Leviticus 11 • Clean and Unclean

1. (v.44-47) “Consecrate yourselves”: The preparation necessary beforehand to be made spiritually clean in order to come into God’s presence for worship and service. This is most often associated with God’s Word.

“Clean” things which typify the Messiah:

2. (v.1-3) Lamb, goat and beef:
   a. The Passover Lamb. (Jn. 1:29)
   b. The scapegoat on the Day of Atonement.
   c. Beef, as in the strong would die for the weak as the innocent would die for the guilty.

3. (v.9) Jonah’s three days in the fish was a sign of the Messiah’s authenticity.

4. Clean birds:
   a. Chicken (Mt. 23:37)
   b. Dove (Jn. 1:32)

5. (v.20-22) When the people repent, the Lord will restore what the locust has eaten. (v.22)

“Unclean” things we are to NEVER eat:

6. (v.4-8) False beliefs/false teaching are represented by:
   a. Camel (Mt. 23:24) – those who focus on the tiniest imperfections.
   b. Pig (Mt. 7:6; 8:28-34) – those who mock the Gospel.
   c. Donkey (Dt. 22:10) – those who mix the clean with the unclean.
   d. Wild Donkey (Hos. 8:9) – those given over to physical lust.
   e. Horse (Ps. 32:9) – those go from one teaching to the next, and (Ps. 33:17) – those who are a god unto themselves.

7. (v.10-12) Shellfish (Mt. 4:19) – those who are so far into the world they cannot get saved.

8. (v.13-19) Certain birds:
   a. Vulture (Mt. 24:48) – false teachers who feed off the flock.
   b. Eagle (Hab. 1:8b) – false teachers who in reality are predators themselves.
   c. Pelican and Owl (Ps. 102:6-7) – those who love doctrines of “vacuum”, a life void of all spiritual endeavor.

9. (v.26-28) Four-legged predators:
   a. Fox (Lk 13:32) – a corrupt leader.
   b. Wolf (Mt. 7:15) – a false prophet, and (Acts 20:29-30) a false teacher.
   c. Dog (Ps. 22:16) – a backslider, and (Philip. 3:2) a false believer, and (Rev. 22:15) an immoral person.

10. (v.29-30) Certain creatures:
    a. Chameleon (2 Pe. 2:1) – a hypocrite.
    b. Leviathan (Job 41:34) – those governed by self-interest.

11. (v.41-43) Reptiles
    a. Snake, which always represents spiritual seduction.
    b. Viper (Mt. 23:33) – corrupt religious leaders.

12. (v.33-35) A mixture of “clean” and “unclean” is never allowed.

13. Jeremiah 15:16