

TORAH, GOD'S INSTRUCTIONS
LEVITICUS 10 – STRANGE FIRE, 11- CLEAN AND UNCLEAR FOODS

Say - Welcome to Sabbath School class. Let's bow our head and ask God for understanding as we continue our study the book of Leviticus.

Leviticus 10

Say – Aaron's sons are killed because they offered strange fire to God. Remember "strange fire" was an unlawful fire or profane fire as opposed to the holy fire God wanted.

¹And Nadab and Abihu, the sons of Aaron, took either of them his censer, and put fire therein, and put incense thereon, and offered strange fire before the LORD, which he commanded them not. (What happened for they had been doing everything right now the sons did it wrong.) ²And there went out fire from the LORD, and devoured them (killed them), and they died before the LORD (The sons of Aaron were doing what seemed right in their own eyes and many times God's people today are disobedient to God. Many people think Nadab and Abihu were drinking doing the service of God. In verse 9, we are told "⁹Do not drink wine nor strong drink, thou, nor thy sons with thee, when ye go into the tabernacle of the congregation, lest ye die: it shall be a statute for ever throughout your generations." We will never know for sure but if the sons were drinking they had too much to drink and they needed a clear head just like God's people today.).

³Then Moses said unto Aaron, This is it that the LORD spake, saying, I will be sanctified in them that come nigh me, and before all the people I will be glorified. And Aaron held his peace (what else could he say for they had all been given warnings about the divine service of God in Exodus 19:22, 29:44).

⁴And Moses called Mishael and Elzaphan, the sons of Uzziel the uncle of Aaron, and said unto them, Come near, carry your brethren from before the sanctuary out of the camp (Aaron was not to touch dead bodies.). ⁵So they went near, and carried them in their coats out of the camp; as Moses had said.

⁶And Moses said unto Aaron, and unto Eleazar and unto Ithamar, his sons, Uncover not your heads, neither rend your clothes (as in mourning); lest ye die, and lest wrath come upon all the people: but let your brethren, the whole house of Israel, bewail the burning which the LORD hath kindled.

⁷And ye shall not go out from the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, lest ye die: for the anointing oil of the LORD is upon you. And they did according to the word of Moses (They are holy so had to stay in a holy place.).

⁸And the LORD spake unto Aaron, saying ⁹Do not drink wine nor strong drink, thou, nor thy sons with thee, when ye go into the tabernacle of the congregation, lest ye die: it

shall be a statute for ever throughout your generations (Drinking at the wrong time when at the tabernacle or temple of God and when duties are your responsibility, one needs a clear mind to make decisions; there is a time to drink and a time not to drink. God makes it very clear.): ¹⁰And that ye may put difference between holy and unholy (profane), and between unclean and clean (This was the job of the priest; he should know the right way himself and then teach it to the people.); ¹¹And that ye may teach the children of Israel all the statutes which the LORD hath spoken unto them by the hand of Moses.

¹²And Moses spake unto Aaron, and unto Eleazar and unto Ithamar, his sons that were left, Take the meat offering that remaineth of the offerings of the LORD made by fire, and eat it without leaven beside the altar: for it is most holy: ¹³And ye shall eat it in the holy place, because it is thy due, and thy sons' due, of the sacrifices of the LORD made by fire: for so I am commanded.

¹⁴And the wave breast and heave shoulder shall ye eat in a clean place; thou, and thy sons, and thy daughters with thee: for they be thy due, and thy sons' due, which are given out of the sacrifices of peace offerings of the children of Israel.

¹⁵The heave shoulder and the wave breast shall they bring with the offerings made by fire of the fat, to wave it for a wave offering before the LORD; and it shall be thine, and thy sons' with thee, by a statute for ever; as the LORD hath commanded.

¹⁶And Moses diligently sought the goat of the sin offering, and, behold, it was burnt: and he was angry with Eleazar and Ithamar, the sons of Aaron which were left alive, saying, ¹⁷Wherefore have ye not eaten the sin offering in the holy place, seeing it is most holy, and God hath given it you to bear the iniquity of the congregation, to make atonement for them before the LORD (The sin offering was not supposed to be burned up; the two sons died and they forgot about the sacrifice and it burned up. Moses was angry.)?

¹⁸Behold, the blood of it was not brought in within the holy place: ye should indeed have eaten it in the holy place, as I commanded.

¹⁹And Aaron said unto Moses, Behold, this day have they offered their sin offering and their burnt offering before the LORD; and such things have befallen me: and if I had eaten the sin offering to day, should it have been accepted in the sight of the LORD (God is a God of mercy; sometimes we cannot do things right because of emotional distress and this was one of those times.)? ²⁰And when Moses heard that, he was content.

Leviticus 11

Say – In Leviticus 11, God tells us what God's people can and cannot put into the temple of God for we are His people and He controls us for He knows what is best for us. Notice in the very first verse it is **God's law** not Moses' law. Moses is recording knowledge that was already there. God wanted His people to be a healthy nation and still does. Many of the animals listed below were animals which

fed on dead animals which carry disease and God did not want His people to contact the disease. It is still the same law today. Animals which “chew their cud” and have a “cloven hoof” digest their food more fully than other animals so their meat is more suitable for food.

¹And the LORD spake unto Moses and to Aaron, saying unto them, ²Speak unto the children of Israel, saying, These are the beasts which ye shall eat among all the beasts that are on the earth. (Genesis 6, 7, and 8 talked of clean and unclean animals.)

³Whatsoever parteth the hoof, and is clovenfooted (a divide or split in the hoof of an animal), and cheweth the cud, among the beasts, that shall ye eat.

⁴Nevertheless these shall ye not eat of them that chew the cud, or of them that divide the hoof: as the camel, because he cheweth the cud, but divideth not the hoof; he is unclean unto you.

⁵And the coney (a rock badger), because he cheweth the cud, but divideth not the hoof; he is unclean unto you.

⁶And the hare (rabbit), because he cheweth the cud, but divideth not the hoof; he is unclean unto you.

⁷And the swine (pork, ham, pig), though he divide the hoof, and be clovenfooted, yet he cheweth not the cud; he is unclean to you.

⁸Of their flesh shall ye not eat, and their carcase shall ye not touch (don't touch them because you are holy people); they are unclean to you.

⁹These shall ye eat of all that are in the waters: whatsoever hath fins and scales in the waters, in the seas, and in the rivers, them shall ye eat.

¹⁰And all that have not fins and scales in the seas, and in the rivers, of all that move in the waters, and of any living thing which is in the waters, they shall be an abomination (detestable to God) unto you:

¹¹They shall be even an abomination unto you; ye shall not eat of their flesh, but ye shall have their carcasses in abomination.

¹²Whatsoever hath no fins nor scales in the waters, that shall be an abomination unto you (This includes lobster, shrimp, clams, snails etc.).

¹³And these are they which ye shall have in abomination among the fowls; they shall not be eaten, they are an abomination: the eagle, and the ossifrage (bearded vulture), and the ospray (black eagle or buzzard),

¹⁴And the vulture, and the kite (hawk or falcon) after his kind;

¹⁵Every raven after his kind; ¹⁶And the owl, and the night hawk (male ostrich), and the cuckow (gull, seagull, sea-mew), and the hawk after his kind,

¹⁷And the little owl, and the cormorant, and the great owl, ¹⁸And the swan, and the pelican, and the gier eagle (carrion vulture), ¹⁹And the stork, the heron after her kind, and the lapwing (hoopoe), and the bat.

²⁰All fowls that creep, going upon all four, shall be an abomination (detestable) unto you.

²¹Yet these may ye eat of every flying creeping thing that goeth upon all four, which have (joint) legs above their feet, to leap withal upon the earth;

²²Even these of them ye may eat; the locust after his kind, and the bald locust after his kind, and the beetle after his kind, and the grasshopper after his kind.

²³But all other flying creeping things, which have four feet, shall be an abomination unto you.

²⁴And for these ye shall be unclean (when we eat them): whosoever toucheth the carcase of them shall be unclean until the even (can't go to the Temple; God does not want to see us unclean for God's people are holy people and are to separate themselves from the unclean).

²⁵And whosoever beareth ought of the carcase of them shall wash his clothes, and be unclean until the even.

²⁶The carcasses of every beast which divideth the hoof, and is not clovenfooted, nor cheweth the cud, are unclean unto you: every one that toucheth them shall be unclean.

²⁷And whatsoever goeth upon his paws, among all manner of beasts that go on all four, those are unclean unto you: whoso toucheth their carcase shall be unclean until the even.

²⁸And he that beareth the carcase of them shall wash his clothes, and be unclean until the even: they are unclean unto you.

²⁹These also shall be unclean unto you among the creeping things that creep upon the earth; the weasel, and the mouse, and the tortoise (a species of lizard) after his kind,

³⁰And the ferret (shrewmouse, gecko), and the chameleon (a small reptile), and the lizard, and the snail, and the mole.

³¹These are unclean to you among all that creep: whosoever doth touch them, when they be dead, shall be unclean until the even.

³²And upon whatsoever any of them, when they are dead, doth fall, it shall be unclean; whether it be any vessel of wood, or raiment, or skin, or sack, whatsoever vessel it be,

wherein any work is done, it must be put into water, and it shall be unclean until the even; so it shall be cleansed.

³³And every earthen vessel, whereinto any of them falleth (like clay pots), whatsoever is in it shall be unclean; and ye shall break it.

³⁴Of all meat which may be eaten, that on which such water cometh shall be unclean: and all drink that may be drunk in every such vessel shall be unclean.

³⁵And every thing whereupon any part of their carcase falleth shall be unclean; whether it be oven, or ranges for pots, they shall be broken down: for they are unclean and shall be unclean unto you.

³⁶Nevertheless a fountain or pit, wherein there is plenty of water, shall be clean: but that which toucheth their carcase shall be unclean.

³⁷And if any part of their carcase fall upon any sowing seed which is to be sown, it shall be clean.

³⁸But if any water be put upon the seed, and any part of their carcase fall thereon, it shall be unclean unto you.

³⁹And if any beast, of which ye may eat, die; he that toucheth the carcase thereof shall be unclean until the even.

⁴⁰And he that eateth of the carcase of it shall wash his clothes, and be unclean until the even: he also that beareth the carcase of it shall wash his clothes, and be unclean until the even.

⁴¹And every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth shall be an abomination; it shall not be eaten.

⁴²Whatsoever goeth upon the belly, and whatsoever goeth upon all four, or whatsoever hath more (many) feet among all creeping things that creep upon the earth, them ye shall not eat; for they are an abomination.

⁴³Ye shall not make yourselves abominable with any creeping thing that creepeth, neither shall ye make yourselves unclean with them, that ye should be defiled thereby.

Say – Why

⁴⁴For I am the LORD your God: ye shall therefore sanctify yourselves, and ye shall be holy; for I am holy: neither shall ye defile yourselves with any manner of creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth. ⁴⁵For I am the LORD that bringeth you up out of the land of Egypt, to be your God: ye shall therefore be holy, for I am holy (and if not holy will not see God).

⁴⁶This is the law of the beasts, and of the fowl, and of every living creature that moveth in the waters, and of every creature that creepeth upon the earth:

⁴⁷To make a difference between the unclean and the clean, and between the beast that may be eaten and the beast that may not be eaten (all these laws I give will make the difference between clean and unclean).

Say – Many people eat all of the above things not knowing God does not want anyone to eat them. Let's look at Acts 10 in the New Testament which many people use to say they can eat whatever they want but this is a false doctrine.

Acts 10

¹There was a certain man in Caesarea called Cornelius, a centurion (a Roman soldier) of the band called the Italian band,

²A devout man (A righteous man), and one that feared God with all his house, which gave much alms to the people, and prayed to God always (this was not an ordinary Roman soldier).

³He saw in a vision evidently about the ninth hour (end of day about the time of the 3 P. M. sacrifice) of the day an angel of God coming in to him, and saying unto him, Cornelius (this was in a vision and did not really see an angel but probably had the vision in a nap).

⁴And when he looked on him, he was afraid, and said, What is it, Lord? And he said unto him, Thy prayers and thine alms (a donation to the poor) are come up for a memorial before God ("memorial" means that it has become known to God so that he can help them).

⁵And now send men to Joppa, and call for one Simon, whose surname is Peter: ⁶He lodgeth with one Simon a tanner, whose house is by the sea side: he shall tell thee what thou oughtest to do.

⁷And when the angel which spake unto Cornelius was departed, he called two of his household servants, and a devout soldier of them that waited on him continually;

⁸And when he had declared (explained) all these things unto them, he sent them to Joppa.

⁹On the morrow, as they went on their journey, and drew nigh unto the city, Peter went up upon the housetop to pray about the sixth hour (noon): ¹⁰And he became very hungry, and would have eaten: but while they made ready, he fell into a trance (half awake and half asleep), ¹¹And saw heaven opened, and a certain vessel descending upon him, as it had been a great sheet knit at the four corners, and let down to the earth:

¹²Wherein were all manner of fourfooted beasts (animals) of the earth, and wild beasts, and creeping things, and fowls of the air.

¹³And there came a voice to him (Christ speaking to him), Rise, Peter; kill, and eat (this verse is where the false doctrine came from but we will see this is not the truth as we read on).

¹⁴But Peter said, Not so, Lord; for I have never eaten any thing that is common or unclean (At this point Peter does not understand the vision, he is thinking physically; if the statement is against the law of God even if from an angel, don't do it for we will see God used animals to represent nations.).

¹⁵And the voice spake unto him again the second time, What God (Elohim) hath cleansed, that call not thou common (people who believe the false doctrine stop here and eat pork and all manner of unclean food).

¹⁶This was done thrice: and the vessel was received up again into heaven.

¹⁷Now while Peter doubted in himself what this vision which he had seen should mean, behold, the men which were sent from Cornelius had made enquiry for Simon's house, and stood before the gate, ¹⁸And called, and asked whether Simon, which was surnamed Peter, were lodged there.

¹⁹While Peter thought on the vision, the Spirit (Christ) said unto him, Behold, three men seek thee.

²⁰Arise therefore, and get thee down, and go with them, doubting nothing: for I have sent them.

²¹Then Peter went down to the men which were sent unto him from Cornelius; and said, Behold (yes), I am he whom ye seek: what is the cause wherefore ye are come?

²²And they said, Cornelius the centurion, a just man (only the law of God makes a man just and that is what we are to do study day and night to learn God's law), and one that feareth God, and of good report among all the nation of the Jews, was warned from God by an holy angel to send for thee into his house, and to hear words of thee.

²³Then called he them in, and lodged them. And on the morrow Peter went away with them, and certain brethren from Joppa accompanied him.

²⁴And the morrow after they entered into Caesarea. And Cornelius waited for them, and he had called together his kinsmen and near friends.

²⁵And as Peter was coming in, Cornelius met him, and fell down at his feet, and worshipped him (This is a Gentile religion and it is still done today by many for many will kiss a ring and bow down to idols which is idol worship, the Bible says don't bow to an angel.).

²⁶But Peter took him up, saying, Stand up; I myself also am a man.

²⁷And as he talked with him, he went in, and found many that were come together.

(Here is the key verse and tells what the vision was about) ²⁸And he said unto them, Ye know how that it is an unlawful thing for a man that is a Jew to keep company, or come unto one of another nation; but God hath shewed me that I should not call any man common or unclean (God is the one who determines not man; it is a spiritual matter not physical). (The vision had nothing to do with clean or unclean meats. Do we understand that when God calls others out of the world, they were clean too for they became Israelites in every way and before this they were separated. God clearly tells His people don't mix with the unholy or we will be embracing their idols; God was talking about their character and behavior and it is still for many the same today. A man-made religion does not understand what God means so don't keep company with the unholy or God's people will begin to develop their worship.)

²⁹Therefore came I unto you without gainsaying, as soon as I was sent for: I ask therefore for what intent (reason) ye have sent for me?

³⁰And Cornelius said, Four days ago I was fasting until this hour; and at the ninth hour I prayed in my house, and, behold, a man stood before me in bright clothing,

³¹And said, Cornelius, thy prayer is heard, and thine alms are had in remembrance in the sight of God.

³²Send therefore to Joppa, and call hither Simon (Jewish name), whose surname is Peter (Greek name); he is lodged in the house of one Simon a tanner by the sea side: who, when he cometh, shall speak unto thee.

³³Immediately therefore I sent to thee; and thou hast well done that thou art come. Now therefore are we all here present before God, to hear all things that are commanded thee of God.

Say – Now Peter understood spiritually what God was showing him.

³⁴Then Peter opened his mouth, and said, Of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons: ³⁵But in every nation he that feareth him (not enough to fear him because the demons fear Him. Must work righteousness which is God's law and do the works and if he does not he is not accepted by Christ), and worketh righteousness, is accepted with him (remember we are told "he that does the works of my Father").

³⁶The word which God sent unto the children of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ: (he is Lord of all:) (all those willing to walk in the ways of God)

³⁷That word, I say, ye know, which was published throughout all Judaea, and began from Galilee, after the baptism which John preached; ³⁸How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost (spirit) and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him.

³⁹And we are witnesses of all things which he did both in the land of the Jews, and in Jerusalem; whom they slew and hanged on a tree: ⁴⁰Him God raised up the third day, and shewed him openly; ⁴¹Not to all the people, but unto witnesses chosen before God, even to us, who did eat and drink with him after he rose from the dead.

⁴²And he commanded us to preach unto the people, and to testify that it is he which was ordained of God to be the Judge of quick and dead.

⁴³To him give all the prophets witness, that through his name whosoever believeth in him shall receive remission of sins (What does it mean just to “believe”? Everyone who follows God must walk and talk the laws of God willingly; it is like planting a garden, do we just believe a plant will come up, of course not. The Bible tells us if “you want to enter into life, keep my commandments” Matthew 19:17 and nothing has changed.).

⁴⁴While Peter yet spake these words, the Holy Ghost (spirit) fell (filled them did not fall on them) on all them which heard the word.

⁴⁵And they of the circumcision which believed were astonished, as many as came with Peter, because that on the Gentiles also was poured out the gift of the Holy Ghost (spirit).

⁴⁶For they heard them speak with tongues, and magnify God. Then answered Peter, ⁴⁷Can any man forbid water, that these should not be baptized, which have received the Holy Ghost (spirit) as well as we? ⁴⁸And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of the Lord. Then prayed they him to tarry certain days (Even though they had the holy spirit, they had to be baptized for God can do it in any order.).

Say – In chapter 11 of Acts, Peter explained the entire vision to them from the beginning which would be a good chapter to read for study.

MEMORY VERSE

And the LORD spake unto Moses and to Aaron...These are the beasts which ye shall eat among all the beasts that are on the earth.

LEVITICUS 11:1-2

BELOW IS THE SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON FOR TOTS AND YOUTH

GOD SAID, "THESE ARE THE ANIMALS, FOWL AND FISH MY PEOPLE
MAY EAT"

AN ANIMAL WHICH IS CLOVENFOOTED OR HAS A DIVIDED OR SPLIT
HOOF AND CHEWS THE CUD YOU MAY EAT SUCH AS A COW;
DO NOT EAT A CAMEL FOR HE CHEWS THE CUD BUT HIS HOOF IS NOT
CLOVEN FOOTED OR DIVIDED; HE IS UNCLEAN FOR YOU.

A CONEY OR ROCK BADGER, A HARE OR RABBIT OR SWINE, PORK, HAM
OR A PIG IS UNCLEAN FOR YOU;
GOD DOES NOT WANT HIS PEOPLE TO TOUCH THE ANIMALS WHICH
ARE UNCLEAN BECAUSE GOD'S PEOPLE ARE HOLY PEOPLE.

THINGS IN THE WATER GOD'S PEOPLE MAY EAT ARE FISH WITH FINS
AND SCALES;
BUT ALL THAT HAVE NOT FINS OR SCALES IS AN ABOMINATION OR
DETESTABLE TO GOD AND YOU SHALL NOT EAT OF THEM.

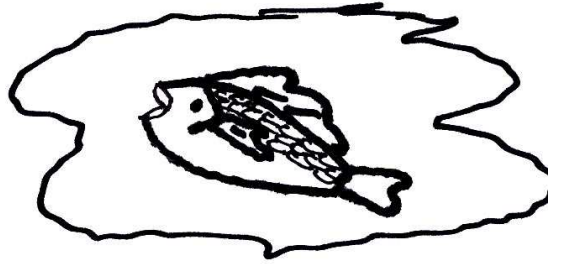
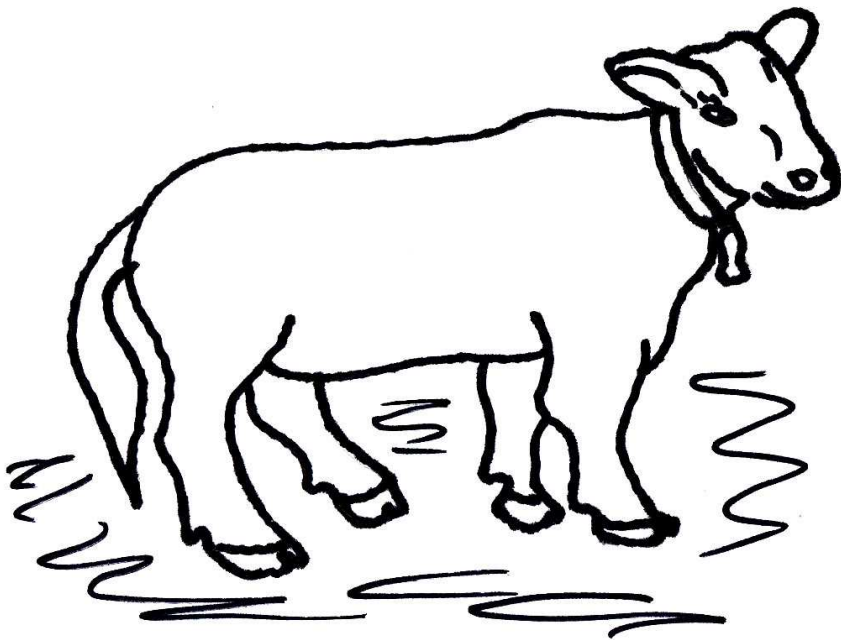
DO NOT EAT LOBSTER, SHRIMP, CLAMS OR SNAILS OR CATFISH OR
BULLHEADS;
FOR THEY DO NOT HAVE FINS OR SCALES AND ARE NOT TO BE PUT
IN THE TEMPLE OF GOD FOR YOU ARE HOLY PEOPLE.

DO NOT EAT AN EAGLE, A VULTURE, A BUZZARD, A HAWK OR A
FALCON FOR THEY ARE UNCLEAN; THESE BIRDS EAT ON DEAD
ANIMALS AND CAN CARRY DISEASE;
DO NOT EAT AN OWL, A HAWK A SEAGULL OR A CORMORANT OR A
SWAN OR A BAT FOR THEY ARE UNCLEAN FOR GOD'S PEOPLE.

DO NOT EAT A WEASEL, A MOUSE OR A TORTOISE WHICH IS A TYPE
OF LIZARD;
DO NOT EAT A REPTILE AS A SNAKE OR CHAMELEON OR A MOLE OR
ANYTHING WHICH CRAWLS UPON ITS BELLY FOR THEY ARE
UNCLEAN FOR GOD'S PEOPLE.

WHY DID GOD GIVE HIS PEOPLE THESE RULES OF CLEAN AND
UNCLEAN ANIMALS? FOR I AM THE LORD YOUR GOD: YOU SHALL
SANCTIFY YOURSELF AND YOU SHALL BE HOLY FOR I AM HOLY...

CLEAN ANIMALS



UNCLEAN

