

LIFEgroup Questions

Leviticus 11:1-47

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Cross References: **Psalm 104; Acts 10:9-11:18;
1 Peter 1:13-25**

1. No one is sure what makes an animal clean and another unclean, but there are a lot of theories. Below are a few of the theories, list apparent strengths and weaknesses to each view:
 - **Health/Hygiene**—God was protecting Israel from animals that may carry diseases or be harmful to them.
 - **Association with death**—Certain animals either eat prey or have close associations with death.
 - **Anti-paganism**—The animals considered unclean were typically associated with pagan sacrificial practices.
 - **Normalcy**—Only those animals that have pretty conventional features are considered clean.
2. We may not know the rationale behind an animal being clean and unclean, but the text in Leviticus does explain why God would choose to make these distinctions. What is the purpose for distinguishing between clean and unclean animals?
3. Does God hate the animals that are unclean? (Psalm 104)
4. What connection does Peter discover between dietary laws and evangelism? (Acts 10-11)
5. What happens when one touches the carcass of an unclean animal? The carcass of a clean animal? What might this suggest?
6. How does Peter apply Leviticus 11:44-45? (1 Peter 1)

"Always Ask..."

1. What does this passage reveal about the character of God?
2. What is the "fallen condition focus" of this passage?
3. How does this passage help transform me more into the image of Christ?

