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What God Calls Food

Dear Family,

Genesis 2:16 And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, "Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat:

Genesis 2:17 But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die."

Leviticus 11:2 "Speak unto the children of Israel, saying, These are the beasts which ye shall eat among all the beasts that are on the earth."

When the Lord gave instructions about what may be eaten, it seems to me that He was telling us what is to be considered food. In fact, the word for "eat" in Hebrew is the word, ***akal, which means to eat or feed (with), food.*** I am leaving it to you to read and meditate upon the text so that the Holy Spirit may be your teacher and guide. I don't intend to comment on each of the clean and unclean animals, but I do want you to look at the text so that you may see the Biblical, rather than the traditional. **Remember, your salvation is based solely upon faith in the shed blood of Jesus Christ.** This is in no way intended to put anyone in bondage to legalistic observance of the law, but rather, to present the Word of YHWH regarding what He has given us for food, and what He placed upon the earth for other purposes. What you do with this teaching is between you and the Lord. I present it because I believe that much has been left out of our teaching that would be of great benefit to us, both spiritually and physically.

There is a preponderance of information and studies that have been adopted by many Christians concerning healthy eating and practices, most of which have little, or no Biblical basis, but when it comes to the simple instructions given by God in His Word, most have considered it only sparingly, and have been taught that everything changed in the "New Testament." I would like you to reread some of the verses that have been used to teach us that the **God who never changes**, changed His mind concerning dietary instructions.

*1 Timothy 4:3 Forbidding to marry, and commanding to abstain from **meats, which God hath created to be received with thanksgiving** of them which believe and know the truth.*

*1 Timothy 4:4 For **every creature of God** is good, and nothing to be refused, if it be received with thanksgiving:*

1 Timothy 4:5 For it is sanctified by the word of God and prayer.

If we honestly consider the verses given, isn't it evident that the "**every creature of God**" in verse four is defined by "**meats, which God hath created to be received with thanksgiving**" in verse three?

God did create all creatures, but **didn't he only designate certain ones to be received (as food) with thanksgiving?**

Mark 7:18 NASB And He said to them, "Are you so lacking in understanding also? Do you not understand that whatever goes into the man from outside cannot defile him;

Mark 7:19 because it does not go into his heart, but into his stomach, and is eliminated?"(Thus He declared all foods clean.)

The context of the verses given above is about **ritual purity** that dealt with hand washing that was required by the perverted legalism of man's tradition. Should we construe these words to reverse the eternal Word of God defining **food**.

Of course the account of Peter seeing a vision is cited by many to indicate that food laws were being changed.

Acts 10:11 And saw heaven opened, and a certain vessel descending unto him, as it had been a great sheet knit at the four corners, and let down to the earth:

Acts 10:12 Wherein were all manner of four-footed beasts of the earth, and wild beasts, and creeping things, and fowls of the air.

Acts 10:13 And there came a voice to him, "Rise, Peter; kill, and eat."

*Acts 10:14 But Peter said, "Not so, Lord; for I have never eaten any thing that is **common or unclean**."*

*Acts 10:15 And the voice spake unto him again the second time, "**What God hath cleansed, that call not thou common.**"*

Notice, however, that Peter tells what the Lord had shown him through the vision in the following verse.

Acts 10:28 And he said unto them, "Ye know how that it is an unlawful thing for a man that is a Jew to keep company, or come unto one of another nation; **but God hath showed me that I should not call any man common or unclean.**"

I am bringing these verses to your attention, because I sincerely believe that the LORD, in His great wisdom created and designed our bodies fearfully and wonderfully. He ordained that we should function to the maximum, in total health and vigor that we should live, and not die, declaring the works of the Lord (Psalm 118:17). He designed **His food** for us to nourish and replenish our natural bodies, just as He sent the bread of Life, Yeshua, the Word of God to give life to us, spirit, soul, and body. As you consider the Word of God this week and study the Torah Portion found in Leviticus 9:1—11:47, ask the Father to show you how to do all that you do to the glory of God. Lay aside the teaching of men, and hold fast to His teaching and instruction. **There is no condemnation.** I simply desire to be faithful to present the written word for you to consider and ask the Holy Spirit to show you what is truth.

Ephesians 2:10 For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.

Leviticus 11:44 For I am the LORD your God: ye shall therefore sanctify yourselves, and ye shall be holy; for I am holy: neither shall ye defile yourselves with any manner of creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.

Leviticus 11:45 For I am the LORD that bringeth you up out of the land of Egypt, to be your God: ye shall therefore be holy, for I am holy.

Leviticus 11:46 This is the law (Torah; instruction) of the beasts, and of the fowl, and of every living creature that moveth in the waters, and of every creature that

creepeth upon the earth:

*Leviticus 11:47 To make a difference between the unclean and the clean, and between **the beast that may be eaten and the beast that may not be eaten.***

Our Father, Who created the earth, and all things in it, to prepare it for mankind, and Who stated that He hath given us all things that pertain to life and godliness (2Peter 1:3), and that we were chosen in Him from the foundation of the world (Ephesians 1:4); surely, His plan for our provision must supersede all of man's plans and wisdom in every area of life. He has provided that which will maximize our potential and bring about its manifestation if we follow His Teaching and Instruction.

Join us to learn the Authority of the Believer each Thursday evening at 6:30pm in Granby.

Trust and Obey,
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