

What About This?

Many people object to the points we've made by pointing out the vision Peter had in Acts 10. It is said that in this vision, the Lord showed Peter that all unclean animals had been cleansed and were now edible. However, this understanding of Peter's vision was not even spoken of by Peter himself. Peter rather gave us the correct interpretation of his vision in Acts 10:28. He was shown that all *men* were fit for *salvation*. Peter never said the vision had to do with abolishing Yahweh's law. Furthermore, this vision of Peter's was many years after the death of Christ and he was still proclaiming that he'd never eaten anything that was unclean (Acts 10:14).

Conclusion

There are other passages in the New Testament that you may be concerned about. If you are interested in having a Bible study on what the New Testament teaches about what we should eat, please contact us to set up an in-home study. We will be glad to discuss such passages you may be thinking about such as 1 Timothy 4:3-5, 1 Corinthians 8:8, or Romans 14:1-3, 14-17. These Scriptures, when read in their entirety and context do not support an "eat anything" mentality.

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Keys to Knowledge

Think Before You Eat

*The Christian and
Biblical Dietary Law*



Biblical Dietary Law: Binding or Abolished?



These are the creatures which you may eat from all the animals that are on the earth. [Leviticus 11:2]

Bible readers agree that believers during the Old Covenant were required to abstain from eating certain animals (Leviticus 11; Deuteronomy 14). Did this requirement cease with the coming of the New Covenant? Should believers today eat anything they please, or should they be governed by Biblical dietary law?

It must be understood that even before the law was placed upon tablets of stone (Exodus 20-31) animals were designated in clean and unclean categories (Genesis 7:2). The Bible teaches that there is a category of animals that were created to be received with thanksgiving (1 Timothy 4:3). This category must be those animals termed clean; fit for consumption.

New Covenant Verification

The New Covenant makes it clear that believers should not be involved in uncleanness (Galatians 5:19; Ephesians 5:3). Most people limit this uncleanness to sexual immorality, but the word uncleanness covers anything considered unclean in the eyes of the Father in heaven. We can know that certain animals still have an unclean designation under the New Covenant because of Revelation 18:2 which mentions an unclean bird, and Revelation 16:13 which mentions unclean spirits in the form of frogs. This word unclean is used by the Apostle Peter to designate unclean animals in the context of the dietary law (Acts 10:14). We can be assured that all animals are not "fit to eat" under the New Covenant.

A Future Coming

Another very strong Biblical proof that believers should eat what is defined as clean in Leviticus and Deuteronomy is found in the prophetic book of Isaiah. Isaiah 66:15-17 describes a coming of Yahweh (The Hebrew name of the Creator) that has not yet occurred. This coming of Yahweh will be for the purpose of destroying those who are living in wick-



Behold, Yahweh will come with fire. [Isaiah 66:15a]

edness. The means by which Yahweh will destroy the unrighteous will be by fire. Verse 17 tells us that among those destroyed will be those who eat the flesh of pigs and other unclean animals. If this prophecy has yet to occur, how in the world could the dietary law be null and void? What business would Yahweh have in destroying those who were partaking in something that was permissible? The fact is this prophecy teaches us plainly that we are not allowed to just eat any and everything we can get our hands on. Those that eat unclean animals should still be considered a "smoke in the nose of Yahweh" (Isaiah 65:4-5). I realize this may sound difficult to you as of now, but you must be willing to study the Bible in this area and believe its teachings firmly.

When Yahweh designed our bodies in the beginning, He knew well what "fuel" would make our bodies run well. By following the Biblical dietary law we will lead a healthier life, and a life full of enjoyment and relaxation rather than sickness and fatigue.