

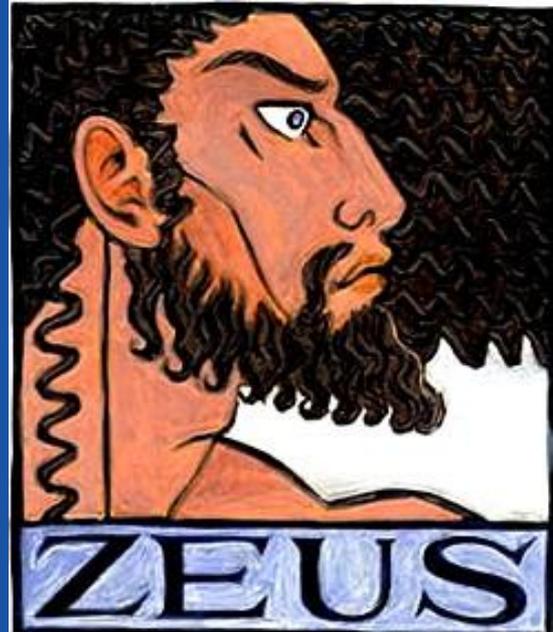
# IS MARK 7 ABOUT KOSHER EATING?



- Verse 19 “ *(In saying this Jesus declared all foods clean)*” Added at a later date by translators
- Mark 7:1  
“*....Pharisees ...saw some of his disciples eating with unwashed hands...*”
- Story in Mark 7 is about ritual hand washing NOT about kosher eating

# ROMANS 14

- Paul is speaking to GENTILE BELIEVERS in Rome
- Two kinds of Believers: weak and strong
- WEAK: immature in their faith, easily swayed, unsure, vacillates, full of doubts
- STRONG: more mature in their faith, confident in their faith, understanding of others, withstand criticism
- Paul is dealing with people ignorant of Torah and the Hebrew Bible, who are deeply immersed in a pagan society



# FOOD SHOULD NOT BE CAUSE FOR DISHARMONY



- We should not be judgmental of people about food
- Rom.14:22 “ *.....if a person considers something unclean, then for him it is unclean....*”
- “*.....nothing, of itself, is unclean....*”
- Nothing is INHERENTLY unclean....it is a designation that Yehoveh alone ASSIGNS to something.....He did not create species of defective animals (unclean)

# IS “...nothing is unclean..” THE BIBLICAL CALL FOR MORAL RELATIVISM?

- Some in the church say Paul’s statement means NO kosher diet
- OTHERS in the church say it means the unclean designations of homosexuality, bestiality, and adultery are abolished
- To say “Christ has not abolished the Law” (Matt. 5:17) on one hand, BUT to also say He abolished “unclean” doesn’t jibe



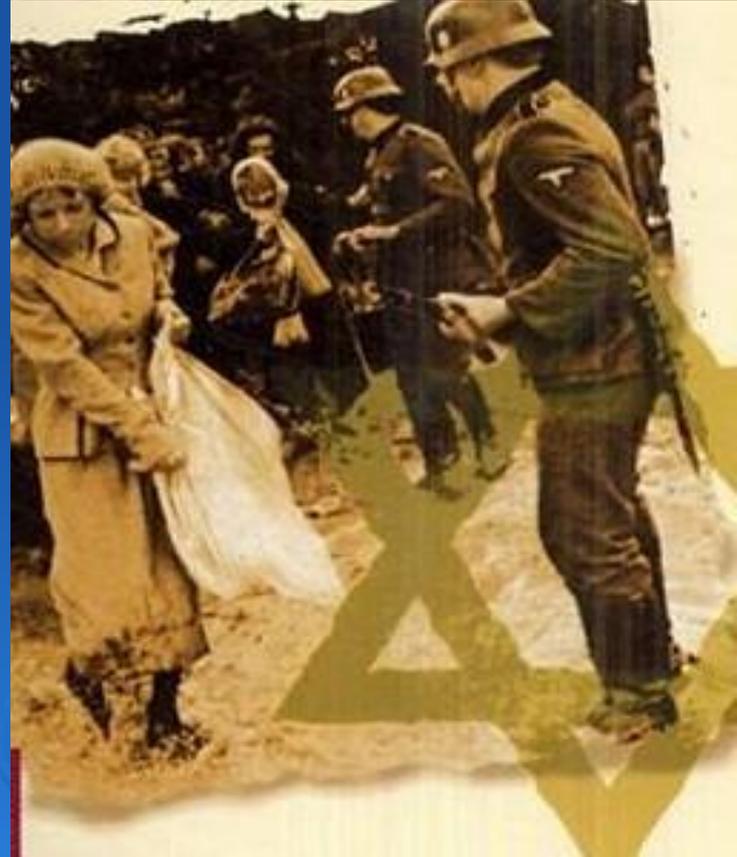
# ST. PAUL AND CONTRADICTION



- Bible often gives us BROAD principles that require us to fill in many blanks
- Jews developed “Tradition” to fill in the blanks.....Gentile Christians had not developed any “traditions”
- We find that Scriptural commands sometimes puts us in a bind
- Situations where obeying one command means disobeying another
- Rabbis use *Kal v’homer* “light and heavy” to choose which rule carries the most weight in a certain situation

# WHEN RULES COLLIDE: CORRIE TEN-BOOM STORY

- Hid Jews in WW II
- Lied to the Nazis about the Jews' whereabouts
- Did not submit to government authority
- Human life is precious
- Which of God's rules applies and which to disobey?

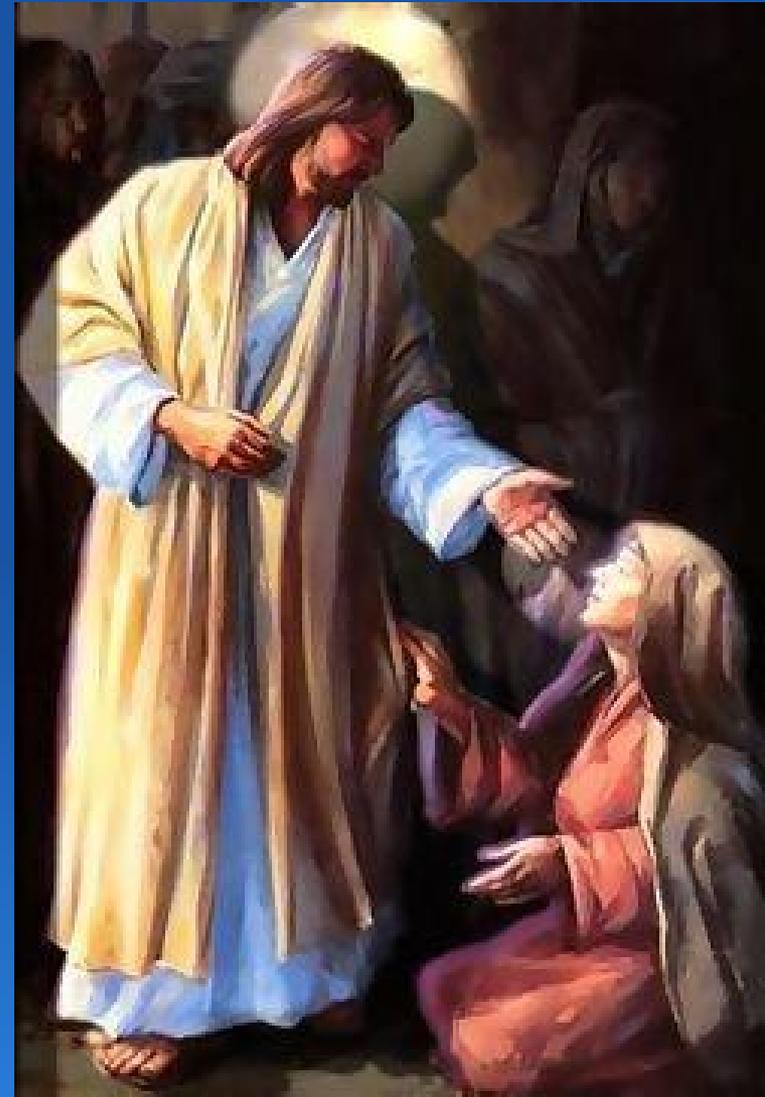


# SINS CLASSIFIED: MORE SERIOUS to LESS SERIOUS

- If every sin, and every rule, bore equal “weight” in every situation, there could be no solution
- The gentile Christian approach has been haphazard, decisions based on feelings
- Hebrews knew it was “normal” to face these dilemmas.....developed *Kal v’homer*
- While every rule is true and valid, it must be decided WHICH rule trumps the others in a given situation.....WHEN rules conflict.

# YESHUA INVOKED KAL V'HOMMER

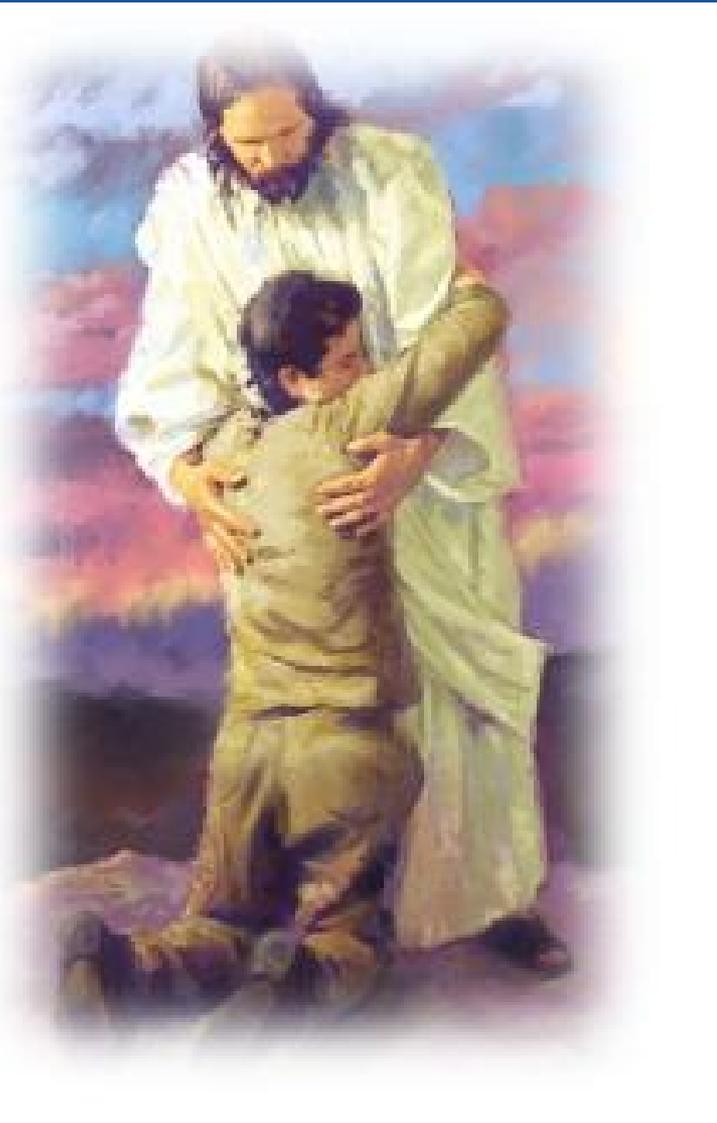
- Luke 13: Jesus heals woman, is criticized for doing work on the Sabbath
- Yeshua says woman's welfare was more important than the rules of Sabbath
- NIV Mark 2:27 *Then he said to them, "The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath."*



# IMPORTANT LESSON: THE TORAH STILL EXISTS

- Clean and unclean designations still exist
- Love, mercy, and shalom....AT TIMES..... trump the rules of Kashrut
- Human idea of love and mercy is not the issue, it is YEHOVEH's definition that counts
- *“....if it us **UNCLEAN** for you, then it is **UNCLEAN**....”*
- This is about personal obedience to God, as opposed to “group-think”

# KOSHER EATING HAS NO BEARING ON YOUR SALVATION



A Believer does not ascend a  
“holiness ladder”, and fall off by  
sinning

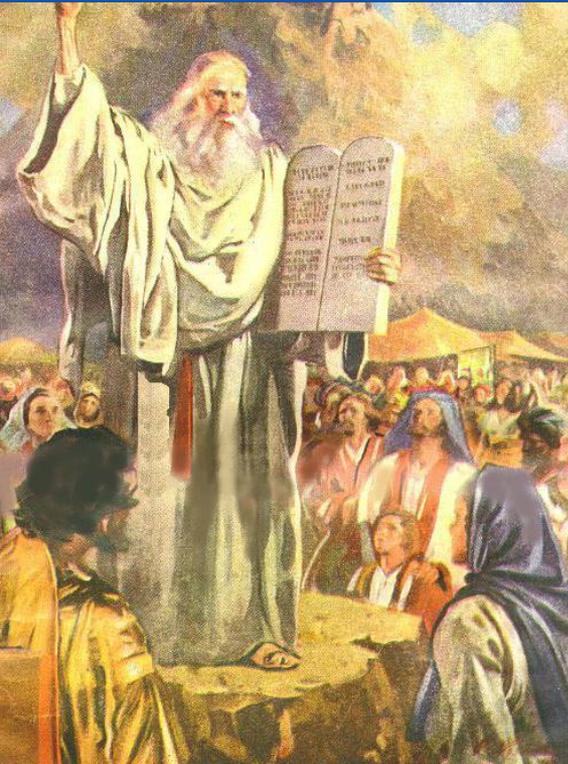
BUT that holiness ladder IS what  
the Hebrews contended with  
before Christ

**TORAH IN HEAVEN  
PURELY SPIRITUAL**

**TORAH BECOMES  
EARTHLY,  
PHYSICAL SYSTEM  
OF LAWS**

**TORAH AGAIN  
BECOMES  
HEAVENLY AND  
SPIRITUAL**

**TRANSFORMATION**



# A BELIEVER CAN NOT BECOME UNCLEAN!

- **John 15:3**      *You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. 4 Remain in me, and I will remain in you.*
- **WHY MUST WE STAY AWAY FROM UNCLEAN THINGS?**
- Because obedience demands it
- **YET.....we do NOT lose our holiness status**
- **Contact, union, with the UNCLEAN is incompatible with holiness**

# ***WHAT WE UNITE OURSELVES WITH IDENTIFIES WHO WE ARE!***

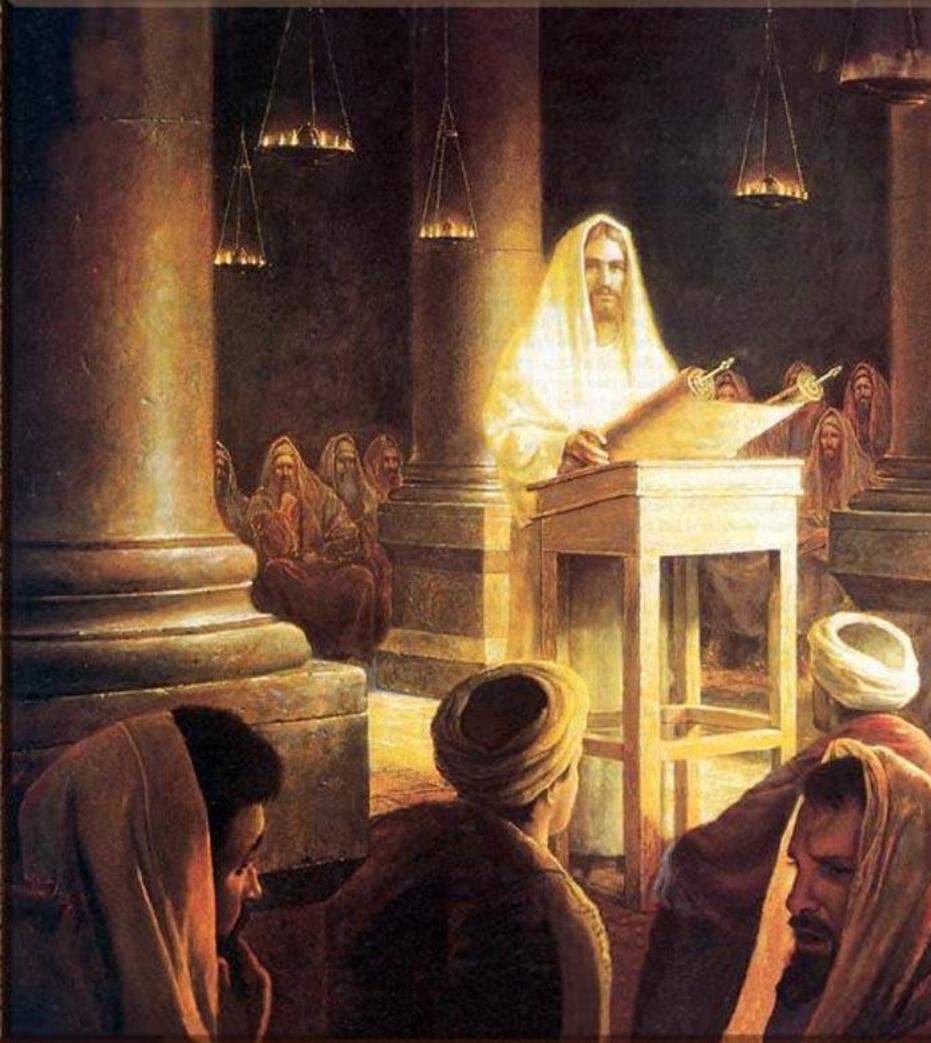
➤ The divine pattern is :

**Holy must stay separate from uncleanness**

How is it that a Believer who partakes of the  
unclean, does not become unclean?

**Christ's blood inoculates us from becoming  
unclean**

# THE LORD WILL TEACH US ABOUT CLEAN AND UNCLEAN...



- WHEN WE CAN HEAR IT!
- What is Scripturally unclean will not be different for us as individuals
- But, to have NOT heard from the Lord, and to use Leviticus as a cook book is following Rule and Ritual....without TRUST
- **DO NOT JUDGE OTHERS ABOUT EATING!**

# THE SYNOPTIC GOSPELS

- Synoptic means they tell the same story
- Matthew 15 is the same story as told in Mark 7
- **RSV Matthew 15:2** *"Why do your disciples transgress the tradition of the elders? For they do not wash their hands when they eat."* **Matthew 15:17** *Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth passes into the stomach, and so passes on?*
- **RSV Matthew 5:17** *"Think not that I have come to abolish the law and the prophets; I have come not to abolish them but to fulfill them. 18 For truly, I say to you, till heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. 19 Whoever then relaxes one of the least of these commandments and teaches men so, shall be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but he who does them and teaches them shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven."*

# WAS PAUL CONTRADICTING YESHUA?

- **KJG Ephesians 5:5** *For this ye know, that no whoremonger, nor unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolater, hath any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God.*
- **KJG 2 Corinthians 6:17** *Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you,*
- **RSV Revelation 21:27** *But nothing unclean shall enter it, nor any one who practices abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.*
- **OBVIOUSLY UNCLEAN THINGS CONTINUED TO EXIST**

# REALITY OF DUALITY

HEAVEN AND THE  
SPIRITUAL WORLD

←—————→  
SPIRITUAL REALITY



←—————→  
PHYSICAL REALITY

# UNCLEAN ALSO EXISTS IN THE SPIRITUAL WORLD

- **RSV Matthew 10:1** *And he called to him his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal every disease and every infirmity.*
- **MARK 1:23, ACTS 5:16, ACTS 8:7** “**UNCLEAN SPIRITS**”
- Clean things are ALL things NOT designated AS UNCLEAN
- **TORAH IS THE ONLY SOURCE OF WHAT IS CLEAN AND UNCLEAN**