

20 The Clean and Unclean

Chapter

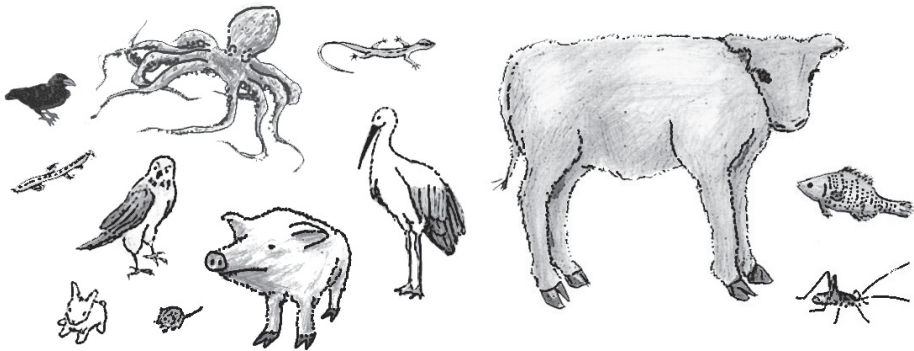
Leviticus 11

Today's Lesson:



1. To correctly understand the holiness of God.
2. To understand that Christians have received a holy identity and know that their lives and actions must be holy.

Open Your Heart



Please distinguish between the clean and unclean animals in the picture above.



Understanding Today's Lesson

God, who brought the Israelites out of Egypt, reminded them that they were separated by God among all the nations of the world. Because the Israelites were separated by God, He demanded that they be holy. Furthermore, God made a distinction between clean and unclean animals. Accordingly, Israel revealed the fact that they were a nation separated as the people of God through the outward act of eating only clean animals. First, God said that among the animals, whatever divided the hoof, had cloven hooves and chewed the cud, could be eaten as a clean animal. Second, God said that fish that had fins and scales could be eaten since those fish were considered to be clean. Third, God told the Israelites not to eat among the birds that were ferocious, omnivorous, nocturnal, or dwelt in filthy places. These were unclean. And, fourth, among the insects, those that had wings and crawled on four legs were unclean, but those with jointed legs for hopping on the ground were clean and could be eaten. The Israelites do everything they can to keep these laws regarding food thoroughly, even to this day.

However, the New Testament says that "God created [foods] to be received with thanksgiving by those who believe and know the truth. For every creature of God is good, and nothing is to be refused if it is received with thanksgiving" (1 Timothy 4:3-4). The laws and restrictions regarding food were recorded to act as a shadow for the true lesson that Christians should receive. So then, what is the lesson of the clean and unclean animals? Additionally, if the Jews revealed their holiness through their outward acts, such as abstaining from eating unclean food, how should we as Christians reveal our holiness?

Notes:



Memorizing Bible Verses

Depart! Depart! Go out from there, Touch no unclean thing;
Go out from the midst of her, Be clean, You who bear the
vessels of the LORD.

(Isaiah 52:11)



Meditate

On These Verses

1. After you have meditated on the following verses, give a title of the verse or write a short summary of the verse. Also, write down things you have felt about the verse, or other verses that it has reminded you of.

(Joshua 24:19–21)

(1 Peter 1:14–17)

(Revelation 15:2–4)



Changing

Directions

2 Corinthians 6:14–7:1 says that Christians must be separated from the world. Read the main text carefully and answer the following.

1. In verses 14–16, five contrasts are mentioned, emphasizing the need for Christians to be distinguished from the world. Find these comparisons and fill in the blanks.

- ① Righteousness with () ② Light with ()
- ③ Christ with () ④ Believer with an ()
- ⑤ The temple of God with ()

2. Not only is it difficult to be distinguished from the world, but being distinguished can also lead us to suffer disadvantages and losses in the world. What is God's promise to us? Let's find the answer in verses 17–18 and write down the promises of God.

3. How holy does God tell us to be? From verse 7:1, find and write the words that describe the degree of holiness we need to achieve. Furthermore, write down the meaning of these words as they come to mind.

4. Chapter 7 verse 1 urges us to "cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit". For instance:

- ① What kind of problems will occur if the "flesh" (moral sins that defile the body) is clean, but the "spirit" (incorrect doctrine that defiles the spirit) is not clean?
- ② Conversely, if the spirit is clean but the flesh is not clean, what will happen?

① Case 1:

② Case 2:



Applying

The Word to My Life

For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also.
(James 2:26)

1. Please write down how you will apply what you learned today throughout this week.

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2. Look back and reflect on how successful you were at applying last week's lesson.



Praying

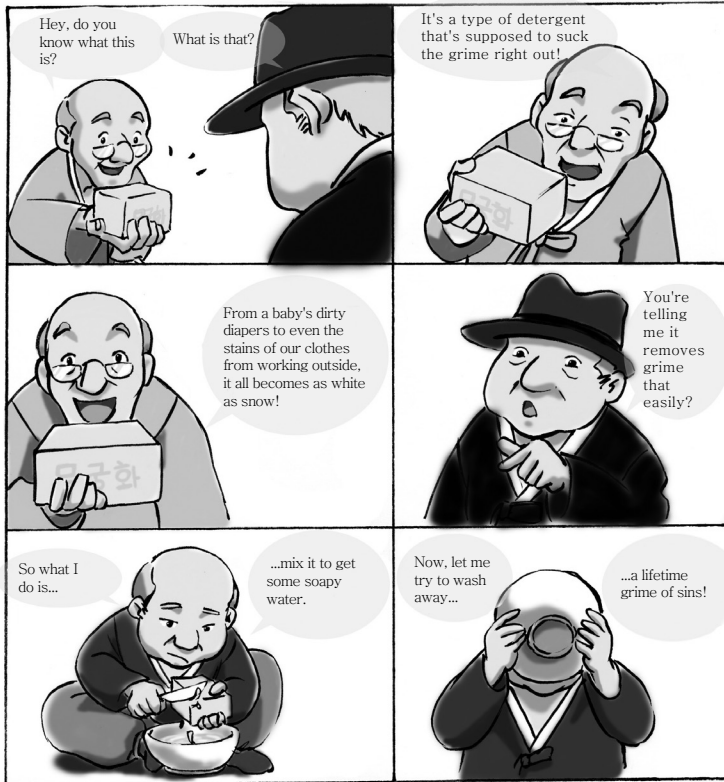
To Live According to the Word

Let's pray that God will make us holy people worthy of His kingdom and His glory.



Our Story

How do we cleanse ourselves from sin?



No soapy water can wash away the grime of sins that you have accumulated throughout your life.

Likewise, will a life be made pure just by the diligent washing of hands through a pure ceremony made without a true heart while professing to worship God?

"For though you wash yourself with lye, and use much soap, Yet your iniquity is marked before Me," says the Lord God. (Jeremiah 2:22)

John Bunyan's Self-Reflection

John Bunyan was a man who reflected on himself day in and day out. The following was his self reflection regarding prayer in the morning and the night:

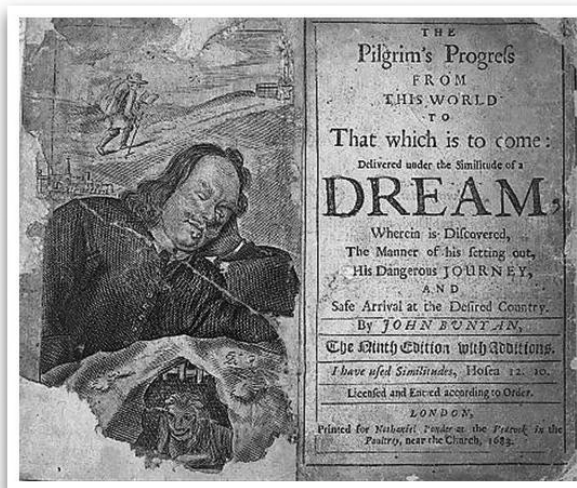
"In the week days, when thou risest in the morning, consider:

1. Thou must die.
2. Thou mayest die that minute.
3. What will become of thy soul. Pray often.

At night consider:

1. What sins thou hast committed.
2. How often thou hast prayed.
3. What hath thy mind been bent upon.
4. What hath been thy dealing.
5. What thy conversation.
6. If thou callest to mind the errors of the day, sleep not without a confession to God, and a hope of pardon.

Thus every morning and evening make up thy accounts with Almighty God, and thy reckoning will be the less at last."





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