

EATING DISPENSATIONALLY

A LESSON IN GOD'S MEAL PLAN FOR THE AGES

"Thou shalt not eat any abominable thing."

- Deuteronomy 14:3

1. Eating in the Garden

- a. Genesis 1:29-30 – Herbs and fruits; vegetarian
- b. Purpose: All was provided for them (no hunting allowed)
- c. Significant change: Adam's Fall, thorns – Gen 3:16-18
- d. The garden changed from provision to hard labor; the lesson was gratitude.

2. Eating after the Flood

- a. Genesis 9:1-3 – Hunting instituted
- b. Purpose: To spread civilization across the earth
- c. Genesis 10:8-10 – A mighty hunter built Babel
- d. Significant change: Tower of Babel –the language confusion forced them to spread out.

3. Eating in the Wilderness

- a. On their journey to the promised land they go out to eat – Exo 16:2-4
- b. They were getting tired of the same restaurant – Num 11:5-9
- c. Purpose: To teach that man does not live by the word of God – Deu 8:2-3
- d. Significant change: They were on the go, God was fulfilling his promise

4. Eating after the Law

- a. Deut 14:2-3 – Peculiar dietary restrictions (Exo 12:20; Lev 3:17; Lev 11)
- b. Purpose: God separates Israel from the nations
- c. Significant change: the Law instituted
- d. God was dealing with one nation, a peculiar nation – Exo
- e. When you see dietary restrictions; God is dealing with one nation.

5. Eating with Jesus

- a. John's in the wilderness (Matt 3), Jesus is quoting Deu (Matt 4:4)
- b. Daily bread comes from heaven (Matt 6:11), and consider ravens - Luk 12:16-33 vs Pro 6:6
- c. Purpose: Christ prepares Israel for the kingdom, they need to get ready - Lk 12:35-36
- d. Significant change: The kingdom of God is at hand – Mark 1:14

6. Eating after Paul

- a. 1 Timothy 4:4-5 – No restrictions; nothing to be refused – 1 Cor 8:8-9
- b. Purpose: God offering grace to all men
- c. Significant change: dispensation of grace
- d. What is taught by Paul is now separate from MMLJ and Peter
- e. The weak one eats herbs – Rom 14:2-3, 14:17
- f. Liberty from the law – Col 2:16; whatsoever we eat – 1 Cor 10:31; Col 3:17

7. Eating the Fruit Restored

- a. The leaves were for healing – No more death, sorrow – Rev 21:2-4
- b. Rev 22:1-3 – The tree of twelve fruits, tree of life, living water freely – Rev 22:17