

You Are to Live a Distinct Life Leviticus 11-12

⁵ ~'Now then, if you will indeed obey My voice and keep My covenant, then you shall be My own possession among all the peoples, for all the earth is Mine; ⁶ and you shall be to Me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.' These are the words that you shall speak to the sons of Israel." Exodus 19:5-6 (NASB)

I. Purity Laws Concerning Food and Animals (Lev. 11)

A. Animals you can eat.

- Those that divide the hoof and chew the cud- cattle, goats, sheep (vss 1-8)
- Aquatic organisms with fins and scales-mainly fish (vss 9-12)
- Locusts, crickets, grasshoppers (vss 21-22)

B. Animals you can't eat.

- Camel, badger, rabbit, pig (vss 1-8)
- Crustaceans, squid, octopus, catfish (vss 9-12)
- Raptors, gulls, pelicans, storks, herons, bats (vss 13-19)
- Most insects, worms, spiders, swarming creatures (vss 20-25, 41-44)
- Mammals with paws, reptiles (vss 26, 29-31)

- If you touch any carcasses you are unclean until evening (vss 24, 26-28, 39)
- Earthenware vessels, ovens must be destroyed if a carcass touches it (vss 32-38)
- Being holy requires making a distinction between clean and unclean (vss 45-47)

II. Purity Laws Concerning Bodily Fluids (Lev. 12)

- Childbirth and menstruation rendered a woman unclean
- After her days of purification the woman would offer a sin offering
- Men's seminal discharges rendered them unclean (Lev. 15)
- Contact with any form of death rendered you unclean.

III. The NT rescinded the ceremonial purity laws (Mark 7:14-23; Acts 10)

IV. God's people are no longer distinguished by physical means but by internal transformation.

- Love for fellow believers

³⁴ "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another, even as I have loved you, that you also love one another. ³⁵ "By this all men will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another." John 13:34-35 (NASB)



- Unity with fellow believers (John 17:22-23)

²² "The glory which You have given Me I have given to them, that they may be one, just as We are one;

²³ I in them and You in Me, that they may be perfected in unity, so that the world may know that You sent Me, and loved them, even as You have loved Me. John 17:22-23 (NASB)

- Bearing fruit

⁷ "If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you.

⁸ "My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit, and so prove to be My disciples. John 15:7-8

⁹ But you are A CHOSEN RACE, A royal PRIESTHOOD, A HOLY NATION, A PEOPLE FOR *God's* OWN POSSESSION, so that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light; ¹⁰ for you once were NOT A PEOPLE, but now you are THE PEOPLE OF GOD; you had NOT RECEIVED MERCY, but now you have RECEIVED MERCY. ¹¹ Beloved, I urge you as aliens and strangers to abstain from fleshly lusts which wage war against the soul. ¹² Keep your behavior excellent among the Gentiles, so that in the thing in which they slander you as evildoers, they may because of your good deeds, as they observe *them*, glorify God in the day of visitation. 1 Peter 2:9-12 (NASB)

