

*The Path of Truth to Life*  
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**Discussion on the Law**

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**Purification and Food Laws**

The whole of Yisra'el's life is organized by purity laws and standards  
This means that the tabernacle's / temple's purity is matched by that of the  
priesthood, but also by that of the field, household, physical body and what may be  
touched or eaten.

All of these fit together into a system of purity identified with Yahuah's  
set-apartness / purity:

“And you shall be set apart to me, because I, Yahuah, am set apart; and I have  
separated you from the peoples to belong to me”

**Lev 20:26.**

Please read Lev 11 en Deut 14 keeping in mind that it is prescriptions from Him  
Who cares about what is best for you.

We will try to answer three questions during this talk:

1. Wat is the meaning of pure or clean and unclean in the Bible?
2. What is the reason for the purification and then the food laws?
3. Are they still valid today?

## 1. Clean and unclean

טהור - Tahor - pure / clean

אִישׁ בַּסֵּבִיל – A basket, hands lifted up and a man.

A Man enclosed in awe (respectful fear).

טהור – Tehor – purity

The Bible asks the question:

**Ps 24:3** Who may go up onto the mountain of יהוה or who may stand in His Set-Apart Place?

The answer let us understand a little bit of the meaning of Tahor:

**Ps 24:4** He who has pure hands and a clean mind, will and emotion, that did not swear falsely by his life and did not swear an oath in disception.

Unclean on the other hand is:

טמא - tamei – unclean

אִישׁ בַּסֵּבִיל אֶת־מֵי־חַיַּים – A basket, water and an ox

Container with water, needed to wash for power = unclean

or  
without being washed, there is no power.  
Take a moment and think about this.

In purity I can operate from within His Presence in power.  
Without being clean / pure, I do not have the power for service in His Kingdom.  
Anything that was impure or dirty, first had to be washed or cleansed before it could  
be taken into Father's presence and be accepted.

That is why we first had to be washed with the sacrificial blood of Yeshua before we  
are accepted in Father's presence.

Now you will understand why this is so important.

We do not want to do anything that separate us from Father-God.

It is also this that people do not understand about the purification- food laws.  
It is not about things that suddenly became "bad", but it is about what is acceptable  
in the presence of a Set-Apart God.

The other very important difference in Scripture is between external uncleanness =  
things that is made unclean and inherent uncleanness = something that is, for some  
reason, unclean in itself.

This is important, because sometimes Scripture talks about this difference between  
the two and it is misunderstood as referring to what is inherent unclean.

Example.

## Mat 15

1 Then Pharisees and teachers of the law from Yerushalayim came to Yeshua and say: 2 “Why do your student followers break the traditional law of the elders and do not wash their hands when they eat bread?”

Take note – it is important to see the reason for the conversation. This is not at all about whether the bread is clean, but about the external becoming unclean of the bread (which is clean), by eating with unwashed hands. It is a derived, but good, practice and law of the Pharisees and not from Scripture.

It is not about what is clean to eat. Nobody had a problem with the bread. If we understand that, we do not have a problem with the portion.

Yeshua’s answer again proof what it is all about:

3. ....“Why then do you break the commands of God for the sake of your traditional laws?”

It is about man-made laws against God’s laws.

In vs 11 Yeshua explains that it is not about the dirt that may enter into your body through your hands, that makes you impure / unclean, but the attitude of your mind, will and emotion. That which goes out of you.

Look at the verse and you will understand.

Mat 15:11

“It is not what goes into the mouth that makes a person unclean, but that which comes out of the mouth, that makes a person unclean.”

Pure is thus what is acceptable in the Set-Apart Presence of Father-God. It is His creation – He decides what is acceptable, we only obey, but no man has the right to add his own laws to that.

Further we see that there are 2 different uncleannesses:

1. Inherent uncleanness – always the same – unchangable
2. External uncleanness – temporary and changeable.

## **2. Reasons for the purification and food laws**

### **2 Tim 3:16-17**

Every word written by the Spirit is advantages for learning, for correction, for direction and for a course in impartiality and uprightness so that the man of God can be perfect, made perfect for every good deed.

**3.**

This emphasizes the Set apartness the Father has in mind for us to stand perfect before Him to receive the fullness of His power. We are now the temple and to eat unclean food is as if we take something impure into the temple or sacrifice it. It is not about our likes or tastes. It is about His set apart lifestyle that He desires for you. If you are a child of God, your desire will be to obey and please Him and not your likes or desires.

The second reason is hygenic or health reasons.

If we are the temple of His Spirit, there are certain things that are bad for us and eating them we do not properly look after the temple.

Interesting that the medical and food industries documented the unhealthiness and dangers of pork (pig) and other unclean foods, without people taking note of it.

For me, the most important reason:

Father said so and that to me is sufficient. Until now, it has never been cancelled.

To say that Yeshua broke any of it or taught that it can be broken is blasphemy, because it makes Him a law breaker and thus He can not be my or your Saviour.

My Saviour broke no law and never taught that it could be broken.

Please think carefully about these words!!!

Our salvation depends on it – Yeshua never broke any law and would never teach that it may be broken.

Then the most logical conclusion is that it is still valid. No one except the One making the law, has the authority to cancel it. It does not matter what a church or any person teaches; God never recalled His given life standard of separation. That which is externally unclean can be purified. Like the lepors of which we have plenty examples in Scripture. Because it is highly infectious, the law also states not to touch it otherwise you too became infected and unclean. BUT the person can be cured through the power of God – then he is pure / clean.

You and me were unclean – sinfull – infected with the guilt of sin. Yeshua washed the dirt / impurity away with His blood and brought the sacrifice with His body.

Now we are cleansed and worthy to live in His presence.

The pig, crocodile, lobster, prawn, ostrich, blood etc etc. is inherently declared impure and nothing can make it pure – like many other things. It is like saying: if I pray for sin it isn't sin anymore. It eats dirt and scavage and for what ever other reason Father knows about and we not, it is not clean or worthy in the life of a child of God.

Let us look at some of the verses normally used:

**Sha'ul**

**1 Tim 4:3-5**

3 They forbid to marry and withhold themselves from food God created to be received with thanksgiving by those who trust and know the truth, 4 because everything God created, is good and nothing is rejectable if it is received with thanksgiving, **5 because it is set apart through the Message (Word) of God and prayer.**

**Kefa (Peter)**

Acts 10

The vision of the unclean animals on the sheet.

Take note – The animals are shown to him but nowhere it is said that he has eaten thereof.

## What was the Message?

Acts 10:28

and he says to them: “You know that it is not allowed for a Jewish man to associate with someone from another people or to visit him, but God showed me that I may not call any man dirty or unclean.

There are still a lot of people that do not get or understand this message and see some people as inherently unclean, because they are from another race or nation. All people from all races are externally unclean until they are cleansed by the blood of Yeshua. That is the message Kefa said God taught him.

**Acts 10:34-35**

Shim'on opened his mouth and said: “In truth I understand that God is no Acceptor of people, 35 but that in every nation, the one who fear Him and live impartial and upright, is acceptable to Him.

In Mat 15 we saw that Yeshua did not change the standard.

We have three witnesses in the New Covenant that upholds Father's law and standard in Lev 11 and Deut 14 .

It is not healthy for you.  
It makes the temple unclean.  
It is not Father's will.

**Yog 8:31-32** Yeshua said to the Jews who trusted in Him: “If you stay continually in My message, then you truly are student followers of Me and you will know the truth and the truth will set you free.”

May we close today with a verse from Yesha'yahu that refers to the last days' judgement and punishment. Please take careful note and ask Father what it means. Yes 66:16 For by fire will יהוה judge, and by it will He test all flesh; and the slain of יהוה shall be many. **17** Those who sanctify themselves and purify themselves in the gardens, following one after another in the midst, eating swine's flesh and creeping things and mice, shall be consumed together, says יהוה. **18** For I know their works and their thoughts; when I come to gather all nations and tongues, they shall come and see My glory.