

YT Video- Highway of Holiness

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Text [KJV unless otherwise indicated]

2Co 6:14 *Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness?*

2Co 6:15 *And what concord hath Christ with Belial? or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel?*

2Co 6:16 *And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.*

2Co 6:17 **Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you,**

2Co 6:18 *And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty.*

2Co 7:1 *Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, **let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.***

Isa 35:8 *And a highway shall be there, and a way, and it shall be called The way of holiness; the unclean shall not pass over it; but it shall be for those: the wayfaring men, though fools, shall not err therein.*

Isa 35:9 *No lion shall be there, nor any ravenous beast shall go up thereon, it shall not be found there; but the redeemed shall walk there:*

Isa 35:10 *And the ransomed of the LORD shall return and come to Zion with songs and everlasting joy upon their heads: they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.*

1Th 4:7 For **God hath not called us unto uncleanness, but unto holiness.**

I. **Fellowship With the Righteous**

1Jn 1:5 *This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all.*

1Jn 1:6 *If we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth:*

1Jn 1:7 *But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.*

- a. **God is light: in Him is no darkness**
- b. **Do not walk in darkness**
- c. **Walk in the light**
- d. **Fellowship only with those walking in the light**
- e. **Then we can be cleansed from all sin**

II. **Come Out, Be Separate**

- a. Abraham was called out from his father's house in the city of Haran
- b. The Israelites were called out from Egypt
- c. The gentiles are being called out from the world of idolatry and uncleanness
- d. The Church is "ekklesia" [G1577] a called-out body of people to constitute an assembly

III. Levitical Uncleanness

1. Hebrew word 'tame'

H2931: tame

BDB Definition:

- 1) unclean, impure
- 1a) ethically and religiously
- 1b) ritually
- 1c) of places

- a. Food
- b. Menstrual uncleanness
- c. Male discharges
- d. Prohibited sexual relations & practices
- e. Dead bodies & cemeteries
- f. Leprosy
- g. Unclean spirits

2. Hebrew word 'niddah'

H5079: niddâh

BDB Definition:

- 1) **impurity, filthiness, menstruous**, set apart
- 1a) impurity
- 1a1) of ceremonial impurity
- 1a2) of menstruation
- 1b) impure thing (figuratively)
- 1b1) of **idolatry, immorality**

Zec 13:1 In that day there shall be a fountain opened to the house of David and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem for sin and for **uncleanness** [H5079 niddah]

Note: Zec 13:2 mentions idolatry, false prophets and unclean spirits.

IV. Uncleanness in the New Testament

1. Touch Not The Unclean Thing

G169 akathartos

Thayer Definition:

- 1) not cleansed, unclean

1a) in a ceremonial sense: **that which must be abstained from according to the levitical law**

1b) in a moral sense: **unclean in thought and life**

2. Unclean Categories In NT

Exactly the same as in OT:

- a. Food
- b. Menstrual uncleanness
- c. Male discharges
- d. Prohibited sexual relations & practices
- e. Dead bodies & cemeteries
- f. Leprosy
- g. Unclean spirits

Peter: *Act 10:14 But Peter said, Not so, Lord; for I have never eaten anything that is **common [G2839 koinos] or unclean [G169]**.*

Sexual uncleanness & practices: *Rom 1:24 Wherefore God also gave them up to **uncleanness** through the lusts of their own hearts, to dishonour their own bodies between themselves:*

Gal 5:19 *Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these, Adultery, fornication, **uncleanness**, lasciviousness,*

Dead bodies & cemeteries: *Mat 23:27 Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye are like unto whited sepulchres, which indeed appear beautiful outward, but are within full of dead men's bones, and of all uncleanness.*

Leprosy: *Mar 1:40 And there came a leper to him, beseeching him, and kneeling down to him, and saying unto him, If thou wilt, thou canst make me clean.*

Unclean spirits: *Mat 10:1 And when he had called unto him his twelve disciples, he gave them power against **unclean spirits**, to cast them out, and to heal all manner of sickness and all manner of disease.*

Unclean birds & frogs: *Rev 16:13 And I saw three **unclean spirits like frogs** come out of the mouth of the dragon, and out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet.*

*Rev 16:14 For they are the **spirits of devils**, working miracles, which go forth unto the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty.*

Rev 18:2 *And he cried mightily with a strong voice, saying, Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and is become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every **unclean and hateful bird**.*

3. Common & Unclean

Act 10:13 And there came a voice to him, Rise, Peter; kill, and eat.

Act 10:14 But Peter said, not so, Lord; for I have never eaten anything that is common or unclean.

Act 10:15 And the voice spake unto him again the second time, What God hath cleansed, that call not thou common.

G2839: koinos

koy-nos'

Probably from G4862; common, that is, (literally) shared by all or several, or (ceremonially) profane: - common, defiled, unclean, unholy.

G169: akathartos [H2931: tame]

ak-ath'-ar-tos

From G1 (as a negative particle) and a presumed derivative of G2508 (meaning cleansed); impure (ceremonially, morally (lewd) or specifically (demonic)): - foul, unclean.

Note: Peter's vision of unclean animals descending had nothing to do with cleansing such animals for food. In Peter's own words to Cornelius and household:

*Act 10:28 And he said unto them, Ye know how that it is an unlawful thing for a man that is a Jew to keep company or come unto one of another nation; but **God hath shewed me that I should not call any man common or unclean.***

***Peter's vision was about God opening the door to salvation for the Gentiles, who were hitherto regarded as unclean and excluded from fellowshiping with Jews.**

***Rom 14:14 is not about unclean food but meat [clean] being regarded as bad for eating by vegetarians:**

*Rom 14:14 I know, and am persuaded by the Lord Jesus, that there is nothing unclean of itself: but to him that esteemeth anything to be unclean [**G2839: koinos**] to him it is unclean [**G2839: koinos**].*

Note: no man has authority to declare anything unclean but God only, as He declared in Lev 11. Uncleaness of food is not a matter of personal opinion!

4. Filthiness of Flesh & Spirit

*2Co 7:1 Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, **let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.***

G3436: molusmos

mol-oos-mos'

From G3435; a stain, that is, (figuratively) immorality: - filthiness.

5. Cleanse Ourselves

We cleanse ourselves by abstaining from unclean food, unclean sexual practices and idolatry which cause filthiness of the flesh and spirit.

6. Perfecting Holiness

The Greek word for perfecting is G2005 epiteleō which means to fulfil completely.

Holiness is the attribute of God which means sacredness (that is, properly the quality). God Himself is set apart from all His creation. He has set us apart to be His people, but we also need to take the steps required to separate us from the ways, morals and values of the world.

7. Sons & Daughters

*2Co 6:17 Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and **touch not the unclean [G169] thing**; and I will receive you,*

*2Co 6:18 And will be a Father unto you, and **ye shall be my sons and daughters**, saith the Lord Almighty.*

These verses are unique in the whole Bible. The promise is that if we would set ourselves apart from the world and refrain from touching [eating] unclean food etc, we shall be His sons and daughters.

- a. The Greek word “uihos” is used for sons, meaning mature sons, fit for adoption by Him. Yeshua is always “uihos”
- b. V 18 is the only verse in the Bible describing daughters of YAHWEH. Most references use the generic term ‘teknon’ which means children.

8. Highway of Holiness

There will be a highway of holiness on which the unclean shall not pass [Isa 35:8].

V. Uncleanness is the Opposite of Holiness

*1Th 4:7 For **God hath not called us unto uncleanness, but unto holiness.***

*1Co 7:14 For the unbelieving husband is sanctified by the wife, and the unbelieving wife is sanctified by the husband: **else were your children unclean; but now are they holy.***