



The Revelation

Unveiling the Character of God in the Light of the Teachings of Jesus

The Human Garden

In life we really do reap what we sow. What we plant into our minds will spring forth into action, whether it is for good or evil. This is true in both the spiritual and physical realm. For what are we putting into our bodies and minds? Is it good spiritual or physical food that will help us to grow and stay healthy? God has graciously shown us how to avoid “garbage in and garbage out” and the unhealthy results from living that way.

Springboard verse: “And why worry about your clothes? Look at the lilies and how they grow. They don’t work or make their clothing, yet Solomon in all his glory was not dressed as beautifully as they are. And if God cares so wonderfully for flowers that are here today and gone tomorrow, won’t he more surely care for you? You have so little faith! So don’t worry about having enough food or drink or clothing.”—Matthew 6:28-31 NLT.

- **What is God’s purpose for us?**

“The thief’s purpose is to steal and kill and destroy. My _____ is to give life in all its fullness.”—John 10:10 NLT.

- **How should we view our bodies?**

“Brothers and sisters, in view of all we have just shared about God’s compassion, I encourage you to offer your _____ as living sacrifices, dedicated to God and pleasing to him. This kind of worship is appropriate for you.”—Romans 12:1 GWT.

“You know that you are God’s sanctuary and that God’s Spirit lives in you, don’t you? If anyone destroys God’s sanctuary, God will destroy him, for God’s sanctuary is holy. And you are that _____!”—1 Corinthians 3:16-17 ISVNT.

REALLY, WHY WORRY?

Matthew 10:29-31 and Luke 12:27-32

ALSO SEE: 3 John 1:2

ONE MORE: 2 Corinthians 6:16-20

- **What does God desire?**

“Behold, the tabernacle of God is among men, and He shall dwell among them, and they shall be His people, and God _____ shall be among them.”—Revelation 21:3 NAS.

- **What was God’s ideal diet for us *and* the animals?**

“And God said, ‘Look! I have given you the seed-bearing _____ throughout the earth and all the fruit trees for your food. And I have given all the grasses and other green _____ to the animals and birds for their food.’” And so it was.”—Genesis 1:29-30 NLT.

- **The first distinction of clean and unclean animals is when they boarded Noah’s ark. The clean came by 7’s and the unclean by 2’s. Later God gives a clear description of clean and unclean animals.**

“From among all the land animals, these are the creatures that you may _____. Any animal that has divided hoofs and is cleft-footed and chews the cud—such you may eat...Everything in the waters that has fins and scales, whether in the seas or in the streams—such you _____ eat... All that walk on their paws, among the animals that walk on all fours, are unclean for you.”—Leviticus 11:2-31 NRSV.

- **The point of Peter’s vision in Acts chapter 10 was that *individuals* are not unclean, as was the common Jewish belief at that time, and not that God made all animals healthy to eat.**

“While _____ was still thinking about the vision, the Spirit said to him, ‘Look, three men are searching for you. Now get up, go down, and go with them without hesitation; for I have sent them.’”—Acts 10:19-20 NRSV.

**AND: Exodus 6:7 Exodus 25:8
Jeremiah 31:33; John 6:53-56
1 John 3:11- 1 John 4:12**

**LOOK HERE IF YOU WANT
TO EAT BUGS AND BIRDS:
Leviticus 11:2-31**

IS EVERYTHING: The *context* of the Romans passages concerning food is that of clean food being made unclean because it was offered to pagan idols!

“I will put My law in their minds, and write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people.” Jeremiah 31:33 NKJV

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