



Equipping People for Life

Jesus Died for Your Children

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Notes

Context & Introduction:

Luke 2:21-24 (NKJV) – ²¹ And when eight days were completed for the circumcision of the Child, His name was called JESUS, the name given by the angel before He was conceived in the womb.²² Now when the days of her purification according to the law of Moses were completed, they brought Him to Jerusalem to present *Him* to the Lord ²³ (as it is written in the law of the Lord, “*Every male who opens the womb shall be called holy to the LORD*”),²⁴ and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the law of the Lord, “*A pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons.*”

Leviticus 8:1-8 (NKJV)

¹ Then the Lord spoke to Moses, saying, ² “Speak to the children of Israel, saying: ‘If a woman has conceived, and borne a **male child**, then **she shall be unclean** seven days; as in the days of her customary impurity she shall be unclean. ³ And on the eighth day the flesh of his foreskin shall be circumcised. ⁴ She shall then continue in the blood of her purification thirty-three days. She shall not touch any hallowed thing, nor come into the sanctuary until the days of her purification are fulfilled.

⁵ ‘But if she bears a **female child**, then she shall be unclean two weeks, as in her customary impurity, and she shall continue in the blood of *her* purification sixty-six days.

⁶ ‘When the days of her purification are fulfilled, whether for a son or a daughter, she shall bring to the priest a **lamb** of the first year as a burnt offering, and a **young pigeon or a turtledove** as a sin offering, to the door of the tabernacle of meeting. ⁷ Then he shall offer it before the Lord, and make atonement for her. And she shall be clean from the flow of her blood. This *is* the law for her who has borne a male or a female.

⁸ ‘And **if she is not able to bring a lamb**, then she may bring **two turtledoves or two young pigeons**—one as a burnt offering and the other as a sin offering. So the priest shall make atonement for her, and she will be clean.’ ”

I. When a baby is born, whose uncleanness is the Bible concerned with?

A. God's concern is for the mother. (Lev. 8:2 & 5)

B. Why is God concerned for the mother? (Lev. 12:4, 5, & 7)

Leviticus 12:2 (NKJV) – as in the days of her customary impurity she shall be unclean.

NIV – “just as she is unclean during her monthly period.”

Leviticus 15:19-24 (NKJV) – ¹⁹ ‘If a woman has a discharge, *and* the discharge from her body is blood, she shall be set apart seven days; and whoever touches her shall be unclean until evening...

C. The sacrifices that cleanse the mother. (Lev. 12:6 & 8)

1. The whole burnt offering and the mother:

Genesis 3:14-16 (NKJV)

¹⁴ So the LORD God said to the serpent:

“Because you have done this,
You *are* cursed more than all cattle,
And more than every beast of the field;
On your belly you shall go,
And you shall eat dust
All the days of your life.

¹⁵ And I will put enmity

Between you and the woman,
And between your seed and her Seed;
He shall bruise your head,
And you shall bruise His heel.”

¹⁶ To the woman He said:

“I will greatly multiply your sorrow and your conception;
In pain you shall bring forth children;

1 John 3:8 (NKJV) – ⁸ For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil.

2. The sin offering and the mother:

PSALM 51

[Hebrew Bible has 21 verses. English Bible has 19 verses.]

(Verse 1 in Hebrew Bible) To the Chief Musician. A Psalm of David

(Verse 2 in Hebrew Bible) When Nathan the Prophet Went to Him, After He Had Gone in to Bathsheba.

(Verse 3 in Hebrew Bible) ¹ Have mercy upon me, O God,
According to Your lovingkindness;
According to the multitude of Your tender mercies,
Blot out my transgressions.

(Verse 4 in Hebrew Bible) ² Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,
And cleanse me from my sin.

³ For I acknowledge my transgressions,
And my sin *is* always before me.

⁴ Against You, You only, have I sinned,
And done *this* evil in Your sight—
That You may be found just when You speak,
And blameless when You judge.

⁵ Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity,

And in sin my mother conceived me.

⁶ Behold, You desire truth in the inward parts,
And in the hidden *part* You will make me to know wisdom.

God's provision is not just for the rich and famous. (Leviticus 12:8 and Luke 2:24)

II. Why is there a greater purification time for daughters than for sons?

III. What about bodily discharges?

IV. What about circumcision? (Gen. 17; Exo. 4:24; Lev. 12:3;

A. Circumcision was practiced throughout much of the ancient world.

Jeremiah 9:25-26 (NIV) – ²⁵ “The days are coming,” declares the LORD, “when I will punish all who are circumcised only in the flesh— ²⁶ Egypt, Judah, Edom, Ammon, Moab and all who live in the desert in distant places. For all these nations are really uncircumcised, and even the whole house of Israel is uncircumcised in heart.”

B. The Philistines were the exception. –

1 Samuel 17:26 (NKJV) – ²⁶ Then David spoke to the men who stood by him, saying, “What shall be done for the man who kills this Philistine and takes away the reproach from Israel? For who is this uncircumcised Philistine, that he should defy the armies of the living God?”

From the time that God spoke to Abraham about circumcision, He always intended for circumcision to include the heart.

Deuteronomy 10:16 (NKJV) – Therefore circumcise the foreskin of your heart, and be stiff-necked no longer.

C. At circumcision, the father recites a blessing:

"Baruch atah A-donay, Elo-heinu Melech
Ha'Olam, asher kideshanu bemitzvotav vetzivanu le-hach-ni-soh
bivrito shel Avraham Avinu",

“Blessed are You, L-rd our G-d, King of the universe, Who has sanctified us with His commandments and commanded us to enter him into the Covenant of Abraham our father.”¹

D. Why are there 40 days of seclusion for a baby boy?

Four is the number of the 4 cardinal directions. Ten is the number of completeness.

So, why does the woman get twice as much time in seclusion for a daughter? God knows! 😊

¹ http://www.chabad.org/library/article_cdo/aid/144464/jewish/The-Circumcision-Procedure-and-Blessings.htm