the *mikvah*, the water cleansing, for status change. When one rose out of the water they shouted “born again!” signifying that change had been made from the unclean realms/*tamei* to the clean realms/*tahor*.

🌿 **Mark 1: 40-45** Yeshua heals a man with leprosy and cautions him to not tell anyone, saying to him, “But go, show yourself to the priest and offer the sacrifice that Moses commanded for your cleansing [*status change*], as a testimony to them.”

The man did not obey Yeshua, but ran and told everyone the news. Was his healing completed? Did it last?

Applying Torah principles works for us, not against us. We should want Torah, the teaching and instruction of Yeshua, the Incarnate Torah, to guide us. Yes, we are cleansed by His blood and saved; however, remember His instructions are not for salvation purposes but for consecration, holiness and redemption. These instructions are for *believers* who came to Yeshua for healing. We all know believers who are still blind, lame, and deaf or have died early. If we learn to apply Torah in our lives and share this with others who may have innocently touched the realm of death, would the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, lepers be cleansed, the deaf hear, and the dead will be raised to life?

Believers who have left or not known His principles and the life given at Mount Sinai through Moses are what scripture calls the poor, blind and lame. Unfortunately in many churches and synagogues Moses is no longer taught each week. That is why many are sick and dying among us, leaving assemblies, backslidden in all their ways (1 Corinthians 11: 27-30). People no longer apply Yahweh's instructions to their lives. And yet Yeshua did not discard them but brought them to a fuller understanding so we could embrace and walk in them. Can we imagine not using the Torah when Yeshua is the *Incarnate* Torah? If we reject Torah, do we not reject Him?

🌿 **Luke 14:13-14** “But when you give a banquet [*Yahweh's feast days*], invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind [*believers who have lost their way*], and you will be blessed. Although they cannot repay you, you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.”

🌿 **Luke 14:16-24** “A certain man was preparing a great banquet and invited many guests [*believers who hear the principles but do not walk in them*]. At the time of the [*wedding*] banquet he sent his servant [*Holy Spirit*] to tell those who had been invited, ‘Come, for everything is now ready’. But they all alike [*believers who heard but rejected His principles*] began to make excuses. The first said, ‘I have just bought a field, and I must go and see it. Please excuse me.’ Another said, ‘I have just bought five yoke of oxen, and I'm on my way to try them out. Please excuse me.’ Still another said, ‘I just got married, so I can't come.’ The servant came back and reported this to his master. Then the owner of the house became angry and ordered his servant, ‘Go out quickly into the streets and alleys of the town and bring in the poor, the crippled, the blind and the lame.’ [*believers who had lost their way*] ‘Sir, the servant said, ‘what you ordered has been done, but there is still room.’ “Then the master told his servant, ‘Go out to the roads and country lanes and make them come in, so that my house will be full. I tell you, not one of those men who were invited [*earlier – believers who knew His principles but rejected them*] will get a taste of my banquet [*wedding*].’”

🌿 **Hebrews 6:4-6** “It is impossible for those [*believers*] who have once been enlightened [*known the principles*], who have tasted the heavenly gift [*walked in the promises and blessings*], who have shared in the Holy Spirit, who have tasted the goodness of the word of God and the powers of the coming age, if they fall away [*if they reject them*], to be brought back to repentance, because to their loss they are crucifying the Son of God all over again and subjecting him to public disgrace.”

It is time to revive the instruction booklet (*Mosaic Covenant – the Gospel*) and apply it to our lives in agreement with Yeshua, thereby fulfilling the *Abrahamic Covenant* and taking hold of

our full inheritance and redemption (Galatians 3:16). This is called the raising of David's fallen tent/covenant – the restoration of the House of David. Following the Life-giving Spirit of Yeshua and His Word, the true gospel given to Abraham and Moses, is the only way to restore David's Covenant. It cannot be restored through man's religious rhetoric, which brings us back under bondage. Paul warns us not to listen to such teachings or we will be cursed.

✿ **Galatians 3:8** “And the Scripture [*Yeshua*], foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles [*Nations*] by faith, preached *the gospel* to Abraham beforehand, saying, ‘In you all the nations shall be blessed.’”

✿ **John 5:46-47** “For if you believed Moses, you would believe Me [*Yeshua*]; for he wrote about Me. But if you do not believe his writings, how will you believe My words?”

✿ **Galatians 1:6-8** “I [*Paul*] marvel that you are turning away so soon from Him [*Yeshua*] who called you in the grace [*gospel*] of Christ/*Messiah*, to a different gospel, which [*there*] is not another; but there are some who trouble you and want to pervert the gospel of Christ/*Messiah*. But even if we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel [*other than the one Yeshua peached in the Torah, the five books of Moses*] to you [*other*] than what we have preached to you, let him be accursed.”

May we truly elevate our neighbors and not slander them. May we truly reach out and share life with everyone around us and see the Life of Yeshua, the Incarnate Torah, heal all the people who come to Him today (Amos 9:11; Acts 15).

## Niddah The Laws of Separation for Blessings

Two realms are in the woman's monthly flow. Life and death. This time is called *niddah* in Hebrew. Yahweh says that the woman is to be separated from intimate relations with her husband for a full seven days during this time. This separation is as much for the man as it is for the woman and carries prophetic imagery of the millennial Kingdom as seven days also represents 7000 years. Honoring the woman during her week is very important while she dedicates her separation time to Yahweh. This is not legalism, for salvation or man's teaching, but a commandment from Yahweh for our *health and blessing*.

Just as we learned about clean and unclean foods, the *niddah* time has a clean and unclean side to it also. The blood carries life-giving properties to the womb and also flushes out the woman's egg, which if it is not fertilized, has died. The woman's monthly flow is that flushing and cleansing process to keep the reproductive system clean and healthy. Yahweh commands the man and woman not to have marital relations during the seven days of cleansing. It is a consecration time. In marriage, if this process is violated it can lead to contamination that can spread not only through the woman's reproductive system but into the man's reproductive system as well. Breaking this commandment may result in such diseases as ovarian, breast and prostate cancers (Deuteronomy 28).

At the completion of the woman's flow and after she has bathed, she is to have an immersion in water/*mikvah* for change of status from the unclean realm to the clean realm. By applying the ritual application of God's word in her life, the cleansing process is complete and her monthly cycle begins all over again. The majority of couples who follow this wonderful time of blessings have very strong marriages. If you have never entered into the realm of *niddah*, may we encourage you to do so; the blessings are worth it!

## The Leper and the Rite of Purification

### Leviticus 14

In the law of the infected one/*metzora*, the doorway leading back to Yahweh is through repentance and forgiveness. The trespass (guilt) offering was required to atone for any sin of dishonor. *Lashon hara* is the Hebrew term for gossip and slander against others and is one of the main roots behind skin afflictions. To be restored, the person was to bring two clean birds to the priest in the temple. One bird was killed in an earthen vessel under running water. The living bird was then dipped into the blood of the first bird along with cedar wood, scarlet yarn and hyssop. The blood was sprinkled seven times on the one coming for cleansing. The living bird was then set free over an open field. After, the person's body was shaved, he entered into a ritual water cleansing, called *mikvah*. For the next seven days he was to stay outside his tent. On the eighth day he returned to the priest with an offering of two male lambs, one ewe (a female lamb), the grain offering and a log of oil (less than two cups). The priest took one male lamb as a wave offering and then it was killed as the trespass offering. Some of the *blood of the lamb* was placed on the person's tip of the right ear, the right thumb and the right big toe. Then the oil was placed directly on top of the blood - on the right ear, right thumb and big right toe, and sprinkled before Yahweh seven times. The oil that remained was poured out over the head of the offerer.

If one could not afford the basic offering for the skin affliction he was to take one male lamb as a trespass offering, the grain offering and the oil, and wave them before Yahweh. *The blood of the lamb* and the oil were to follow the same pattern – on the right ear, the right thumb and the big right toe, and sprinkled over the person seven times as part of the ritual application of the law for status change from being ritually impure/*tumah* to ritually purity/*taharah*. Therefore atonement was made for the believer who was unclean/*tazria*.

These same properties were used for the red heifer water purification in Numbers 19. They spoke of Yeshua fulfillment at His death of the ritual application for cleansing of the unclean one. We are the unclean ones. As believers we have broken our vow to uphold the Covenant we made with Him. The Covenant can only be restored through blood. *The blood of the lamb* was the trespass offering and represented Yeshua's blood atonement. Blood represents Yahweh's truth (Torah - His Word) and His Bridal Covenant we originally made with Him at Mount Sinai.

To restore or redeem the unclean/*tamei*, the blood of *the lamb* and oil were to be placed

- On the ear – that we vow to live by no other word but Yahweh's and a stranger's voice we will not follow.
- On the right thumb - to re-consecrate our hands to be holy unto Him in everything we do.

- On the right large toe – to walk in the footsteps of Yeshua as His disciple according to His paths of righteousness (Ezekiel 44:23-24).

The oil (corresponds to the water) and speaks of the restoration of Yeshua’s Spirit within us. Thus it is by His Spirit and Truth we are set free. This status change is available to us through Yeshua’s offering *when the **water (Spirit) and blood (Truth)** flowed from His heart upon His death*. His death brought this teaching in Leviticus to a greater and fuller understanding. This is the water and blood that cleanses us and removes the enmity (our sin and guilt) that stood between God and man. Today, we renew our Covenant each year through our worship on the Day of Atonement/*Yom Kippur*. On that day, we as believers, recognize and take responsibility for any personal or corporate sins we may knowingly or unknowingly have committed against Him, thereby appropriating Yeshua’s atoning sacrifice each year and keeping our temples clean before Him, as He is *Holy, Holy, Holy/Kodesh, Kodesh, Kodesh*.

🕊 **John 19:33-34** “But when they came to Jesus/*Yeshua* and saw that He was already dead, they did not break His legs. But one of the soldiers pierced His side with a spear, and immediately *blood and water* came out.”

🕊 **John 3:5-7** Yeshua said, “I tell you the truth, unless a man is born of water and the spirit, he cannot enter the Kingdom of God. Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit. You should not be surprised at my saying, ‘You must be born again.’” (You must have a change in status.)

🕊 **1 John 5:8-9** “This is the one who came by *water and blood* – Yeshua. He did not come by water only, but by *water and blood*. And it is the Spirit who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth. For there are three that testify: *The Spirit, the Water and the Blood*; and the three are in agreement.”

🕊 **1 Thessalonians 5:23** “May Yahweh himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Messiah, Yeshua.”

*Shabbat Shalom*

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### Water Immersion/*Mikvah* instructions:

For a *mikvah*, use a fresh body of water (lake or river) that has an inflow and an out flow of fresh water to it. If you do not have access to a body of fresh water or if it’s winter we suggest one of these following:

- Fill *tub* with water, leave the tap running and pull the drain plug as you submerge under.

- Run the *shower*, put stopper over the drain until the water is 2" deep. Leave shower on, sit and pull stopper, letting the shower flow water over you.

Pray a prayer of repentance and forgiveness, remembering any known or unknown sins in your life. Ask Yeshua for a cleansed heart as you immerse yourself in the body of water as you.

*“Barukh atah Adonai Eloheinu melekh ha'olam, asher kid'shanu b'mitzvotav v'tzivanu al ha't'vila”.*

“Blessed are You, LORD, our God, King of the universe, Who has sanctified us with His commandments and commanded us concerning the immersion.”

Rededicate yourself to Him, pray for an infilling of the Holy Spirit/*Ruach HaKodesh* and anoint yourself with oil.

**Recommend:** *The Mikvah Process*: by Rabbi Ralph Messer

<http://store.torah.tv/browse.cfm/mikveh-process-study-course/4,2317.html>

**Mikvah** (full body immersion) or **Rachets** (hand washing) references in the New Testament/*Brit Chadasha*: Strong's #G2512 *katharismos* Mark 1:44; Luke 2:22; 5:14; John 2:6; 3:23-25; Hebrews 1:3; 2 Peter 1:9; James 4:8.

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