

*"Command the children of Israel, that they put out of the camp every leper, and every one that hath an issue, and **Whosoever Is Defiled By The Dead**: Both male and female shall ye put out, without the camp shall ye put them; that they defile not their camps, in the midst whereof I dwell." Numbers 5:2-3 KJV*

Israelites who were lepers, diseased, or had touched the dead were put "out of the camp." None were to keep company nor break bread with them lest they also be put "out of the camp." The camp was protected by and with God. Outside, they were on their own. Believers are given a similar command.

*"What concord hath Christ with Belial? Or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel? And what agreement hath the Temple of God with idols? For ye are the Temple of the Living God; as God Hath Said, 'I Will Dwell in them, and Walk in them; Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate,' Saith the Lord, 'and touch not the unclean thing; and I Will Receive you, and I Will Be their God, and they shall be My People. And Will Be A Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters,' Saith the Lord Almighty."* The Church of Jesus Christ is encompassed about by the unclean. For the most part, believers find themselves in the minority thinking they are left out, but the contrary is true. Believers are surrounded by a compound of lepers and, like the Israelites, are camped with Jehovah! Believers are the only ones who can approach the Holy Place of a Holy God, because they are "Elect according to the Foreknowledge of God the Father, Through Sanctification of the Spirit, unto obedience and Sprinkling of the Blood of Jesus Christ." They are undefiled By Virtue of the Blood of the "Lamb of God" Through Faith in the Fact that Jesus "Is The Propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world." When you long to be part of and accepted by the leprous crowd, you deceive yourself. They have nothing, but death, defilement, and dying! God Is in the midst of the Assembly, not the outer compound. "Where two or three are gathered together in My Name, There Am I in the midst of them." Lepers who cried to Jesus for mercy were completely healed. All sinners who cry to Jesus for Mercy Will Be Made Whole!



Oh do not stray without the camp,  
Where dead men lie and lepers vamp,  
The God who dwells within the veil,  
Will raise the dead and never fail! –CGP

When you allow sin in your life, you have "defiled the camp!" Are you staring at the campfires of the dying wondering what it would be like to leave "the camp" of the Righteous? Do not be drawn by kin nor friendship to depart the safety of Righteousness for the death camp of sin. Obedience to God's Word by Faith Is The Shield And Buckler of true believers: Their Mountain Stronghold And Castle! It Brings The Fellowship, Provision, And Safety of God, Himself! "If God Be For us, who can be against us?" The question is rhetorical!

*"As It Is Written, 'There is none righteous, no, not one: There is none that understandeth, there is none that seeketh after God. They are all gone out of the way, they are together become unprofitable; there is none that doeth good, no, not one. Their throat is an open sepulchre; with their tongues they have used deceit; the poison of asps is under their lips: Whose mouth is full of cursing and bitterness: Their feet are swift to shed blood: Destruction and misery are in their ways: And the Way of Peace have they not known: There is no fear of God before their eyes. – For the wages of sin is death; but the Gift of God is Eternal Life Through Jesus Christ our Lord.'" Romans 3:10-18 & 6:23 KJV*