

Text: Deuteronomy 14:1-21; Leviticus 11; Acts 10

TRUTHS TO BE BORNE IN MIND

1. Children of the LORD your God (Deuteronomy 14:1)
2. A holy people (Deuteronomy 14:2a)
3. Chosen to be a people for Himself (Deuteronomy 14:2b)
4. A special treasure above all the peoples who are on the face of the earth (Deuteronomy 14:2c)

RELIGIOUS PRACTICES OF OTHER NATIONS

1. With reference to Mourning for the Dead

2. Practices to avoid
 - a) Bodily mutation (Deuteronomy 14:1)
 - b) Shaving the front of the head (Deuteronomy 14:1)

DIETARY LAWS

Cf. Leviticus 11

1. Clean Land Animals
Things that may be eaten (Deuteronomy 14:5)
 - a) Ox, sheep, goat, gazelle, roe deer, wild goat, mountain goat, antelope, mountain sheep
 - b) Two main criteria to note (Deuteronomy 14:6)
 - i) Animals with cloven hooves
 - ii) Animals that chew the cud

2. Unclean Land Animals

Things that may not be eaten

(Deuteronomy 14:7-8)

- a) Camel, hare, rock hyrax, swine, dead carcasses
- b) The two criteria have not been fulfilled
- c) One criterion is insufficient

3. Sea Food

a) Things that may be eaten

(Deuteronomy 14:9)

Two criteria to note

(Deuteronomy 14:9)

i) Fins

ii) Scales

b) Things that may not be eaten

(Deuteronomy 14:10)

If the above criteria are not met

4. Birds of the air/ Fowls

a) Things that may be eaten

All clean birds

(Deuteronomy 14:11, 20)

b) Things that may not be eaten

(Deuteronomy 14:12-18)

Eagle, vulture, buzzard, red kite, falcon, kites family, raven family etc

5. Creeping things

All forbidden

(Deuteronomy 14:19)

6. Things that die of themselves

(Deuteronomy 14:21)

a) Not to be eaten

b) But foreigners may eat

COOKING OF FOOD

The young goat may not be boiled in its mother's milk (Deuteronomy 14:21f)

1. Kindness
2. Sensitivity

DIETARY LAWS REPEALED

Acts 10

1. Revealed to the Apostle Peter
2. The Dietary Laws do not apply to Christians today