

Food Laws

We believe in the food laws in the Bible. We do not believe in extra practices concerning these laws like eating meat with milk products; it is an extra misapplied law. The Bible says not to boil a young goat in its mother's milk (Ex. 23:19, 34:26; Deut. 14:21). This was a pagan practice. It has nothing to do with not eating meat with milk. If a command is repeated in the Bible, it just means we are reminded follow that command. It doesn't mean we make up an extra law about it like not eating meat with milk.

Leviticus 11 and Deuteronomy 14 gives us guidelines on what we are allowed to eat and not to eat. Also, you can go to the Web and find lists of foods that we can or can't eat regarding this subject. Here is a good site to go to: <http://www.biblestudy.org/cleanfood.html>.

There is a long list of foods that are forbidden to be eaten in the Bible. The problem with thinking that the laws regarding eating these forbidden foods are done away with is that there are so many species to be avoided. Some say that these foods had a pagan practice associated with them. It is an improbable that there is a pagan association with all these foods. That the food laws should be done away with by some flippant explanation is bad biblical exposition. The foods listed in the Bible actually are mostly scavengers that carry diseases and viruses.

The Bible says that God gave man the commands in the Bible to bless us. It makes sense therefore that the food laws were intended for all believers in the true God. Deut. 6:24 CJB: "ADONAI ordered us to observe all these laws, to fear ADONAI our God, always for our own good." Why is it so hard for man to trust God? Why is it so hard to trust God regarding the food laws?

Perhaps it is ironic that the sin in the garden is most often compared to eating something forbidden. Man continues to rebel against God and just wants to do what they want to do. There is typically some reason people have for practicing the food laws or not practicing them. Some believe it is wrong to disobey the Bible; others just believe these forbidden foods may be bad for your body since a lot of them refer to scavengers.

It is interesting to note that in our present day we have all kinds of suggestions on what we should and should not eat from our society, yet people in general seem more interested in these than obeying the commands that God gives in the Bible. Why not trust in the Creator God who knows what we should eat or should not eat.