

## Numbers 5 • Sanctification in Right Relationships

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1. (v.1-3) Some unclean conditions are **temporary** and restoration is possible. The biblical concept of “clean” and “unclean” really deals with **corporate** relationships.
2. (v.5-10) It is possible to be restored from some situations of **personal sin**. The biblical concept of sin really deals with **personal** relationships.
3. (v.11-15) We are supposed to be jealous in our pursuit of **faithful** relationships, both physical and spiritual. The biblical concept of jealousy is the consuming, single-minded pursuit of **a good end**. (2 Co. 11:2)
4. (v.16-28) The purpose of spiritual accountability is not to achieve satisfaction for **ourselves** but according to God’s standards. **Judgment** is always in God’s hands.
5. (v.29-31) Whereas the issue cleanliness involves **corporate** relationships, and the issue of sin involves **personal** relationships, the issue of faithfulness involves **intimate** relationships.

### **Overall:**

Grain sacrifices cooked out in the open on a griddle are like the issue of **cleanliness**: it’s a matter which **everyone** can publicly see.

Grain sacrifices cooked in a pan and partially covered are like the issue of **personal sin**: it’s a matter which can only be **partially** observed between individuals.

Grain sacrifices cooked in an oven are completely sealed from view; **personal faithfulness** can only be fully **tested** and **affirmed** by God Himself.

1 Ti. 1:5