



Touch

PROHIBITIONS OF THE LAW

Colossians 2:20-23

- ▶ DO NOT HANDLE
- ▶ DO NOT TASTE
- ▶ DON'T EVEN TOUCH

PRINCIPLE ONE

CLEAN ARE NOT TO TOUCH THE UNCLEAN

UNAWARE BUT UNCLEAN



Or if a soul touch any unclean thing,
whether *it be*
a carcass of an unclean beast,
or a carcass of unclean cattle,
or the carcass of unclean creeping things,
and *if it be hidden from him;*
he also shall be unclean, and guilty.

Leviticus 5:2

ACCIDENTALLY UNCLEAN

Or if he touch the uncleanness of man,
whatsoever uncleanness *it* be
that a man shall be defiled withal,
and it be hid from him;
when he knoweth *of it*,
then he shall be guilty.

Leviticus 5:3

Israelites and the Nazarite

- ▶ THINGS UNCLEAN FOR THE NAZARITE
Numbers 6:1-8 (& following)
 - ▶ Separated unto the LORD
- ▶ THINGS UNCLEAN FOR ALL ISRAEL
Leviticus 11
 - ▶ Various clean or unclean animals
 - ▶ The carcass of various animals

The clean are forbidden to touch...

- ▶ A dead person
- ▶ A dead animal
- ▶ A person or animal with drainage, illness
- ▶ A ceremonially unclean person or thing
- ▶ “Unclean” animals (Lizards, etc)

PRINCIPLE TWO

UNCLEAN ARE NOT TO TOUCH CLEAN

The unclean makes the clean unclean

And when Aaron and his sons have made an end of covering the sanctuary, and all the vessels of the sanctuary, as the camp is to set forward; after that, the sons of Kohath shall come to bear *it*: but

**they shall not touch *any* holy thing,
lest they die.**

Numbers 14:15

The unclean are forbidden to touch...

- ▶ Anything ceremonially clean
 - Alter, tabernacle furnishings, etc
- ▶ Any person ceremonially clean
 - ▶ Priests, etc

PRINCIPLE THREE

CLEAN ARE PERMITTED TO TOUCH CLEAN

Clean may touch Clean

Seven days thou shalt make an atonement for the altar, and sanctify it;

and it shall be an altar most holy:

whatsoever toucheth the altar shall be holy.

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God is Holy (Clean)

We must be holy to live with Him.

For thou *art* not a God
that hath pleasure in wickedness:
neither shall evil dwell with thee.

Psalms 5:4

PRINCIPLE FOUR

Everything “unclean”
that Jesus touched
became clean!

When Jesus touches the unclean

- ▶ **Leper** (Matt 8:3; 17:17) (Mark 1:40ff)
(Luke 15:13)
- ▶ **Woman with a fever** – (Mt 8:14ff)
- ▶ **Blind men** (Mt 20:30-34)
- ▶ **Bier of the only son of a widow**
(Luke 7:11ff)

The unclean becomes clean

When the unclean touch Jesus

- ▶ **Woman with an issue**
(Mt 9:20ff) (Mrk 5:25ff) (Lu 8:43 ff)
- ▶ **The sick of Gennesaret**
(Matthew 14:34-36) (Mark 6:53-56)

The unclean becomes clean

We can be cleansed too!



The next day John seeth Jesus
coming unto him, and saith,
Behold the Lamb of God,
which taketh away the sin of the world.

John 1:29

In whom we have redemption
through his blood, the forgiveness of sins,
according to the riches of his grace;

Eph 1:7

We can be cleansed too!

How much more
shall the blood of Christ,
who through the eternal Spirit
offered himself without spot to God,
purge your conscience from dead works
to serve the living God?

Hebrews 9:14

Who needs cleansing?

Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God?

Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind,

Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God.

1 Corinthians 6:9-10

Even we were cleansed!

And such were some of you:

- **but ye are washed,**
- but ye are sanctified,
- but ye are justified
- in the name of the Lord Jesus,
- and by the Spirit of our God.

1 Corinthians 6:11



Has He Touched You?