

III. Conclusion

You may be able to understand Peter's vision in the Book of Acts and why the church has not followed the dietary code. These were restrictions of the theocracy but as I have said, many times, the principles are important in every age. For our own dietary development we might well follow the Pauline instruction of 1 Corinthians 10:31. "Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatever ye do, do all to the glory of God." So I hope you have a good lunch, dinner, breakfast and snack time today but that you will remember the Lord when you have it and seek to honor Him in indulging. Thanks for listening today and may the Word of God bless your life in the practice of truth as we live in the hope of the Lord's coming.

Lesson # 28

Deuteronomy 14:21-29

OF THE MATTER OF GIFTS AND TITHES

I. Introduction

Welcome to another discussion in the Book of Deuteronomy..and this is our 28th lesson and we are in Dt. 14:21-29...a shorter portion than usual but one that is vital in the covenantal community. There are many lessons to learn and be applied in this community arrangement and the great principles are identity with the Lord and separateness for what the Lord opposes. Identity with Him is shown in dedication to Him and this leads to a movement away from idolatry and things contrary to God. On the one hand we give to God, on the other we give nothing to pagan deities or ideals. By giving we mean, of course, worshipful or devotional acts. Well, we will proceed to the text and it needs no further outlining other than to say again it is Deuteronomy 14:21-29.

II. Discussion

14:21.....the thing that dies of itself..you will not eat (it has the blood in it!).. a stranger or alien with no connexion to God..may eat it if one wishes. There is an implicit lesson in this about applying the Divine standards for His people to the masses outside the community.

You will not see a kid in its mother's milk..this was a pagan fertility rite and the idea has been extrapolated to fit a lot of kosher food traditions.

14:22.....a tithing of the increase of the fields (seed)

14:23.....the tithe is taken to the sacred site and one shall eat (as in the case of a meal offering) and rejoice in that place..and learn the ways of God.