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GOD'S INVITATION TO  
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## To Eat or Not To Eat | Leviticus 11

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### **To eat or not to eat, that is the question.**

Reading Leviticus 11 requires us to know a few things:

Two categories of being:

Holy = God, the most holy one

Common = Everything else in creation

Holy = a person, place, or thing that has been brought into close proximity with or dedicated to the service of the God of Israel.

If something is common, it can exist in one of two states of being:

Clean = Default state unless stated otherwise

Unclean

What do these laws about food teach us?

God cares about our holiness

We are meant to live set apart from the world around us so that more people might worship Jesus.

Sometimes God asks us to do things simply because they will make us different

God cares about what we eat

Being able to eat bacon doesn't mean that God doesn't care about what we eat.

New Testament commands about food:

Do not eat or drink to excess (1 Corinthians 5:11, Colossians 3:5-6)

Do not eat or drink all the time so we can fast and pray (Matthew 6:16-18)

Do not eat or drink anything that causes others distress or to stumble (Romans 14:15, 20-21)

Do not eat or drink while ignoring someone who has no food (James 2:14-17)

Do not eat or drink while judging another for their dietary choices (Romans 14:2-4)

What's on our plates reveals what's in our hearts.