

Laws of Health – Rebuttals (Mark 7:15)

Before we begin we need to understand that...

2 Timothy 3:16 All scripture [is] given by inspiration of God, and [is] profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:

So everything we read is Scripture is to be understood and applied because

1 Corinthians 10:11 Now all these things happened unto them for ensamples: and they are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come.

We are to learn from the past and apply what we have learned in our lives today. The OT is an ensample for us to follow. And so, just like in time past, we have backsliding teachers of the Word of God who have done what?

Ezekiel 22:26 Her priests have violated my law, and have profaned mine holy things: they have put no difference between the holy and profane, neither have they showed [difference] between the unclean and the clean, and have hid their eyes from my sabbaths, and I am profaned among them.

So, just like in time past, they had violated my law....

What we need to understand here brothers and sisters is that God's Holy Ten Commandments were not Nailed to the cross, but it was what?

Colossians 2:14, Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nauling it to his cross;

So it was the ordinances that you find taking place in the Sanctuary that actually pointed to the cross and so after the cross those sacrificial service performed are gone, nailed to the cross, not the law of God. We will learn more about this later.

So moving on...just as we learned how Acts 10 was taken out of context and misunderstood, we will go over another teaching today that they ministers of lawlessness are teaching today regarding Mark 7:15

Mark 7:15 There is nothing from without a man, that entering into him can defile him: but the things which come out of him, those are they that defile the man.

Things to remember:

1. One should not read a single Bible verse and make a doctrine out from it. Isaiah 28:13 applies

2. Read the whole story and you will understand what Jesus was talking about when He said Not that which goeth into the mouth defileth a man; but that which cometh out of the mouth, this defileth a man.
3. The Pharisees did not like Jesus and so they were always on the look out to look for faults in Him.
4. One of the Jewish traditions was to wash hands before eating or else you will be considered unclean.
Mark 7:4

Understanding:

1. When Jesus was with His disciples to sit down to eat, the Pharisees and scribes came in. Mark 7:1
2. The scribes and Pharisees saw them eating without washing their hands as part of their tradition.
3. Since they did not wash their hands, the scribes and Pharisees who were very strict with their tradition rebuked Jesus for allowing His disciples to transgress their tradition by not washing their hands before eating. Mark 7:5
4. Then Jesus answered their rebuke with a rebuke telling them it's not eating without washing hands can make a man unclean but that which is inside their hearts make a man unclean. The possible bacteria or dust that will go into the mouth due to not washing hands will not make the person sinful in the eyes of God but it is the evil things in the heart that make a person sinful in the eyes of God.
5. The dust or bacteria that enter the stomach because of not washing the hands will not destroy the soul because it will not enter the heart. It will only stay in the stomach and goeth out to the soil. Mark 7:19. But evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders, Thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lasciviousness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness:. Mark 7:21-22
6. These fruits are summarizing the breaking of the 10 commandments. These make the man unclean and not eating without washing hands.

Conclusion: The full meaning of this story is found in Matthew 15:20 These are [the things] which defile a man: but to eat with unwashen hands defileth not a man. Mark chapter 7 does not talk about eating unclean animals but it's about eating without washing hands which was an old tradition to the Jewish nation. If you read the whole chapter, nothing is recorded about eating unclean animals.

Why does God choose a certain diet for His people? Why not allow them to eat what they want?

1. 1 Peter 2:9 But ye [are] a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should show forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light:
2. Matthew 5:14 Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid.
3. Leviticus 10:10 And that ye may put difference (distinction) between holy and unholy, and between unclean and clean;
4. Leviticus 11:45 For 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.