

Be Holy, for I Am Holy

Leviticus 11:1-47

Main Point:

Having been redeemed by the holy God, seek to live a distinctly holy life in this world.

1. God determined what the Israelites could and could not eat.

Leviticus 10:8-10 8 Then the LORD spoke to Aaron, saying: 9 “Do not drink wine or intoxicating drink, you, nor your sons with you, when you go into the tabernacle of meeting, lest you die. *It shall be a statute forever throughout your generations,* 10 that you may distinguish between holy and unholy, and between unclean and clean, (NKJV)

John Currid “The primary purpose for these regulations is to impress upon the minds and hearts of the Hebrews that they are to be ‘wholly other’ - they are to be distinct and different from the world around them.”

Mark 7:18-20 18 And he said to them ... Do you not see that whatever goes into a person from outside cannot defile him, 19 since it enters not his heart but his stomach, and is expelled?” (Thus he declared all foods clean.) 20 And he said, “What comes out of a person is what defiles him. (ESV)

Mark 7:21-23 21 For from within, out of the heart of man, come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, 22 coveting, wickedness, deceit, sensuality, envy, slander, pride, foolishness. 23 All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.” (ESV)

Romans 6:19 19 I speak in human *terms* because of the weakness of your flesh. For just as you presented your members as slaves of uncleanness, and of lawlessness *leading to more* lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves of righteousness for holiness. (NKJV)

1 Peter 1:13-16 13 Therefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and rest *your* hope fully upon the grace that is to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ; 14 as obedient children, not conforming yourselves to the former lusts, as in your ignorance; 15 but as He who called you *is* holy, you also be holy in all *your* conduct, 16 because it is written, “Be holy, for I am holy.” (NKJV)

2 Corinthians 6:14-17 14 Do not be unequally yoked together with unbelievers. For what fellowship has righteousness with lawlessness? And what communion has light with darkness? ... 17 Therefore “Come out from among them And be separate, says the Lord. Do not touch what is unclean, And I will receive you.” (NKJV)

2 Corinthians 7:1 1 Therefore, having these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God. (NKJV)

Allen Moseley “Just as the Israelites observed a special diet that distinguished them from the rest of the world, we observe a holy lifestyle that separates us from unbelievers.”

2. This is because God wanted His people to be separate from the world.

3. Even though the dietary laws are no more, God desires the same separation from you.

4. Having been redeemed by the holy God, seek to live a distinctly holy life in this world.