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“The Power of Clean”

Luke 5:12-16

Leprosy and Jewish Law

A constellation of skin diseases

The devastating consequences of being declared unclean: Leviticus 13:45-47

The underlying logic of the Law is summed up in Deuteronomy 30:15-20

Unclean/clean had to do with avoiding or removing death

Washing with water/ purification by the blood of animal sacrifice

For the life of every creature is its blood: Leviticus 17:14

Over time the habit of avoiding the unclean reinforced a wrong-headed notion

The overriding power was in the unclean thing

Jesus Acts Differently

Jesus touches the leper as He heals Him

Other instances where Jesus refuses the ritual clean rules

Jesus has life in Himself: John 5:26

Embodying the Kingdom Way, Jesus demonstrates the truth about clean and unclean

Life overrides death, not the other way around

Jesus Followers

Out of us flowing rivers of living water: John 7:37-39

Abundant Life: John 10:10 (see also John 11:25; 14:6; 1 John 5:12)

Distinguishing WORLD and **world**

WORLD: our beloved home with all of its very good contents

world: all that is set against God and His way resulting in death

As Jesus comes into the WORLD, so we incarnate into our WORLD

Depending on your understanding of clean/unclean, there are four common postures

“Assimilate”: While in the WORLD you are assimilated by the **world**

“Avoid”: Withdrawing from the WORLD to avoid being tainted by the **world**

“Attack”: Attacking the WORLD and **world**

“Alter”: Gentle non-anxious presence in the WORLD overcoming the **world** with life

Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good: Romans 12:21

For everyone who is born of God overcomes the **world**: 1 John 5:4

You are the salt of the earth: Matthew 5:13

Both Sides Now chords

Joni Mitchell 1969 (Clouds album)

Capo IV **

[Intro]

D G D G 2x

[Verse]

D Em G D F#m G D

Bows and flows of angel hair and ice cream castles in the air

G Em G A

And feather canyons everywhere, I've looked at clouds that way.

D Em G D F#m G D

But now they only block the sun, they rain and snow on everyone.

G Em G A

So many things I would have done but clouds got in my way.

[Refrain]

D Em G D

I've looked at clouds from both sides now,

G D G D

From up and down, and still somehow

F#m G D

It's clouds illusions I recall.

G A Asus4 A D

I really don't know clouds at all.

D G D G 2x

[Verse]

D Em G D F#m G D

Moons and Junes and Ferris wheels, the dizzy dancing way you feel

G Em G A

As every fairy tale comes real; I've looked at love that way.

D Em G D F#m G D

But now it's just another show, you leave 'em laughing when you go

G Em G A

And if you care, don't let them know, don't give yourself away.

[Refrain]

D Em G D

I've looked at love from both sides now,

G D G D

From give and take, and still somehow

F#m G D

It's love's illusions I recall.

G A Asus4 A D

I really don't know love at all.

D G D G 2x

[Verse]

D Em G D F#m G D

Tears and fears and feeling proud to say "I love you" right out loud,

G Em G A

Dreams and schemes and circus crowds, I've looked at life that way.

D Em G D F#m G

But now old friends are acting strange, they shake their heads, they say

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I've changed.

G Em G A

But something's lost but something's gained in living every day.

[Refrain]

D Em G D

I've looked at life from both sides now,

G D G D

From win and lose, and still somehow

F#m G D

It's life's illusions I recall.

G A Asus4 A D

I really don't know life at all.

D G D G 2x

D Em G D

I've looked at life from both sides now,

G D G D

From win and lose, and still somehow

F#m G D

It's life's illusions I recall.

G A Asus4 A D

I really don't know life at all.

[Outro]

D G D G