

## SERMON OUTLINE

In Leviticus 11:1-47 we are shown 2 types of laws concerning creatures and uncleanness.

- I. Laws concerning creatures themselves.
    - A. Creatures that walk on land (vs. 1-8).
    - B. Creatures that swim in the sea (vs. 9-12).
    - C. Creatures that fly in the air (vs. 13-23).
  - II. Laws concerning human contact with creatures.
    - A. Contact with dead unclean flying creatures, defiled and required purification (vs. 24-25).
    - B. Contact with dead unclean land creatures, defiled and required purification (vs. 26-28).
    - C. Contact (by humans or their belongings) with dead unclean swarming creatures defiled and required purification (vs. 29-38).
    - D. Contact with dead clean creatures caused defilement and required purification (vs. 39-40).
    - E. Swarming things that crawl on the ground are detestable and will defile if eaten (vs. 41-45).
- Concluding Summary: (vs. 46-47).

## BIBLE DISCUSSION GROUP STUDY QUESTIONS

In preparation for Sunday, August 4, 2019

Passage: Leviticus 11:1-47

Memory Passage: Leviticus 11:45

### DAY 1 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

### READ THE PASSAGE

(a) **Read Lev. 11:1-47.** Today's assignment is simply to read the passage and take notes as you go to answer the following questions: (1) What 3 groups of creatures are mentioned? (2) In each group, which creatures are clean, unclean, and detestable? (3) How do humans become unclean with regard to these creatures? (4) How do humans become clean once they are made unclean?

### DAY 2 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

### READ THE PASSAGE

(a) **Read Lev. 11:44-47.** According to these verses, why does God give Israel these laws concerning non-human creatures?

(b) What will obedience to these laws accomplish for the Israelites? In what ways will obedience "consecrate" them and make them "holy?"

(c) The rationale for why each category of creatures is classified as clean, unclean, or detestable continues to be debated among scholars, and this is because the text itself does not give us reasons (i.e. the text does not give us explanations such as: "cud-chewing animals don't eat meat, so they don't eat the blood of other animals, which makes them clean to you"). Having said this, what are your thoughts concerning why certain creatures are acceptable while certain others are not?

(d) What effect do these laws have on the Israelites' interaction with the Canaanites? Why is this important?

### DAY 3 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

### READ THE PASSAGE

(a) **Read Mark 7:14-23, Acts 10:9-11:18.** According to Jesus in 7:15, what makes a man or woman unclean ("defiled")?

(b) What does Mark's editorial comment (v. 19) have to do with Leviticus 11?

(c) What has happened that allows Jesus to teach that food no longer defiles a person?

(d) Are the 12 forms of evil Jesus mentions thoughts or actions? Explain your answer. In what ways do they defile a person?

### DAY 4 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

### READ THE PASSAGE

(a) **Read Acts 10:9-11:18 & Eph. 2:11-22.** Why is Peter so adamant about not eating the creatures revealed to him on the sheet in his dream?

(b) How does Peter interpret his dream and the Lord's message contained in it (9:28)?

(c) How does the church respond (10:18), and what evidence convinces them?

(d) According to Ephesians 2:11-22, why are the commands given in Leviticus 11 no longer required for God's people?

### DAY 5 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

### READ THE PASSAGE

(a) **Read 1 Cor. 10:23-33, & 1 Pet. 1:13-2:1.** Explain how each of these passages is connected to Leviticus 11.

(b) Given the fact that God does not change, and His reason for giving Israel the commands found in Leviticus 11 was to call them to be separated from the pagan nations around them and be holy because He is holy, how do each of these passages instruct you to "be holy as God is holy" and to lead a life separate from the spiritual pagans around you? There is the potential to have dozens of personal applications here, so don't stop until you have meditated sufficiently on each passage while asking the Holy Spirit to show you how you should respond.

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*Holiness & Food*