



CONSCIOUS AND INTENTIONAL MINISTRY: MINISTRY TO ME

Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely; and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be preserved blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. 1 Thessalonians 5:23

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TEXT: LEVITICUS 11:1-47; DEUTERONOMY 14:3-21

TITLE: EATING TO LIVE VERSUS LIVING TO EAT: WHAT WE CAN AND CANNOT EAT

INTRODUCTION

- A. Holiness Code: The moral and ritual guidelines established to ensure that Israel maintained purity and subsequently, fellowship with God _____
- B. God, "You shall be holy for I am holy." _____
- C. I Peter 1:15, 16, "...as He who called you is holy, you also be holy..." _____
- D. What is so bad about not being holy? _____
 1. **Isaiah 59:1, 2**, ¹ Surely the arm of the Lord is not too short to save, nor his ear too dull to hear. ² But your iniquities have separated you from your God; your sins have hidden his face from you, so that he will not hear.
 2. Sin does not result in a loss of salvation. Sin results in a loss of relationship

SPIRITUAL REASONS WE CANNOT EAT EVERYTHING

- A. Nothing on the unclean list was permitted to be used in the Offerings to God. God rejected them because they were unclean. If they are unclean to give to God, they are unclean for us. _____
- B. All people can eat anything (Genesis 9:3, 4) _____
- C. God's people can eat some things [clean] (Lev 11; Deut 14) _____
- D. God accepts the domesticated and perfect of the clean (Lev 22:17-33) _____
- E. For those who would say, "We are not under the law," God designated animals to be clean and unclean before the law was given (**Genesis 7:2**) _____

SANITARY REASONS WE CANNOT EAT EVERYTHING

- A. What makes an animal unclean to eat? _____
 1. God said it (**Does it matter why?**)
 2. God create it (**Therefore, God knows if it is clean or not**)
- B. Foundations:
 1. God created every animal for a purpose. That purpose may not be for food. Some animals were created to remove garbage. Just because it is meat does not mean it is food.
 2. God created every plant for a purpose. That purpose may not be for food.
 3. Yes, everything that God created was good – it was good for the reason that God created it. However, everything is not good for food.
 4. In Acts 10:14, after Jesus had died and resurrected, Peter considered the animals that God designated as unclean to still be unclean
- C. Mammals: Clean mammals are ruminants (cud chewers), and split hoofs _____
- D. Water Animals: Clean water animals have fins and scales _____
- E. Birds: Clean birds are not birds of prey and scavenger birds _____
- F. Insects: Clean insects have jointed legs above the feet to leap _____
- G. Reptiles / Amphibians / Rodents: There are no clean Reptiles / Amphibians / Rodents _____