

Lesson 4 – Laws for God’s People

The Ten Commandments and many other laws or commandments were given to Moses on Mt. Sinai. These laws are often called the Law of Moses for that reason. These laws were given for the Israelite people alone. In all there were about 613 of Moses’ laws. Isn’t that a lot!

These laws gave principles of how to live a good life and how to worship God. They gave many laws of health principles to keep the people healthy since there were not many doctors, nurses, or hospitals back then.

Many animals were considered unclean. These were not to be eaten by God’s people. If an animal did not have split hooves or chew the cud, it was labeled “unclean.” These animals were pigs, camels, bats, eagles, ferrets, vultures and dogs. Several kinds of fish and seafood were not to be eaten. They were to have fins and scales so shark, crab, clams, oysters, or shrimp were not to be eaten.

What were some clean animals that the Israelites could eat? They could eat cows, buffalo, sheep, goat, and deer to name a few. They could eat quail, turkey, duck, pheasants, and some insects like crickets and grasshoppers.

The people had to obey these laws to be holy. They could not eat blood either. That is still a restriction for us today. We do not have near as many rules on food as the Israelites had though on what to eat and not.

They had many commands on how to worship God. They must worship as God said and so do we. We must worship just as God says in the New Testament. We are also to treat others well as the Old Testament law said. We are to be kind and generous and help others.

We should obey God from our heart for He loved us enough to send Jesus to save us if we obey His commands. We will be holy if we do this.

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QUESTIONS

- T F 1. The Law of Moses had only 10 laws. .
- T F 2. The Law of Moses told what you should eat.
- T. F 3. There were clean and unclean animals. . .
- T F 4. To them, a pig was clean.
- T F 5. Shrimp was unclean to them.
- T F 6. A quail was clean.
- T F 7. It is okay to drink blood..
- T F 8. We can worship God however we want.
- T F 9. The Law of Moses said to be kind.
- T F 10. We should obey completely.