

# Food Laws

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## Leviticus 11

*Read Leviticus 11:43-45*

### **Big Idea: God's People Are To Be Holy, Set Apart From the Nations**

#### **I.) Preliminary Remarks**

A.) Clean, Unclean, and Holy are Ritual States

B.) The Lord's Accommodation; Using Cultural Realities to Communicate the Lord's Values

*"Accommodation refers to the fact that the Lord communicates his values to us in a way that we can understand, namely, by using the cultural realities that exist in our society." —Jay Sklar*

#### **II.) What Does Leviticus 11 Say?**

*Genesis 1:29*

*Genesis 9:3-4*

*Leviticus 11:43-45*

#### **III.) What Was the Purpose?**

A.) Reinforced for the Israelites the Understanding that the Lord is Holy

*"All the laws related to ritual states were like the strokes of a pen, underlining again and again the sentence: 'The Lord is holy!'" —Jay Sklar*

B.) His Holiness Was Supposed to Impact Every Aspect of Their Lives

C.) The Lord's People Are Set Apart and Are to Be Holy

*Leviticus 20:24-26*

#### **IV.) Redemptive Historical Context**

A.) Jesus Grew Up Observing the Food Laws

B.) Jesus Knew His Hebrew Bible.

C.) Jesus Came to See That the Food Laws Were Temporary.

D.) Food Laws Could Not Make the Heart Well

*Jeremiah 17:9*

*"...draw near with their mouths And honor Me with their lips, But have removed their hearts far from Me." (Isaiah 29:13)*

*"...Truly the hearts of the sons of men are full of evil; madness is in their hearts while they live, and after that they go to the dead." (Eccl 8:11)*

*"...they have a zeal for God, but not according to knowledge." (Romans 10:2)*

*Matthew 15:10-12*

*Matthew 15:17-20*

E.) The External Types and Shadows Were Replaced by the Anti-Type and Reality of a Clean Heart

F.) Clean and Unclean are No Longer Dependent on Ritual Purity, but On Faith and Repentance.

#### **V.) Application: Two Warnings**

A.) Our Default Position is Law

B.) We Cannot Live Like we are Unclean

*2 Corinthians 7:1*

*Hebrews 12:14*