

Leviticus 11 **They Will Know You are Christian by Your Diet** 12.01.15

INTRODUCTION: Chapters 11 – 15 in the book of Leviticus point to the truth that all of life—

1. To help His followers be distinct, **God affirms His _____**
in specifying appropriate food choices. Genesis 1.20 – 25 and Leviticus 2b – 23

	Land Creatures	Water Creatures	Swarming Creatures
Identified in Genesis	Genesis 1.24 – 25	Genesis 1.20 – 22	Genesis 1. 20, 22
Clean	Leviticus 11:	Leviticus 11.9	Leviticus 11:
Unclean	Leviticus 11.4 – 8	Leviticus 11:	Leviticus 11.13 – 20; 23;

The reason God does this is to help His followers make distinctions between holy and unholy; and, to be distinct from the surrounding society.

There are a number of explanations of why God made the divisions as He did. Cultic, hygienic; symbolic; arbitrary;

2. In verses 24 – 40, God explains **that Defilement disrupts the process of _____**
 These things caused a separation from God.
- 24 – 28 defilement from handling unclean carcasses; 29 – 38 carcasses of unclean swarming things (which includes polluting vessels); 39 – 40 carcasses of clean creatures that brought defilement / clean animals that die of natural causes are unclean and unfit to eat
 - Defilement disrupts the process of sanctification.** The Bible often uses the same term for sanctification that covers there different aspects.

		Progressive	Perfected
Occurrence	At the time of Salvation		In Heaven with Jesus
Time	Past	Present	
Reference	Colossians 3.3: 1Corinthians 6.11	Philippians 3.13 – 15	1 John 3.2; Ephesians 5.27

3. After a recap in verses 41 - 44, we learn that rather than make choices that defile us, we are called to **demonstrate holiness by making choices that bring you closer to God.**
- God has selected us for Himself. Leviticus 11.45; Isaiah 43. 1 – 2; Galatians 5.13;
 - God, who selected us, is holy
 - God, who is holy, demands that His people imitate His holiness **READ 11.45**

God calls us to live Godly lives; to be holy. This means to live according to His rules which are designed to make us Holy

4. APPLICATION: God calls you to demonstrate holiness by making choices that bring you closer to Him.

Deuteronomy 30.15 – 19; John 15.19; James 1.27; 1 John 2.15; John 17.15;

Decisions propel us toward God or push us away from Him. Like the defilement of eating or touching unclean foods in Leviticus 11, we can make choices in our daily lives that push us further and further away from the safe shores of God's plan for us. Here are six areas to explore:

Physical Health

Building Up _____ *Breaking Down*

Relationships

Selfless _____ *Selfish*

Time

Generous _____ *Guarded*

Spiritual _____ *Secular*

Money

Trusting _____ *Tight-fisted*

Serving

Sacrificial _____ *Self-involved*

Witness

Personal _____ *Private*

God gives you choices in your life. God desires that you make choices based on His word that will demonstrate you want to be formed in His image rather than squeezed into the shape of society.