

LEVITICUS 11

2 TIMOTHY 3:16

- "All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness"

LEVITICUS 11:1-8

- And the Lord spoke to Moses and Aaron, saying to them, "Speak to the people of Israel, saying, These are the living things that you may eat among all the animals that are on the earth. Whatever parts the hoof and is cloven-footed and chews the cud, among the animals, you may eat. Nevertheless, among those that chew the cud or part the hoof, you shall not eat these: The camel, because it chews the cud but does not part the hoof, is unclean to you. And the rock badger, because it chews the cud but does not part the hoof, is unclean to you. And the hare, because it chews the cud but does not part the hoof, is unclean to you. And the pig, because it parts the hoof and is cloven-footed but does not chew the cud, is unclean to you. You shall not eat any of their flesh, and you shall not touch their carcasses; they are unclean to you.

LEVITICUS 11:9-12

- "These you may eat, of all that are in the waters. Everything in the waters that has fins and scales, whether in the seas or in the rivers, you may eat. But anything in the seas or the rivers that does not have fins and scales, of the swarming creatures in the waters and of the living creatures that are in the waters, is detestable to you. You shall regard them as detestable; you shall not eat any of their flesh, and you shall detest their carcasses. Everything in the waters that does not have fins and scales is detestable to you.

LEVITICUS 11:13-19

- “And these you shall detest among the birds; they shall not be eaten; they are detestable: the eagle, the bearded vulture, the black vulture, the kite, the falcon of any kind, every raven of any kind, the ostrich, the nighthawk, the sea gull, the hawk of any kind, the little owl, the cormorant, the short-eared owl, the barn owl, the tawny owl, the carrion vulture, the stork, the heron of any kind, the hoopoe, and the bat.

LEVITICUS 11:24-28

- “And by these you shall become unclean. Whoever touches their carcass shall be unclean until the evening, and whoever carries any part of their carcass shall wash his clothes and be unclean until the evening. Every animal that parts the hoof but is not cloven-footed or does not chew the cud is unclean to you. Everyone who touches them shall be unclean. And all that walk on their paws, among the animals that go on all fours, are unclean to you. Whoever touches their carcass shall be unclean until the evening, and he who carries their carcass shall wash his clothes and be unclean until the evening; they are unclean to you.

WAS THIS FOR HEALTH BENEFITS?

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EXODUS 1:9-10

- And he said to his people, "Behold, the people of Israel are too many and too mighty for us. Come, let us deal shrewdly with them, lest they multiply, and, if war breaks out, they join our enemies and fight against us and escape from the land."

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1. The Bible does not give this purpose.
2. Israel had been functioning well for hundreds of years.
3. There's no evidence in scripture or secular history that this had a great effect on Israel's health.
4. It's inconsistent.
5. Faith in Jesus eliminated those laws.

WHAT IS THE REAL REASON WHY?

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YOU SHALL BE HOLY

- Because I am the Lord your God.
- Because I am holy, so be like me.

CONSECRATED AND HOLY

- Consecrate - make or declare something sacred; dedicate formally to a religious or divine purpose.
- Holy - Set apart for God's purposes

HOW DO THESE LIMITATIONS CONSECRATE ISRAEL AND MAKE HER HOLY?

- They created a culture distinct and different from others
- Israel practiced making distinctions between holy and common things
- It showed them that the things that you come in contact with and consume have consequences

LEVITICUS 11:29-31

- “And these are unclean to you among the swarming things that swarm on the ground: the mole rat, the mouse, the great lizard of any kind, the gecko, the monitor lizard, the lizard, the sand lizard, and the chameleon. These are unclean to you among all that swarm. **Whoever touches them when they are dead shall be unclean until the evening.**

**HOW IS THIS PROFITABLE TO US
TODAY?**

WE'RE CALLED TO BE DIFFERENT

MATTHEW 5:13-16

- “You are the **salt of the earth**, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under people's feet. You are the light of the world. **A city set on a hill** cannot be hidden. Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, **let your light shine** before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.”

WE'RE TO MAKE DISTINCTIONS BETWEEN HOLY AND UNHOLY THINGS

EPHESIANS 4:17-24

- Now this I say and testify in the Lord, that you must no longer walk as the Gentiles do, in the futility of their minds. They are darkened in their understanding, alienated from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them, due to their hardness of heart. They have become callous and have given themselves up to sensuality, greedy to practice every kind of impurity. But that is not the way you learned Christ! Assuming that you have heard about him and were taught in him, as the truth is in Jesus, to put off your old self, which belongs to your former manner of life and is corrupt through deceitful desires, and to be renewed in the spirit of your minds, and to put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness.

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A FEW CONTRASTS

- Old Self
- As the Gentiles
- Darkened Understanding
- Former Manner of Life
- New Self
- In The Lord
- The Way you learned Christ
- Renewed Spirit

HOW WAS ISRAEL TO SEE UNCLEAN MEATS?

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THE THINGS THAT YOU CONSUME AND COME IN CONTACT WITH HAVE CONSEQUENCES

1ST CORINTHIANS 5:1-13

- It is actually reported that there is sexual immorality among you, and of a kind that is not tolerated even among pagans, for a man has his father's wife. And you are arrogant! Ought you not rather to mourn? Let him who has done this be removed from among you.

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- For though absent in body, I am present in spirit; and as if present, I have already pronounced judgment on the one who did such a thing. When you are assembled in the name of the Lord Jesus and my spirit is present, with the power of our Lord Jesus, you are to deliver this man to Satan for the destruction of the flesh, so that his spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord.

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- Your boasting is not good. Do you not know that a little leaven leavens the whole lump? Cleanse out the old leaven that you may be a new lump, as you really are unleavened. For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed. Let us therefore celebrate the festival, not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. I wrote to you in my letter not to associate with sexually immoral people— not at all meaning the sexually immoral of this world, or the greedy and swindlers, or idolaters, since then you would need to go out of the world. But now I am writing to you not to associate with anyone who bears the name of brother if he is guilty of sexual immorality or greed, or is an idolater, reviler, drunkard, or swindler—not even to eat with such a one. For what have I to do with judging outsiders? Is it not those inside the church whom you are to judge? God judges those outside. “Purge the evil person from among you.”

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MATTHEW 22:34-40

- But when the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together. And one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. "Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?" And he said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets."



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- “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.”
- “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.”



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- What does my news source encourage me to think about God's teaching regarding abortion?



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- What does my news source encourage me to think about God's teaching regarding divorce and remarriage?



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- What does my news source encourage me to think about God's teaching regarding homosexuality and transgenderism?



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- What does my news source encourage me to think about God's teaching regarding giving to the poor?



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- What does my news source encourage me to think about God's teaching regarding the Bible as His word?



- What does my news source encourage me to think about God's teaching regarding race?



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- Does my news source encourage me to love my gay neighbor?



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- Does my news source encourage me to love my poor neighbor?



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- Does my news source encourage me to love my rich neighbor?



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- Does my news source encourage me to love my Muslim neighbor?



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- Does my news source encourage me to love my Democrat neighbor?



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- Does my news source encourage me to love my Republican neighbor?



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- Does my news source encourage me to love my atheist neighbor?



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JOB 31:1

- "I have made a covenant with my eyes; how then could I gaze at a virgin?"

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