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Controversial Scriptures about Food

Today we are going to take a look at verses and passages that many people misinterpret for lawlessness. Verses that deal with the subject of food. Many people who claim to follow Jesus eat unclean animals- something that Yeshua would never do and couldn't be the messiah if he did. No where in the Bible do we see any instructions from Yahweh saying it's ok to eat unclean animals that I once instructed you not to eat! The only thing we have in the bible is some not so hard to understand stories that many teachers of the bible misinterpret for lawlessness and some hard to understand verses taken out of context- thus declaring it's ok to do what the Father clearly told us was not ok! I will choose to please Yahweh and obey Yahweh rather than mis-guided interpretations of men!

2 Pe.3:15-17 many will misinterpret Pauls writings for lawlessness!

1 Jn. 2:4-6 We are to walk the way Yeshua walked, and he kept torah- never eating unclean animals

1 Jn. 3:4- Sin is not keeping Yahwehs instructions!

2 Cor. 6:1- - 7:1 eating unclean animals defiles the body

Vs.17- Don't touch what is unclean!!! What is unclean? Unclean animals! What is unclean to touch? The carcass of an unclean animal!!!

Vs.1- let us cleanse ourselves from all defilement of flesh and spirit!!! What can defile us in our bodies? Eating Unclean animals will defile your flesh!

I like what one rabbi wrote in the art scrolls about eating unclean animals- he said it dulls your spiritual perception!

Defilement= the act produced by the body; to take what is unclean and make it common or holy

Acts 10:1-35 Vs.15- what God has cleansed, no longer consider unholy- this wasn't a reference to food but rather to a man who obeys God

Vs.28- Do not call any man unholy or unclean

Vs.28- there was a man-made law making it unlawful for a man who is a Jew to associate with a foreigner or visit him- but this was not a commandment of God this was man adding to the commandments of God and God was simply tearing down that barrier!

In no way here is God saying it's ok to eat unclean animals- the vision was simply to teach Peter to tear down the commandment of man that was contrary to the commandments of Yahweh!

I imagine that If Yahweh were changing his instructions on clean and unclean- you would see it very black and white- like the Father saying speak to the children of Israel and tell them I'm changing my law!

Math.15:1- 20

Vs.2 this tradition of washing hands wasn't just simply the washing of hands but rather the ritual of saying a blessing over the ceremonial washing of hands in which the blessing declares that Yahweh commands them to wash their hands this way- which he does not! So the tradition they have is actually adding to the commandments of God!

Is it a good habit to get into to wash your hands before you eat? Of course it is! But without saying a blessing that declares that God commanded you to do so is not right- then you are adding to the commandments of Yahweh!

Vs.3- So they are transgressing the commandments of Yahweh by declaring that God commanded them to do this hand washing ceremony when He did not! The tradition they had would be ok as long as they didn't add to the commandments of Yahweh in doing it! It's a great tradition to do things that cause you to give pause and thanks to God and bless God, but when you start adding to the commandments of God- you are in violation of Torah!

Vs.9- this is one of the dangers of Judiasm! They have many traditions and some of them are ok, but some of them add to the commandments of God and these rabbis teach these traditions of men as though they were commandments of God- so you must be able to distinguish the difference between tradition and commandments of Yahweh!

Vs.20- Yeshua wasn't saying it's ok to eat unclean animals! If he was saying that then he couldn't be the messiah! For he would be sinning in doing so- for he would be taking away from the commandments of Yahweh and thus be sinning and not the Messiah! **Duet.4:2** says not to add to or take away from Torah. And the New Testament tells us that Yeshua was without sin.

Gen.9:3- this is actually the hardest verse I know of that is dealing with eating unclean animals!

The Father seems to be giving permission to eat every moving thing that is alive!

However, this can easily be taken out of context!

For example lets think of some things that move on the earth that we shouldn't eat!

People move! Trees move in the wind! Some poisonous plants move in the wind! Vehicles move around on the earth!

The big picture of Scripture tells us not to eat unclean animals!

Gen.8:20 there was already a distinction between clean and unclean

Gen.7:1-9 There is obviously already Torah (instructions) concerning clean and unclean animals at this time! The clean animals were for sacrificing unto Yahweh and I would imagine eating as well since the sacrifices unto Yahweh are eaten by men in the Torah.

I wonder if the sacrifice made by God for Adam and Eve- I wonder if they ate it as well??? **Gen.3:21**

I wonder if the sacrifice made by Abel from the firstlings of his flock and of their fat portions- I wonder if Abel and his family ate of that offering???

Gen.4:4

In the stones chumash or art scrolls one of the comments is that meat was forbidden to eat by man at this time, which is probably correct. And wasn't permitted by Yahweh until Gen.9:3.

We know for sure that in the rest of Torah to follow these events of Gen.9:3 that without a doubt there is instruction to not eat animals that are unclean to us.

We must be diligent to search scripture out and obey Yahwehs instructions rather than the traditions men that are contrary to Yahwehs instructions to us!

So we see here in the bible that Yahweh has not changed his instructions on clean and unclean animals. The only thing we have going on today is people misinterpreting The New Testament for lawlessness. Yahweh is the God of order and when He sets up order and instructions- it changes not. We are not allowed by Yahweh to eat unclean animals.

Next week we will continue with some more controversial verses and epistles by Paul concerning Food!

“Controversial Scriptures Concerning Food”

Today we will continue looking at controversial scriptures concerning food!

We know the catholic-Christian church declares that you can eat whatever you want to eat. But we also know that Yahweh has declared in His Torah that we are not to eat animals that are unclean to us in Leviticus 11.

There was a gentleman in my house a while back who said that not all Christians are Catholics but all Catholics are Christians!

At first I was offended, then as I thought about it I came to the conclusion that he was right. I have continued to ponder that thought and now I have come to the conclusion that he isn't 100% correct.

But rather that all Catholics are Christians and all Christians are Catholics only they don't realize it!

The roots of Christianity as it is known today go to Catholicism. The catholic church has its claws very deep into the Christian church- so deep that modern day Christians don't even realize that their roots are Catholicism.

My point is simply this- Christianity today is nothing more than a spin off of the catholic church. What emperor Constantine set into place is still in place in the both catholic and Christian churches today. They have changed the Sabbath from the 7th day to the 1st day of the week. They have done away with the Annual Appointed Times of Yahweh. They have declared all unclean animals as food. They have mixed in pagan worship with the worship of Yahweh through their traditions such as Christmas and Easter. And If Yeshua were here today He would most likely say the same thing to the churches of today that He said to the Pharisees (prushim) of His day- "Why do you transgress the commandments of Yahweh for the sake of your traditions". Takanot= man made rules!

Catholic = broad or wide ranging; having sympathies with all; broad minded; liberal; universal; involving all; of interest to all; pertaining to the whole Christian church.

Sounds to me like the Christian church is the catholic church and this church is going to be the universal church or the One world religious Facility! At least by definition!

Ok on with it! Controversial Scriptures Concerning Food!

I Tim.4:3-5 People will take these verses and say as long as you pray for it and receive it with gratitude then it is sanctified and good to eat. Because God created it and it is good!

While Yahweh did create it and declare it to be good- that doesn't mean that it's clean for you to eat! God said of man that it was very good- that doesn't mean we eat people! The sun, the moon, the stars, Yahweh said it was good- but it doesn't mean it is good to eat! Just because something is good, doesn't make it good to eat!

I don't see here Yahweh saying it's ok to eat unclean animals!

I do see Paul warning that their would be false doctrines

Men advocating abstaining from foods! I don't advocate abstaining from food but rather from unclean animals. Remember that in Hebrew thought- they would never refer to an unclean animal as food! So obviously Paul is referring to those who would advocate abstaining from clean animals- like vegetarians or vegans. Or certain religions like mormonsim who advocate abstaining from caffeine even though they own pepsi. Or Catholics who tell you not to eat meat at certain times during the weeping of Tammuz or Lint as they call it!

We must be ware of the takanot! The man-made rules that claim to be commandments of Yahweh!

Vs.7- godliness or righteousness= I do see here in vs.7 that Paul says discipline yourself for the purpose of godliness or righteousness! We know that there is a righteousness that comes from keeping Torah. This word has to do with conduct that is pleasing to Yahweh.

So we need to keep Torah and please Yahweh!

Vs.7 profane fables- profane= unholy; that which lacks all relationship or affinity to Yahweh. **Fables=** that which is a simple account which attempts to explain reality; yet is unreal and fabricated, having only the appearance of truth; no truth actually contained therein.

People teaching and preaching that Yahwehs Laws are Done away with and that we are not under the law- thus we have a license to break Gods law and still have salvation- This is a profane Fable!!! Sounds Good, even has the appearance of some truth in it- But in the end it is a profane Fable!

Yahwehs law is not done away with. Yahweh has never instructed us that it is ok to eat unclean animals! According to the bible eating unclean animals is sin!

I Cor.8:1-4 Paul is talking about food (clean animals) that are sacrificed to idols and then being eaten by believers. Paul is not talking about unclean animals being eaten.

This is one of the four rules mentioned in Acts 15 by James. Which are boundaries of Salvation. You can not partake in Idolarty and the Worship of

Yahweh, nor can you try to worship Yahweh the way the heathen worship false gods and expect Yahweh to accept it.

Torah vs- for eating meat sacrificed to idols

Today this product is called Halal. It's a product produced for Islamic Muslims who eat meat sacrificed to idols or specifically to Muhammed.

Vs.4 Paul is quoting Isaiah?? Duet.4:35,39 no other besides Yah!

Vs.5-9 Paul seems to be saying it's ok to eat meat sacrificed to idols because there is no such thing as an idol, but he will clarify this as wrong in 1 cor.10:21

People like to take vs.8,9 and say you can eat any unclean animal you want, now granted Pauls writings are hard to understand, but there is no black and white instruction here that God is changing His laws on clean and unclean- the only thing you can do to justify eating unclean animals is take Pauls writings and bend them to your will- take Pauls writings and twist them to say it's ok to eat unclean animals. Besides Paul is talking about Food which is in itself a reference to clean animals

We must bend our will to Gods instructions, do not bend Gods instructions to your will.

I Cor.10:14-19 – again the same subject – Food sacrificed to idols being eaten by believers which is idolatry.

Vs.24,25 – Same conclusion as in Chapter 8

Vs.30,31 - Same conclusion as in Timothy; receive it with gratitude knowing it is sanctified by God and prayer!

But Paul is talking about Food (Clean Animals)! And He is not changing Yahwehs law about clean and unclean animals. He is dealing with an internal issue in the assembly of Corinth about eating clean animals sacrificed to idols!

Romans 14

The Context seems to me to be the same as I Cor.8&10 “Food Sacrificed to Idols”- Although it doesn't specifically say that here- I think that is the topic.

Whenever Paul refers to “Food” He is referring to clean animals- for a Hebrew minded man would never refer to an unclean animal as food!

Paul seems to lean toward the idea of eating meat sacrificed to idols as being ok, if you are doing it without knowledge of whether or not the meat you are eating in the market place has indeed been sacrificed to an idol. Pauls says that there is really no such thing as an idol because there is only one true God (I Cor.8:4). Therefore if there is no such thing as an idol then meat sacrificed to idols is nothing. But I am not for sure that Paul is saying it's ok to eat meat sacrificed to an idol as long as you don't know whether it was sacrificed to an idol or not. In I Cor.10:20-21 Paul seems to clear the air and say you cannot eat things sacrificed to idols or you become a sharer with demons.

There is explicit instruction to not eat meat sacrificed to idols both in the Torah and the New Testament. This is one of the four rules that James gives to the gentiles being grafted into Israel in **Acts 15:20**. This is one of the issues Yeshua has with some of the congregations in **Revelation 2:14/ 2:20**. And of course this is a torah principle. However, if Paul is saying it's ok- then that's Pauls take- but I don't follow Paul – I follow Yeshua and I think it isn't ok, however if you do it without knowledge that would be different from doing it with knowledge. We will be held accountable for what we know and don't know, but there will be more leniency with things we didn't know about.

WE must remember Peters admonition to us about Pauls writings: They are difficult to understand and many will misinterpret them as lawlessness!-
2Peter 3:14-17

Rom.14:2- may eat all things (this doesn't change Gods law) he is probably talking about all things clean

I Tim.4:3-5 again paul is talking about food (clean animals); this doesn't change Gods law

This reference to eating vegies and abstaining from meat is one of the reasons I think the topic is meat sacrificed to idols

Vs. 5- I don't think Paul is addressing God's instructions on clean and unclean animals nor is he addressing the Sabbath or Appointed times of God but rather He is addressing the Greek Roman culture days, gods, and sacrifices of food to them.

Vs.6-8 Paul speaks in a confusing manner

Vs.13- interesting advice by Paul- and I would say be very careful in the harshness with which you judge others for as Math.7 says- "In the same way that you judge – so shall you be judged". However there are plenty of scriptures that teach us to judge using righteous judgment- **Jn.7:24/ Luke 12:57/ 1 Cor.5:12**

However we should do our best not to cause others to stumble

Vs.14- Paul is right in that "in and of itself an animal is clean to itself" in other words a pig is clean to another pig. However- Lev.11:4 says it is unclean to you- note it doesn't say it is unclean unto itself- no it is unclean to you though!

Vs.21- again I think the topic is meat sacrificed to idols- why else would Paul say it isn't good to eat meat? He must be talking about meat sacrificed to idols.

I would say that Paul is hard to understand, but I don't think Paul actually changes God's instructions to us and if he does- Well I know that God changes not (Mal.3:6) for He is the same yesterday today and forever (Heb.13:8)! And I don't follow man, I follow God. If God were to truly change His laws- I think you would see some thing like this: Speak to the children of Israel and tell them I am changing my laws on.....but we don't see that anywhere- all we see is hard to understand stuff that is easily misinterpreted into lawlessness! And lawlessness is sin- I Jn.3:4

It's important for us to keep Torah to the best of our knowledge and understanding. It's important for us to learn Torah, for in doing so we are learning how to please Yahweh. And it's important for us to Keep Torah, Guard Torah, Do Torah, Shma Torah, Hear and Do Yahweh's instructions; for in doing so we are pleasing Yahweh!