AA40. Not Treating as Unclean That Which God Has Made Clean.

We are not to treat as unclean that which God has made clean.

This precept is derived from His Word (blessed is He):

Key New Testament Scriptures

Acts 10:15

And a voice spoke to him again the second time, "What God has cleansed you must not call common."

Additional New Testament Scriptures

<u>Acts</u> 11:9

Related New Testament Mitzvot

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Supportive Tanakh Scriptures

Ezekiel 36:25-27

Then I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you will be clean; I will cleanse you from all your uncleanness and from all your idols. I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit inside you; I will take the stony heart out of your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. I will put my Spirit inside you and cause you to live by my laws, respect my rulings and obey them.

Ezekiel 44:23

They are to teach my people the difference between holy and common and enable them to distinguish between clean and unclean.

Psalms 24:3-4

Who may go up to the mountain of ADONAI? Who can stand in his holy place? Those with clean hands and pure hearts, who don't make vanities the purpose of their lives or swear oaths just to deceive.

<u>Psalms 51:4(2)</u> Wash me completely from my guilt, and cleanse me from my sin.

<u>Psalms 51:9(7)</u> Sprinkle me with hyssop, and I will be clean; wash me, and I will be whiter than snow. <u>Psalms 51:12(10)</u> *Create in me a clean heart, God; renew in me a resolute spirit.*

Comment

The voice from Heaven spoken to Peter in <u>Acts 10:15</u> and <u>Acts 11:9</u> was telling Peter that he could fellowship with Gentiles and eat in their homes because God had made them spiritually clean. It is not (as some believe) about eating unkosher animals. This *Mitzvah* #AA40 is especially important for the body of believers in Yeshua as it speaks to the cleanness of heart that results from our repenting of sin and receiving Yeshua's sacrifice as our own. It is also important in uniting the Jews and Gentiles within the body of believers as being spiritually equal.

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