



Topic: "YHWH's Dietary Instructions" Pt 9
Scripture: Acts 15:1-29
Definition: "Instructional Fortitude"

Scriptural Dietary Instructions

- We've logistically looked at the "Unchanging Character of YHWH."
- We've examined His instruction on what He established as "Food" for His people.
- We've seen His attitude toward disobedience of His dietary instructions.
- We've know His instructions shows favor for obedience and punishment for disobedience.
- We've learned that there must be unity and continuity in the Word of YHWH or it's all a fable.
- We've seen how YHWH's only begotten Son, Yahshua, was totally compliant to His Father's will.
- We've seen the account of the traditions of the religious leaders in Yahshua's time misappropriated YHWH's instructions and chose 'traditions of men' over those instructions (recorded both in Matt and Mk. Not to mention Messiah quotes Isaiah, from the Tanakh validating His position on Torah and their disobedience of Torah).
- We've seen Simon, Peter's vision in Acts 10. The subject of Torah instruction concerning 'clean and unclean' was being addressed. The fact that Peter was still holding onto his religious and social beliefs had to be shaken and stripped away. The subject of food, interestingly, was the point in which YHWH hammered this home.

Which brings us to another passage of Scripture in Acts. Before going there let me say that while some contend that "food" is not really a big issue and they don't understand why we make such a big deal of it, may ***I remind you that the litmus test of obedience in the Garden of Eden was to eat or not eat!***

Acts 15:1-29



vs 1 False teachers coming in to corrupt truth. Adding to YHWH's instructions...namely you can't be saved if you're not circumcised. Subject introduced.

vs 2 Big dissension that both Shaul and Barnabas address. They are appointed along with others to seek council from the apostles and elders in Jerusalem. Footnote...the need for accountability. Being YHWH's people is not being an island unto one's self. We're under YHWH's instructions which include social behavior in the community.



vs 3 While traveling to Jerusalem they visited other fellowships outside of Jerusalem (Israel proper). Not the related topic... reconciliation of the Gentiles...hmmm, grafted in...if you're reconciling them are they then still Gentiles?

vs 4 They give report as to how YHWH is doing with them.

vs. 5 A break in the story to identify those mentioned in verse one. There were those of the party of the Pharisees who also felt you must be circumcised to be saved.



vs.6 That's why they are here to seek council from the apostles and elders.

vs 7-9 Lot's of debate was occurring concerning this "reconciliation of the Gentiles." Was it by circumcision and...?

Peter stands to address the gathering. He recounts his vision for YHWH concerning 'clean and unclean', instructions for YHWH not traditions.



vs 10 Peter poses the question, "Why, then, do you test Elohim by putting a yoke on the neck of the disciples (believer's and followers of Yahshua)?"

Note: He identifies the Gentile believers as being disciples of Yahshua.

Why bring up the 'yoke', a burden...they (those listening being Hebrews) knew the words of Messiah Yahshua, "my yoke is easy, my burden light." Matt 11:28-30

Speaking of the instructions (law) Deut 30:11 says, "For this command which I am commanding you today is not too difficult (hard, wonderful) for you, nor is it too far off."

By the way, our fathers before us nor we had strength to carry those yokes.

vs 11 Salvation, through the grace of Messiah Yahshua (not our grace but His) not only are we (Jews) saved but the Gentiles are being saved the very same way!

vs 12 As Shaul and Barnabas speak the crowd is silent and listening intently. They recounted what things YHWH did and was doing...how can you snub or reject that?

vs 13 Ya'akov (Jacob known in english bibles as James, the half brother of Yahshua) responds

vs 14-17 Addressing Simon, Peter's testimony, he quotes for Amos how the gospel is to be given to the Gentiles (nations).

Note: vs 17 says, "those who My name is called over them, says YHWH who made all these things. This is YHWH speaking...pay attention. "Called over them..."

Remember grace in paleo Hebrew is a picture of a tent. When we accept His grace, the gift of His Son Yahshua, we come into His tent. We became His people. We become His.

vs 18 DON'T skip over this lightly!! From the very onset of our study of Scriptural Dietary Instruction we have emphasized the fact of YHWH's unchanging character. Here Ya'akov, James is strongly reminding this group of believers in this fact.



Next week we will explore more of
YHWH's thoughts on dietary
instructions.

