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***Stuff For Today***

• Bob the Square

• Mr. Lyle has a magical paper cutter—and , like, dude, it does magical stuff.

• Why would anyone sit outside their house for a whole week?

# Leprosy Cured?-One Week To Go

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***Leviticus 13:1-2***

 ***The Lord said to Moses and Aaron, 2“When anyone has a swelling or a rash or a bright spot on his skin that may become an infectious skin disease,[***[***a***](http://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=lev%2013&version=NIV1984#fen-NIV1984-3055a)***] he must be brought to Aaron the priest or to one of his sons[***[***b***](http://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=lev%2013&version=NIV1984#fen-NIV1984-3055b)***] who is a priest.***

 ***Leviticus 14:3***

 ***3And the priest shall go forth out of the camp; and the priest shall look, and, behold, if the plague of leprosy be healed in the leper.***

 ***Leviticus 14:8***

 ***8And he that is to be cleansed shall wash his clothes, and shave off all his hair, and wash himself in water, that he may be clean: and after that he shall come into the camp, and shall tarry abroad out of his tent seven days****.*

Types in the Bible, especially in the Old Testament, are always a fascinating study. And so it is with leprosy, a dreaded skin disease of that day. God set aside two entire chapters of Leviticus to address the issue of leprosy, even spending an entire chapter delineating the process of being cleaned from this incurable disease. Curious. Until you realize that leprosy, in the Old Testament, is a picture of sin. Another truly deadly problem that, in the life of a Christian, can be dealt with.

The Old Testament is fascinating. Much may seem archaic from our vantage point today, but it is the Word of God and therefore very, very special. One of the most often overlooked, but most rewarding studies that a student of the Bible can do is to look carefully at The Law, given to Moses on Mt. Sinai. The Old Testament if full of *types,* that is, parallels, to New Testament truths. Many of the laws pointed directly at Jesus. One in particular, though, addressed our New Testament understanding of sin. God spent 2 complete chapters in Leviticus alone, carefully explaining the problems with leprosy and the results of the disease if found present in a person’s life.

According to the Law, if someone was found to have the disease of leprosy, they were to be cast outside the camp of Israel, and were to have no contact with anyone. Never again to live with loved ones, never allowed to experience a comforting hug, but rather, they were required to shout, “Unclean” at people who might accidentally come near them. To hear the diagnosis of leprosy, meant loss of social contact, loss of income and a life of destitution, and an eventual ugly death.

There are some interesting parallels between leprosy and sin.

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**The Illusion Explained**

 Many people wonder how the paper cutter illusion is performed. In the past, I have been reluctant to give away my secrets. It has nothing to do with an illusionist’s code. I just have chosen to not reveal my methods.

 But, I considered the idea for a while, and came to the conclusion that you might enjoy knowing the truth about it. It will require an in depth explanation. So, for the first time ever, I will reveal the deep dark secret of this wonderful trick.

 The single most important step when performing this trick is to prepare with special care the one

**Armadillo:**

**How Much DO You Really Know?**

**Upcoming Dinner Theater**

**March 1st**

**The *Most Masterfully Measured and Made Major Mouth Moving Main Meal Moment in March*** is coming.

 The evening will be much better than when I was a kid. My mother lived by this adage: “If you wait long enough to make dinner, everyone will just eat some cold cereal.” #ithopethemilkisstillgood #ihatecheerios

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  We all know that this very recognizable shape does not even come close to looking like the real human heart, so, just where did this symbol come from?

 Records of the first use of this symbol are found in ancient Babylon—shortly after the great flood of Noah’s day.

 The Bible talks of a man named Nimrod (see Gen. 10:8-12). History tells us that he married a woman named Semaramis. Upon his untimely death, she did not want to give up her throne. So she invented a religious system that promoted her to be a god.

 One of the symbols she used to make herself more familiar and memorable to her people was the ***Sacred Heart.*** Its shape has remained largely the same for thousands of years

 Happy Valentine’s Day!

What possible connection could there be between an armadillo and our Bible lesson today?

I’m glad you asked. Allow me to explain.