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As a Testimony to Them

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“Isolating the victim was not intended to prevent the spread of the disease but the spread of the impurity. What was feared was not the catching the disease but the impurity. That fear is why the verb used to describe the cure is not “to heal” but “to cleanse.” Garland

Remember: Your responsibility, by God’s enabling, is to consistently apply the divine principles and truths you have heard (Phil. 2:1-13; 1Tim. 4:7-9; James 1:22-27). As you meditate on this message, ask yourself these questions:

- How does God want my beliefs/actions to change?
- How can I accomplish this change?
- What is the first step toward bringing about this change?

“There is such purity in Christ he absorbs all uncleanness and pollution, He does not contaminate Himself by touching the leper, nor does He transgress the Law... He stays whole, clears all the dirt away, and pours upon His own holiness. Now, while He could heal a leper by His word alone, He adds the contact of His hand, to show His feeling of compassion; no wonder, since He willed to put on our flesh in order that He might cleanse us from all our sins...Here is a thing which we pass over without much impression as an idle reading, but must certainly ponder, with much awe, when we take it properly..that the Son of God, so far from abhorring contact with the leper, actually stretched out His hand to touch his uncleanness.” Calvin