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The **T**heme: **Wash and Stay Safe.** berita-bethel-ung.com

The **T**ext:*He that is* ***washed*** *needeth not save to wash his feet, but is clean every whit:* Jn. 13:10

The **T**hots:

Intro.  **Stay Clean (Wash your Hands)** **and Stay Safe.**

**Washing to be Safe was also a Requirement in God’s Service:**

1. **Wash the Whole Person to be Positionally Clean.**
2. Washing was **R**equired of a **P**atient Infected with a **C**ontagious Disease: **Lev. 13, 14**
3. The **C**lothes of the **P**atient,
4. If **C**ontaminated, they must be Burnt. Lev. 13:47-50**,** HCSB

 *If a fabric is contaminated…is to be shown to the priest. The priest is to examine*

 *the contamination and quarantine the contaminated fabric for seven days.*

[If] *…it is unclean…you must burn up the fabric.* 13:55*,* HCSB

1. If **C**leared, they must be **C**leaned (Washed): 13:54, 58, HCSB

 *The priest is to order whatever is contaminated to be* ***washed*** *and quarantined for another seven days.*

*If the contamination disappears from the fabric… it is to be washed again, and it will be clean.*

1. The **C**ured **P**atient:
2. He must wash his **C**lothes – *he that is to be cleansed shall wash his clothes…* Lev. 14:8
3. *And [****C****lean] wash himself in water, that he may be* ***C****lean:*
4. *and after that he shall* ***C****ome into the* ***C****amp, and shall tarry abroad out of his tent seven days.*

The **C**leansing **C**eremony Summarised: Lev. 14:9

*It shall be on the seventh day, that he shall shave all his hair off his head and his beard and his eyebrows, even all his hair he shall shave off: and he shall* ***wash******his clothes****,*

*also he shall* ***wash his flesh in water****, and he shall be clean.*

1. The **C**ontacts of the **P**atient would be unclean, and they needed to wash themselves… Lev. 15:5-7, 10
2. If they **P**hysically touched the **P**atient or his things; they needed to **wash** themselves.
* *Whosoever toucheth his bed shall wash his clothes, and bathe himself in water, and be unclean*
* *He that sitteth on any thing whereon he sat…shall wash his clothes, and bathe himself in water,*
* *He that toucheth the flesh of him…shall wash his clothes, and bathe himself in water.*

**OR**  *He toucheth that hath the issue, and hath* ***not******rinsed his hands in water****,*

*he shall wash his clothes, and bathe himself in water, and be unclean until the even.* 15:11

1. If the **P**atient’s **P**hlegm (*spittle*) fell on them…

*If he that hath the issue* ***spit*** *upon him that is clean; then* ***he shall wash*** *his clothes,*

*and* ***bathe himself in water****, and be unclean until the even.* 15:8

1. Washing was also the **R**ule for the **C**onsecration of the **P**riests. Lev. 8:1-13
2. The **C**ommand to Moses to **C**onsecrate Aaron and his sons as **P**riests: Lev. 8:5-7

*Moses said unto the congregation, This is the thing which the LORD commanded to be done.*

1. The **C**onsecration: *And Moses brought Aaron and his sons, and* ***washed them with water.***8:6
2. The **P**urification: *Washed is rāḥaṣin* (Heb.) *from a…root = bathe (self), wash (self).* Strong
3. The **P**ublic Act: This was the only time Moses washed (lit. bathed) Aaron and his sons in public

 to consecrate them as priests before the congregation.

1. The **P**roclamation: After this, Moses anointed Aaron as high priest and his sons as priests. 8:7-**13**

*And Moses brought Aaron's sons, and put coats upon them, and girded them with girdles,*

*and put bonnets upon them; as the LORD commanded Moses.*

* **P**ositionally this **P**ictures a **P**erson’s once-for-all Salvation before being constituted a **P**riest. Rev. 1:5

*Unto Him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in His own blood.* Cf. I Pet. 2:5, 9

1. **Wash Often Only Certain Parts of the Body to be Practically Safe.**
2. **P**ublic Washing of Aaron and his sons by Moses – **P**ositionally Saved, once for all! Above.
3. **P**artial Washing of Hands and Feet for **P**riestly Service –

Before Priests could enter the Tabernacle to minister to the Lord, they must first wash at the Laver:

*For Aaron and his sons shall* ***wash their hands*** *and their feet thereat:* Exo. 30:19

*They shall* ***wash their hands*** *and their feet, that they die not: and it shall be a statute for ever.* Exo. 30:21

*And Moses and Aaron and his sons* ***washed their hands*** *and their feet thereat:* 40:31

1. The two-fold **P**rinciple of Washing as declared by the Lord. Jn. 13:10
2. **W**ashed **W**hol**ly** once for all to be **S**aved:

*Jesus saith…He that is washed* [Gk. louō]…= to bathe (the whole person)…*is clean every whit*

1. Washed Frequent**ly** hands and feet to **S**erve - *needeth not save to wash* [nipto] *his feet,*

*nipto = to cleanse (esp. the hands or the feet or the face)* Strong*.*

 A Bathed person needs only to clean his hands and feet to keep clean after that. Cf. I Jn. 1:7  *The blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.*

* **Thus, Bathe the Body Once to be Saved, but Wash Hands and Feet Often to be Safe to Serve!**

*Lay aside the garments That are stained with sin, And be washed in the blood of the Lamb;
There’s a fountain flowing for the soul unclean, O be washed in the blood of the Lamb!* E.A. Hoffman

**REFLECTIONS FOR THE WEEK R. 794**

1. This is the third and last Rumination in the “*BE SAFE*” Series based on the advisory given by the Government of Malaysia in implementing the Movements Control Order to contain the spread of the COVID-19 pandemic, as:
2. Stay Home and Be Safe.
3. Stay Away [from others] and Be Safe
4. Stay Clean (Wash your hands) and Be Safe.

Is this three-fold advisory contrary to the principles laid down by God to contain contagious diseases as laid down in Scripture? Are they not found in the Bible itself?

Why then do some Christians refuse to follow them and continue to gather in big gatherings in close proximity to one another, embracing each other, believing that to gather together in big groups to worship God in close fellowship is more important than to stay away at home and worship God in spirit and in truth in critical times like these?

This behaviour is also encouraged among other religious groups who claim that they must obey their gods more than the government of the time and their gods will protect them from the pandemic that seems to recognise no national borders, skin colours, hierarchal ranks, gender or age. **P**ut God first, come together to worship **P**hysically and He will **P**rotect you. Is this a Safe maxim at this time?

In this particular case when you obey the government are you disobeying God?

 **REFLECT**.

1. Here is a timely advice from the Great Reformer, Martin Luther himself, when facing the challenge of the deadly plague in his time as advocated in the article below:

**Martin Luther Had Some Great Advice For Dealing**

**With The Coronavirus 500 Years Ago**

**By Mornings with Rebecca & Burns March 17, 2020**



*Most people know Martin Luther as a theologian and as the father of the Reformation*

*but he also happened to have some pretty relevant advice for communities dealing with the coronavirus.*

*Back in 1527, a deadly plague hit Martin Luther’s town of Wittenberg and he wrote a letter to a friend (Volume 43, Pg. 132: Whether One Should Flee From A Deadly Plague – To Rev. Dr. John Hess), explaining how churches should deal with such complicated circumstances.*

*“I shall ask God mercifully to protect us. Then I shall fumigate, help purify the air, administer medicine and take it. I shall avoid places and persons where my presence is not needed in order not to become contaminated and thus perchance inflict and pollute others and so cause their death as a result of my negligence. If God should wish to take me, he will surely find me and I have done what he has expected of me and so I am not responsible for either my own death or the death of others. If my neighbor needs me however I shall not avoid place or person but will go freely as stated above. See this is such a God-fearing faith because it is neither brash nor foolhardy and does not tempt God.”*

Do you not think his above advice is very relevant to today’s scenario?

Do you claim to have a God-fearing faith on one hand and yet are brash, foolhardy and tempting God on the other hand? **REFLECT**

**Points To Ponder:** *Can a person have* ***F****ull* ***F****aith in God and yet be* ***F****oolhardy?*