

Leviticus 21:1-4 **Priest Defiled for the Dead**

¹ And the LORD said to Moses, "Speak to the priests, the sons of Aaron, and say to them: 'None shall defile himself for the dead among his people, ² except for his relatives who are nearest to him: his mother, his father, his son, his daughter, and his brother; ³ also his virgin sister who is near to him, who has had no husband, for her he may defile himself. ⁴ Otherwise he shall not defile himself, being a chief man among his people, to profane himself. NKJV

Facts Revealed:

- ✧ To come in contact with a dead body makes a person unclean and he is thereby defiled.
- ✧ God also labeled it profane.
- ✧ Since a Priest is a Chief Man among his people, he must protect himself from defilement of any nature.
- ✧ The only dead ones a Priest is allowed to touch are members of his immediate family, such as father, mother, son, daughter, brother, or virgin sister.
- ✧ This somewhat explains why the Priest and Levite walked by on the other side of the road when they came to the man who had been beaten and left for dead. However the man was not dead and needed help. [\[Luke 10:30-37\]](#)
- ✧ It would be good if the Chief Men of our time would be careful not to defile themselves since they are to set a good example for the people they are to serve.