

Sermon Transcript: Vegetarianism is Against God's Will

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Praise Jesus. Let's go in prayer.

Lord Heavenly Father, we praise Your Holy Name. We thank You, Lord, for this day. Thank You, Father, for Your Holy Ghost. Thank You for Your presence.

Thank You for what You're doing. Thank You, Lord, for Your mercy and Your grace on each one of us.

Thank You, Lord, for this spiritual food that we are about to receive. We ask You, Lord, to open our eyes and help us to understand things better than we ever have in our entire lives. Please help us to grow to full maturity in Your will and in Your spirit. May Your will prevail in us from this day forward. May we be closer, better, more centered in Your will. Please realign our thoughts, our way of thinking, our lives, our actions, and our deeds that we may be completely acceptable to You. Please deliver us from every lie, from every bondage, from anything that we need to be delivered from.

We ask, Lord, for Your special help today in these worship services, in this sermon. Please speak through me. Please use me for the edification of the church and for deliverance of all captives. May eyes be opened and people delivered and set free this day. In Jesus' name. May Your will prevail. May this message not return void nor vain, but accomplish the purpose of which forth it has been set. In Jesus' name. So be it. Amen.

Praise God. You may be seated. Praise Jesus.

Let's turn to Acts chapter 10. Amen. Praise God.

Okay, go ahead and check it out. Make sure everything's working if you want.

All right. So before I forget, we'll go ahead and announce that our sister in Nigeria will be baptized on Tuesday. So that's exciting. Amen. Praise God.

Praise the Lord. And our brother in South Africa got a phone. So that's good. We still need to pray for our brother in India to get a phone. Amen. Things are moving forward. Amen.

Praise Jesus.

God is good. Let's turn to Acts chapter 10, everyone. Praise God.

While everybody's still getting situated, some people are still tuning in, trying to get connected. While everybody gets situated and connected and everything taken care of, I'll go ahead and just blib a little bit. We enjoyed ourselves yesterday. We don't get to get out very much, especially me and my wife. We don't get to get out very much in our current situation. And it was very needful for us to get out of the apartment for a few hours and relax and have fun and enjoy ourselves and enjoy life. Amen. And that's kind of related to the topic today as well, a little bit. And the county fair that came into town, which is something they only have one week out of the year, and we don't go every year. We've only been one time before to this particular county fair. And we've not been to a lot of county fairs in our lives. And we went to that one last night and they had a demolition derby as well as a lot of other stuff, activities going on. And we watched men and women and kids doing the mechanical bull ride. That was fun to watch.

And the demolition derby was fun. And that was brother Jared's first demolition derby and my wife's first demolition derby. So that's always good to get new experience, new life experience.

See something you never saw before. That's good. That's good for your soul. Amen. When the Great Tribulation comes, there's not going to be very much that a person can do to get that type of entertainment, that type of thing that is a part of modern current entertainment, life, enjoyment.

So we're about to seize it while we can. Amen. We're about to enjoy this summer while we can.

We've enjoyed this life, electricity and so forth while we can. Amen. God wants us to enjoy ourselves. A life without fun, without enjoying it, not only is dull and boring, but it's really bad for your mind, your brain, your health, your body, your soul. It dries you up.

Listen to me. If you're not enjoying life, it's bad on your mentality, your emotions, your brain and your physical health and your energy body, your spiritual body, your electrical body. All these things are weakened, dried up and lacking in the Holy Ghost if you do not enjoy life. And just sitting inside all the time makes your soul dry up. It reduces your, it messes up your electrical frequencies and your spiritual body and your physical body, both. Amen. Enjoy your life while you can.

Now, of course, we have to have the right balance about how much time and energy and money that we put into such things. We have to have priority. Amen. The ministry, the gospel, the truth, these things must have first priority in all of our lives, not just for the ministry pastors, not just for the leaders, not just for the administration. Amen. But all of us need to have a priority in our lives about money and time and energy of how much time we put in the ministry.

This should not be my ministry alone, but rather your ministry as well. We should be one body all together. We should be in unity in faith, in doctrine, and in mind. Our way of thinking, our way of looking at things should all be in agreement. We should be one body.

If your left foot is going in one direction, your right foot is going the other direction, you're not going to go anywhere. You're just going to be tripping on yourself. Amen.

We need to be in unity, one body, one church, one faith, one baptism, one Lord, one mind frame.

Amen. That's why when we come together for worship, we need to be all in unity of what we're focusing on, what we're thinking about. And there'll be distractions that we've got to stay focused on the sermon, on the Word of God, what God is saying, what God is trying to do.

Amen. We do not want to quench His Spirit. Praise God. And there's a lot of ways that people quench God's Spirit. Quench means to put out the fire. And God is a consuming fire, but that fire does more than just consume. It gives us life. You cannot have life without fire. We are fire. We are light.

We shall shine brighter than the sun one of these days if we make it in. We are fire. We quench both our Spirit and His Spirit through many different ways, including being a vegetarian. If you are a vegetarian, if you are abstaining from all meats, you are quenching the fire. You need fire to cook meat. Amen. You need fire to have life, to have warmth, to have energy, to have electricity, to be alive. If you don't have fire, you're dead. Amen. A lot of people are lacking enough fire.

Amen. Acts chapter 10, starting in verse 9. I go from verse 9 to verse 16. Page 139.

Acts 10 verse 9.

Verse 9 says, And on the next day, as they were on their way approaching the city, Peter

went up on the housetop about the sixth hour to pray. And that was common in that day and time and culture that on top of their houses they would have basically a balcony, a place where they would lounge, a place where they could sit and enjoy the outdoor weather because people out back then enjoyed being outdoors. Amen. They would spend a lot of time on their housetop, on their balcony. And Peter went up on that housetop about the sixth hour to pray. But he became hungry and was desiring to eat. And that's very important. And almost everybody misses that. That's very important. He was hungry. He was wanting to eat something.

But while they were making preparations, that means in the house, they were making preparations for food. They were working on dinner. Amen. He went out of the normal state of mind and he saw the sky opened up. In other words, he was having a vision. And a fishing net, like a great sail, like a fishing sail. Now most translations say a sheet.

Not a net, but a sheet, which don't make no sense at all. It wasn't no bed sheet coming down. It was not. That's the most ridiculous translation. And yet that's what a lot of translations say. That's ridiculous. The animals were not coming down in a bed sheet. God was not saying allow the donkeys and the pigs to sleep with you on top of the bed in your blanket and in your bed sheet.

He was not saying that. Come on now. That's a crazy translation.

But Peter was a fisherman. Amen. He spent a lot of time out on a fishing boat, a fishing ship. That's what he did with much of his time until he was called into the ministry and even after that somewhat. So God was using something that he would relate to. And that's what God does to us. He uses things that we can relate to. So he saw that fishing net, a large one like you would have in a boat that is for commercial fishing, come down out of heaven, lowered by four corners into the ground. And there in it were all kinds of four-footed animals and crawling creatures of the earth and birds of the air. He says all kinds.

And a voice came to him saying, Get up, Peter, kill and eat. Verse 14, But Peter said, By no means, Lord, for I have never eaten anything unholy and unclean.

In other words, Peter was still holding on to that ceremonial Levitical law, Old Testament, Old Covenant law that you should abstain from pork and other certain meats, only specific meats. And that's also very important. That Old Covenant law was specific to only certain meats, not all meats. That's very important because vegetarians won't eat any meat. And yet it was only certain, specific meats that God used temporarily as ceremonially unclean, as a symbolism of the difference between the Israelite nations and the Gentile nations. A separation of groups of people, of nations, because of that the Gentiles had false gods. So it was symbolism. That's all it was, was symbolism.

It had nothing to do with health. A lot of these people, all of the people, in fact, that believe that you're still under the Old Covenant law of unclean meats, that you can't eat pork and shellfish and so forth, they think it's about health. And yet not one time in the Bible does it say it's about health. Not one time. So they're making that crap up. Amen.

But anyway, God says here that what Theos has cleansed do not consider unholy or unclean. Verse 16, this happened three times and immediately the fishnet was taken up into the sky. Three times, Peter rejected what God commanded. And God's command was to eat that meat, which included, I'm sure, pork. Amen. And other types of meats that you find in the Book of Leviticus, I think it's chapter 11, that list many different types of unclean meats. Peter said no. God said yes. Amen. Vegetarians are saying no and God is saying yes, you must

eat. Rise, kill, and eat this meat. You're hungry. Stop being so skinny. Stop starving yourself and eat. Amen. That's what God says. You say no, it's unclean, it's unhealthy. God says shut your mouth and eat.

That vegetarians think they know better than God. Amen.

Now we know that this scripture is not specific to vegetarians, but nevertheless, it's absolutely acceptable and edifying and profitable to use these verses to teach against vegetarianism. Absolutely acceptable, edifying, and profitable because God did command Peter and all of us to eat meats. Amen. He was commanding him to eat meats. Absolutely. Amen.

Was he not? Of course he was. Amen. Now, if these foods were unclean, would God command it? Amen.

If these foods were unhealthy, if pork was unhealthy for you, would God command Peter to eat parasite-filled food? No. But the vegetarians and other people that always go against God's will, they always got some kind of carnal, and that's what it is, carnal excuse.

Oh, but this, but this, but this scientist, this doctor, but this article, but this YouTube video, YouTube, YouTube, YouTube.

YouTube is responsible for a great big percentage of the deception of the deception of people who think they're seeking the truth and serving God.

People waste their time and their energy and their life watching YouTube when they need to be reading the Bible, praying, worshiping, and reading the truth and paying attention to the truth. I despise YouTube, even though I will occasionally share something from there. You can find some good stuff on there. I understand that. I'm not saying you have to completely, a hundred percent abstain from YouTube. But what I'm saying, if you use YouTube, you better be mature enough, responsible enough, and Holy Ghost-fueled enough to discern good and evil correctly, because otherwise YouTube is nothing but a snare of the devil. And most people do not have the Holy Ghost. Most people have no discernment at all. Most people are not mature enough, capable enough, or responsible enough in the Lord to discern a video of demonic teaching.

Most people do not have that discernment. Therefore, for most people, YouTube is nothing but a snare of the devil, including many people who at one time were baptized but fell away.

Now let's consider other verses. We're not going to do one-verse theology. Let's go to Romans 14.

Page 174. Romans 14, verse 1.

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Now, accept the one who is weak in faith. Underline, weak in faith.

Accept the one who is weak in faith, but not for the purpose of passing judgment on his opinions.

One person has faith that he may eat all things, but he who is weak eats vegetables only.

The one who eats is not to regard the one with contempt. The one who does not eat is not to judge the one who eats, for Theos has accepted him. So Paul is saying two things here. Not to judge, not to judge, condemn the vegetarians. But he is also saying, what else? That the vegetarians are weak in faith. Is he not saying that? He said it straight out. Amen. Do we want to be weak in faith?

Do we? And what if we forever stay weak in faith and never grow in faith?

Would that be acceptable to God? Is that good for our salvation? Is that good for our soul?

Is that good for our faith to stay weak in faith your entire life and never grow to be strong in

faith? Of course that's not acceptable. That's not acceptable. So then why in the world is Paul saying to not judge that person when, do you really want to keep the church weak? Do you not want to build the church up? Do you not want to strengthen the church? Do you not want to strengthen the individuals, your brothers, your sisters? He's been hypocritical here when he makes these two statements because they're opposite of one another. It's a hypocritical statement.

Amen. You've got to consider that Paul when he said in 1 Corinthians, I think chapter 11, wherever it is 1 Corinthians, where he said that it's a shame for a man to have a long hair, he was wrong about that because Numbers chapter 6 very clearly shows that long hair on a man can be a symbol of holiness and dedication to God. Samuel, Samson, and other men of God, prophets of the Lord did have long hair and I believe Jesus did have long hair. It doesn't matter, but I believe he did.

I have long hair. God has used me in mighty ways. Paul was wrong about it, absolutely wrong about long hair on a man being ashamed. He said, doesn't nature teach you that? No. How does nature teach you that? By nature, a man's hair will grow just as long as a woman. So how in the world does nature teach you that? It doesn't. That's ridiculous. He was wrong on that. Paul is not God, but most Christians treat every word of Paul as if God said it.

And that's not right. That's out of worship. People are worshiping Paul as God. Absolutely, I am correct in saying this, it's absolutely the truth. Many Christians are worshiping Paul as God because they treat every little tiny word of his as God said it. And they use that verse that all scripture is profitable. And I agree that all scripture is profitable, but that doesn't mean that every word of Paul is correct. Paul also taught very clearly, and Peter did too, that Jesus would return in their lifetime. Absolutely. They said the time was short. They said that the day is at hand. The hour is at hand. And they were wrong. The hour was not at hand. Amen. Peter and Paul and even the prophets of the Old Testament even told that the Messiah would come in their lifetime and he didn't. But that did not mean they wasn't saved. They were saved, but they were human capable of mistake. Amen. That's humanity. That's humanity. They're going to make mistakes. That's just the way it is and we have to accept it. Amen. You're never going to find a perfect pastor. You're never going to find a perfect apostle. Therefore, Paul was not a perfect apostle. Paul was not a perfect pastor. How can you say he was if you're never going to find one? Amen. We have to accept the reality that it's impossible for Paul to have been right about 100% of everything because he was not God, he was human. The scriptures are very clear witnesses that he was wrong on certain things.

And he was wrong when he said this about not judging them because you have to judge who you take fellowship with, who you take Passover with, who you take communion with.

You have to judge whether your brother is weak or strong, otherwise you can't help that brother, amen, or sister. Amen. You have to make judgments. And even if you embrace that brother or sister, you still got to say, hey, Paul is making two different statements opposite of one another. One of them's got to be right out of the two. And it's very clear that he was correct about the vegetarians being weak in faith, amen.

And it's not right, it's not right, not acceptable to stay weak in faith, amen. We might embrace that person in, but we've also got to help that person to grow in Christ and in strength of faith, amen.

So we cannot use this verse to prove that vegetarianism is correct and fine and that we can't judge them because the fact is it's not acceptable to always stay weak in faith.

Very clear, amen. Yet vegetarians will point to this, and yet that's self-criminalization, amen. They're condemning themselves. They don't even know it when they point to that verse that they are self-criminalizing themselves. They don't even know that. That's how silly they are, amen.

Vegetarianism is silliness. It really is. Now listen, now this one was not written in our notes, but I feel God spoke to me while I go. Colossians chapter 2, so we'd be adding it to the notes.

Colossians chapter 2, page 214.

Let's go to page 215, Colossians 2, and let's go to verse 16. Colossians 2, verse 16.

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But let no one continue in regard to meat or alcohol or in respect to a fiesta or new moon or sabbath day, things which are prophetic foreshadowings, but the substance belongs to Christ. Verse 18, let no one keep defrauding you of your prize by delighting in self-abasement and the worship of angels, taking his stand on visions he has seen inflated without cause by his fleshly or carnal mind. In other words, Paul is saying to the church, don't listen to these people who, and don't believe these people, who are condemning you for keeping the sabbaths, for keeping the holy days, for keeping the fiestas, for keeping the new moons, for drinking alcohol, and for eating meat. Amen? Do not allow them to condemn you for eating meat, drinking alcohol, and keeping the sabbaths and new moons. That's what Paul is saying very clearly.

And yet, the people that hate the sabbaths and the vegetarians and other fools, they point to this verse self-condemning themselves, not even knowing it. That's how foolish they are, just like Romans 14. They will use the verse that actually condemns them, and they think it condemns us. They're backwards. They are backwards. It does not say what they twist it to try to say.

It does not say what they claim. It does not say to not condemn vegetarians, but rather it says don't condemn those that eat meat.

It does not say don't condemn those that keep Sunday and pagan holidays that worship false gods.

But rather it says don't condemn them that keep the sabbaths. Amen? These verses here prove Sunday worshipers, Christmas and Easter worshipers, and vegetarians, and all of those and all of those people that say that alcohol is a sin, it proves every one of those groups as wrong.

Absolute proof. Absolute, 100% solid, undeniable, unrejectable proof. Amen.

People don't even know how to read the Bible. They don't have the Holy Ghost, and the Bible says very clearly that without the Holy Ghost they cannot understand the Scriptures. That's why they don't understand the Bible. You've got to have the Holy Ghost to understand the Bible.

It's very easy. It is easy to understand. The only reason it was difficult for you at one time is because you did not have the Holy Ghost at one time. And once you gained it, you didn't have much of it. Once we gain it, we've got to grow in it. We've got to grow in faith. We have to grow in knowledge. We have to grow in the strength and in the mind of the Lord. And the more you get of the Lord inside you as part of your soul, you understand the Scriptures more and more and more and becomes easier and easier and easier all the time, every month, every year. This is absolutely the truth. Amen.

So, the vegetarians were saying that the meat-eaters, that we're unhealthy, that we're fools, that we are disobedient to the Lord, that we're doing things we shouldn't do, it's unhealthy, it's not right, we're murdering animals, all kinds of accusations against us. This right here says to them, do not let. It says to us, don't let those people judge us.

Now, notice in verse 18, let no one keep defrauding you of your price by delighting in self-abasement. Self-abasement, what is that? What does that mean? That means self-abasement is when you are inflicting upon your body an elegance of physical joy. Amen.

You're inflicting upon your mind, body, and soul the negligence, the lacking of physical enjoyment, the lacking of alcohol, the lacking of meat, the lacking of celebration, partying, the lacking of partying. I will say it because that's what fiesta means, partying. The word fiesta in the Greek and true Hebrew and even Aramaic actually means to get drunk and dance. That's really what it means, to reel back and forth as if you are drunk. That's what it means, a fiesta. Another translation of a fiesta would be party. That would actually be a correct translation out of other possible translations, a party.

The party of Pentecost, the party of Tabernacles. I'm not making this stuff up. This is reality.

God wants us to enjoy ourselves. I'm not saying you need to turn into an alcoholic.

That's different. You can enjoy yourself without turning into an alcoholic.

An alcoholic is a person that has to drink constantly, every day, and not just a little bit every day, but lots every day. They have to get drunk every day. That is an alcoholic.

Drinking once, twice a week is not alcoholic. Absolutely not. Even if you drink every day, even if you drink every day but it's only a small amount, one cup of wine and that's it, you don't get drunk on it, that's still not alcoholic.

People don't even know what an alcoholic is.

Amen. God does want us to enjoy ourselves.

And just like meat, a lot of people think alcohol is bad for your health. It's not.

Meat can be bad for you if you overindulge in it. Alcohol can be bad for you if you overindulge in it. Sex can be good for you or sex can be bad for you if you overindulge in it.

Anything can be bad for you to overindulge in it. A knife can be good, a gun can be good, self-defense can be good, but you can overdo anything. Even the Sabbath can be good for you or it can be bad for you. A lot of people overindulge the Sabbath.

There's a lot of people think they can't enjoy themselves on the Sabbath. You can't do nothing on the Sabbath. There are some people that actually think you can't even turn on the light switch on the Sabbath. I kid you not, there's people that believe that. It's ridiculous.

Legalism. It's legalism and legalism quenches the Spirit of God. Amen.

Self-abasement is legalism. Legalism is not acceptable to God. It quenches the Spirit of God.

Now, of course, moderation in all things. Amen. Moderation in meat. Moderation even in vegetables.

Moderation in all things. Even in vegetables and fruits. You can overindulge even in vegetables and fruits. Too much fruit for you is bad for your sugar level. Amen.

Too much vegetables can actually mess up your digestive system.

You have to have proper balance. Too many carrots can turn some people orange.

Yeah, too many carrots can turn you orange. It really can, they say. Amen.

Oh, God is good. People are crazy. There's a country song. I love country music. There's nothing wrong with it. Amen. But there's a country song that says, beer is good. God is great.

People are crazy. And that song is so true. Beer is good. God is great. People are crazy. It's a good song.

Amen. We've got three verses already. The command of God telling Peter to eat that meat. Romans 14, it says that vegetarians are weak in faith, which is not acceptable.

Not a good thing. And Colossians 2, do not let anyone condemn you for the eating of meat and alcohol and partying in God's holy days. Because these people believe in self-abasement. They believe in crucifying the flesh to a wrong extent, to a wrong magnitude of crucifying the flesh. You can only crucify the flesh so much until you go out of balance. You're crucifying it too much. Amen. Moderation in all things.

Now, I won't turn to the verses, but you know there are many verses in the Bible that talk about animal sacrifices. And we know that animal sacrifices are done away with by the blood of Jesus. That's very clear. But nevertheless, we can consider that fact that since all scripture is profitable, we can consider that fact that at one time, previously, animal sacrifices were commanded of the killing of those animals. And remember that the Passover, it was commanded for every person that was baptized. And yes, that was true even in Old Testament times.

That it was only the baptized people that could eat the Passover lamb. Because you had to be baptized to be considered a follower of God. Even in Old Testament times, that never changed.

Old or new, neither one. It was always like that. You had to be baptized to be considered a follower of God. And that's historical record. And so the baptized members was commanded to eat the Passover lamb in the Old Covenant times. Commanded. The saved people. The saved people, of course, they weren't really saved, but we have to say dedicated, devoted people, devoted unto the Lord, was commanded to eat the Passover lamb. And none of it was allowed to be left. And if it was any of it left, by the time the sunrise came up, it had to be burned, actually, even before that. So none of it would be left. God wanted the people to eat all of it.

All of it. Would God command people who are devoted to Him to eat poison? Absolutely not. Amen. And not only the lamb, but even the wine. Amen. And even Jesus, even in the New Covenant, commands us to drink wine. Of course, there's only a sip on Passover. But nevertheless, (people claim) He went and commanded us to do something that is poisonous or sinful or wrong.

So we must consider that. And not only the Passover, but there was also something in the Old Covenant called a peace offering. And in the peace offering, the fat and the intestines were burned and the remainder of the animal was eaten by the priest. And if that peace offering was a free will offering, then the remainder of the animal, everything except for the fat and intestines, was to be eaten even by the worshippers, including the priests and other worshippers as well. Lay members would eat the peace offerings. And that's the eating of animal flesh. So you have that one plus the Passover lamb that lay members would eat the flesh of animals.

And we also must consider that many of the men of God in the Bible were shepherds who raised animals for meat. Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob and other men of God in the Bible were shepherds that was raising much cattle, ox, sheep, and goats for the purpose of selling to other people for meat, as well as eating themselves meat. Hey, didn't Esau and Jacob contest one another for the bowl of soup? It wasn't vegetarian soup, I guarantee you.

In fact, wasn't they told to go and kill an animal for that soup? Amen. Praise God. Praise God. They ate meat. Jesus ate meat. The apostles ate meat. Some of the disciples were even fishermen. That's doing meat. Some people say it's not meat. Oh, come on. Crazy. Crazy.

Fish is meat. It's flesh. Amen.

Amen. Now, considering all that, let's turn to Jeremiah 32, if you have the AOB. Now, if you don't have any AOB, not even online, not even the PDF, it's going to be a different chapter number in other translations. In the AOB, this is Jeremiah 32, but in other translations, this is going to be chapter 25, Jeremiah 25, if you have a different translation available to you. Because the fact is that the ancient Bibles had different chapter arrangements for the book of Jeremiah.

Yeah. So what page number we're going to? Page 75, if you have the AOB. Page 75.

And we're going to start in verse 15. So that'd be the next, no, same page, same page.

All right. So verse 15 and 7 through 17.

Jeremiah 32 in AOB, chapter 25 in other translations, verse 15.

"Thus saith Jesus, Theos of Jesrael. Take the cup of this unmixed wine from my hand, and you shall cause all the nations to drink to whom I send you. And they shall drink and vomit and be mad because of the sword which I send among them. So I took the cup out of Jesus' hand and caused the nations to whom Jesus sent me to drink."

Go down to verse 27, next page. Verse 27 through 29, page 76.

Verse 27, "And you shall say to them, 'Thus saith the Almighty Jesus, Drink you and be drunk, and you shall vomit and shall fall and shall in no wise rise because of the sword which I send among you.' And it shall come to pass when they refuse to take the cup out of your hand to drink it, that you shall say, 'Thus saith Jesus, You will, you shall surely drink. For I am beginning to afflict the city whereon my authority is invoked, and you shall by no means be held guiltless, for I am calling the sword upon all that dwell upon the earth.'"

Now, why am I bringing this verse up? Is because that even though the primary context here is, the primary context is this, that God is saying, use a symbolism that represents that God is going to judge all nations, punish all nations because all nations, all mankind have sinned, all mankind have fallen away from God, and that all nations, all mankind are going to have to share in the same judgment.

Now, some people will be led to captivity, some people will die, some people survive, some people will die from disease and famine, but whatever, whatever the situation is for each person's allotment, regardless, all people will suffer one way or another. All people will share in the judgment.

Now, the reason I bring that up for vegetarianism is you have to go all the way back to the garden, actually what the Bible actually originally said, the paradise of Eden, the garden of Eden. The Bible actually said the paradise of Eden, that's why it says in AOB, that's the more correct translation. So, that garden or that paradise of Eden had no death in it originally, no death, no human death and no animal death. Amen, that's paradise, no death at all. They didn't even kill a mosquito, okay, no death.

So, that once mankind sinned, death entered into the world, not only for mankind, but also for animals. So, before the fall of mankind, yes, they were vegetarians, and yes, once we get into the final paradise, there'll be no more death and no more curse, and there'll be no more animal death and no more human death in paradise.

But we're not in paradise no more, amen. We're not in paradise yet either. Therefore, there is

death of animals, there is death of humans, and we must accept this fact, we cannot escape it. And even though mankind has saw the fountain of youth forever, we have not really found it, amen. In other words, unless you're alive when Jesus comes back, there is no escape from death, and death is a reality, and vegetarians are trying to escape reality, and they're trying to escape the curse that God has put upon all mankind.

The fact is, before the sin of mankind, there was no thorns on the rose bush. There was no thorns on any vine, or any bush, or any tree. There was no thorns. The Bible says that thorns came upon the weeds, the weeds, whatever it says. So the thorns is part of the curse, and death is part of the curse for both man and animals. And even the vegetables were cursed with the coming of thorns, and even the ground was cursed to be harder than what it was, right? So even raising fruits and vegetables is harder than what it was. There's a curse even upon the fruits and vegetables. There's a curse upon all creation, all creation to a certain extent.

And we can't escape it, there's no escaping it until paradise. So what we've got to understand when we do eat meat, and we do slaughter farm animals, we've got to understand that mankind brought death into the world through our own way of thinking of what's right and what's wrong, fusing for ourselves what we want to do and not what God's will is. In fact, wasn't it about eating, or consuming something, smoking it, consuming it, swallowing it, whatever it was, that's what it was about.

That Adam and Eve said, I will eat, or I will consume, or I will smoke, whatever it was, I'll do what I want to, even if God forbids it, I'll do what I want anyway, right? That's what it was about. And vegetarians are doing the same thing today. I do what I want to do, not what I'm commanded, not what God commanded Peter, not what God commanded everyone. Amen. I won't follow their example. Vegetarians declaring to themselves that they will not follow the example of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob that did eat meat. They declare upon themselves they will not follow the example of Jesus who did eat meat. Amen. They're not going to follow the example of the holy men of God that did eat meat. They're not going to follow the example of the apostle Zimmerman who does eat and love meat. Amen. They want to escape the curse, and you can't.

The curse is ingrained into our being.

And what this says in Jeremiah is, even for those that don't want to drink of the cup of wrath, and what this is talking about has nothing to do with the final 41 days. It's not talking about that wrath, but rather judgment, punishment, curses upon all humanity, all humanity, all nations, both Gentile and Israelite. That even if you say, I'm not going to eat, I'm not going to drink, you will be forced to eat it and you will be forced to drink it.

I guarantee you when the great tribulation comes, you skinny vegetarians who are weak in faith and twist the Word of God and twist science and follow your own way and your own will, you're going to be forced to eat meat in the great tribulation. Even if you vomit, we just watched Naked and Afraid the other day where it was a vegetarian.

Vegan, same thing honey. I know there's a slight difference, but in the realm of all reality it is the same thing.

We had just watched that just the other day, no coincidence, no coincidence. Amen.

And she took a bite of fish and of course fish is nasty to me, some of it according to how you cook it and what kind of fish it is.

But why in the world did she even sign up for that show of being, it was 40 days that

particular, that particular episode, 40 days in wherever it was in Africa, South Africa or wherever, and she don't eat meat? She's foolish for joining up, even signing up, signing the contract that she agrees to be in a deserted wilderness and think that she can survive 40 days as a vegetarian? That's ridiculous, that's foolish, that is so foolish, so foolish. And if you think you can survive three and a half years without eating any meat, that's foolishness. I mean that's just honesty, I'm just being honest with you. And if you're not going to be able to survive three and a half years without eating meat, then you're not going to survive a lifetime without eating meat either. It's unhealthy, it's not good for you. Amen.

So now that we've read the scriptures, let's consider some science.

Animal fats and animal proteins are absolutely needed for energy and the ability to focus and the ability to think, especially for men, they need more fats than women. But nevertheless, for both genders, the animal fats and animal proteins are absolutely needed for energy and the ability to focus and to think. The lack of animal fats and animal proteins, the lack of them can cause too much loss of weight, the inability to focus even passing out, even Alzheimer's disease, poor memory and eventually death. And the fact that most vegetarians are too skinny is a witness to this. Amen. Now let's go over some concerns and excuses of vegetarians.

Vegetarians claim, well, the nitrates in a lot of meats is dangerous, it causes cancer. Well, that's true. That's true. And I would agree that you need to absolutely abstain from any meat that contains nitrates, but that's easy. That's easy to abstain from that. Amen. So that's processed meat. That's processed, that's bologna, hot dogs, that's ground up meat that is packaged for sandwich meat, hot dogs, bologna, ham sandwich meat, turkey sandwich meat, any kind of sandwich meat that's been processed and sliced and all that crap. That's processed food. And we do need to try to abstain as much as we can from processed foods. So that has nothing to do with really meat. That has to do with additives. That's a different subject. So it's not actually correct, it's not correct to try to use nitrates as an excuse to be a vegetarian. Because that is a subject really not dealing with meat, but dealing with preservatives and chemicals. And that's not just preservatives and chemicals and additives, that's an entirely different subject. Amen.

You can have additives even on fruits and vegetables, colorings, food colorings and wax, pesticides, GMO, stuff like that. So that's a whole different matter. It doesn't prove that meat is unhealthy. You just got to choose the right meat. Amen. Another claim or excuse of vegetarians is that farm animals are sometimes fed antibiotics or they are fed genetically modified corn or wheat or other grains that's been genetically modified. And again, yes, that's true. But again, it's a choice of what meat you're buying, where do you shop at, what brand do you buy, stuff like that. And even then, if we are unknowingly eating meat that has been fed genetically modified grain, corn, whatever, the fact is that millions of people every day are eating such meat and they're not dropping dead all over the streets.

Amen. People are not dropping dead all over the street left and right because they went to Hardee's today or McDonald's today or Burger King today or Wendy's today or yesterday, rather, and ate some beef or chicken or pork or something that had been fed genetically modified corn or grain. Now, it might be unhealthy to some extent, but I really believe it's nothing that can't be counterweighted, counter-affected by proper exercise, proper diet, with a healthy amount of fruits and vegetables and herbs and healthy living. I think, actually, we actually, over people, society today are over paranoid about everything. Can't eat this, can't

eat this, can't drink this, can't eat this, can't do it. They obsess over it, such as sugar. A lot of people 100% abstain from all sugar, and actually that's going to apply to a lot of people. I understand the harmful effects of sugar. I'm not naive, I'm not ignorant about these things. I understand that sugar can be deadly, but so can a mushroom. Amen. So can spinach. Any fruit, any vegetable, any food, anything in life can turn deadly. You have to make wise choices, decisions, moderation in all things, proper cleaning, proper cooking, use wisdom, all these things. Amen. So I really think people are over paranoid about a lot of stuff.

And what about bacteria, worms, parasites? This is one of the excuses of those legalistic, falsely called Hebrew roots cults. Why cults? They think you've got to abstain from port because of the parasites. Well, guess what? Chicken has parasites. Beef has parasites. But guess what? So does certain vegetables and fruits. You can find a worm in an apple. Amen. You can find a worm in a watermelon. You can find worms in nuts. That don't mean you have to abstain from all nuts because that there's worm in some nuts. It don't mean you have to abstain from all apples because there's worms in some apples. It's extremism. Extremism. Amen.

And it's paranoia. It's paranoia. It's being scared of everything. Scared of everything. The fact is, whether it's pork or chicken or whatever kind of meat, if you cook it, the parasite dies. If you end up with living parasites in your body, it's most likely not from the food, but rather from going barefoot in a place where there's dog poop, cat poop, cow poop. That's where parasites enter your body most of the time, is stepping on poop. And some people don't cook the food well enough. Parasites can enter your body if you don't cook it well enough. But who wants to eat raw food anyway or undercooked food anyway? I like my food well cooked regardless. Proper cooking, proper washing of the vegetables. They say, actually, it's a good practice to even baptize your chicken. Amen. I kid you not. And I've done this a few times, and it is a good habit to get into, to baptize your chicken and your pork chops.

Of course, you can't hardly, some food, if it's ground, would be nasty to put in water. But if it's, you know, if you don't have enough food, if you don't have enough food, and water. But if it's something that's not ground meat, dunk it in water, rinse it off, wash it off, and that gets off some of the invisible microscopic parasites, worms, bacteria, stuff like that. It is good to wash your meat before you cook it, and then properly cook it to the right temperature. People need meat thermometers. Amen. All right. And the fact is, not only all of that, but also you can find bacteria on vegetables, on spinach, and on lettuce. And you can find lots of parasites in tomatoes, all kinds, and other vegetables. But that doesn't mean you can't eat vegetables just because that tomatoes love, or parasites love, tomatoes.

Come on. Stop being extreme.

Proper washing, proper refrigeration, proper freezing, proper cooking, wisdom. Amen. And therefore, these things blow out of the dark these excuses that vegetarians are trying to use.

And then finally, you have the testimonies of many vegetarians saying, I feel better. I feel better after I stop eating meat. I no longer eat meat. I eat only all fruits and vegetables. I feel so much better. I have more energy. I can think better. I can focus better. I'm in better health. I feel better. This proves that being a vegetarian is more healthy. You're wrong about needing fats and animal protein. And my reply is this. Of course you feel better.

Of course you do. That does not surprise me. Of course you do. And you know why you feel better?

It's because most people, especially in the United States, are deficient in how much vegetables and fruit that they eat. Most Americans do not eat enough fruits and vegetables. Most people never follow the recommended government guidelines for however many, what, three servings of vegetables? It's probably more than that. Per day. And a certain amount of servings of fruit per day. And so much servings per day of bread grains per day. Most Americans don't get that much fruits and vegetables in their diet. So if you turn into a vegetarian and increase those wonderful, healthy, very beneficial fruits and vegetables, of course you're going to feel better for a time and a season until it comes full cycle and the body starts being recognized and is being deprived of the animal fats and animal proteins. So it only lasts for so long.

And maybe for some people a lot longer. But sooner or later, it will catch up to that person, especially depending on their activity level. If the only thing they do is sit inside the house all day and do nothing, you're not going to need as much animal fat and animal protein because you're just sitting on your butt. And therefore, you'll be able to feel good longer because you're not spending any calories. You're not putting out any energy in that.

But once the Great Tribulation comes and you actually have to start spending energy, lifting things, working for your food, working for survival, working for your heat, working for your shelter, working for every little thing, you're absolutely going to be able to absolutely going to need that extra energy, that extra power supply of the animal fats and animal proteins. And your body will absolutely say, do it or die. Eat it or die. And the vegetarians will absolutely not survive 40 days and the three-and-a-half years. Amen.

There's a famous conservative radio host called Michael Savage, and he has a few degrees and some of those degrees have to do with plants and vegetables.

We call that botanist. And so he knows all about the fruits and vegetables and healthy living and all that. And even he himself, being an expert on plant life, would tell you straight out that vegetarianism is not healthy. Not healthy. Amen.

But even beside the health effect, let's return, as we wrap it up now, let's return to something even more important than the physical side of health. What's more important is the spiritual side of this. And concerning the spiritual side of this, being a vegetarian goes against God's will. It goes against God's will for this time and for this season.

And remember about the clean and unclean meats, that that was for a time and a season. Amen.

For the time and a season of in paradise originally in the Garden of Eden, yes, we were vegetarians. That was only a time and a season. But then after that, we did start eating meats. And which sacrifice was God more pleased with? Thank you, Father, for giving me that. Amen.

Two brothers, Cain and Abel. Praise the Lord. Thank you, Father, for giving me this. Praise God.

Cain and Abel, both of them committed a sacrifice unto the Lord or offering to the Lord. But Cain gave only fruits and vegetables unto the Lord because he was a gardener, he was a farmer.

He gave only fruits and vegetables to the Lord, just like you vegetarians. Amen. The Abel gave a more pleasurable, pleasing sacrifice to God of animal meat. And God was more pleased with the sacrifice, the killing of the animal meat, than he was of the offering of fruits

and vegetables.

Amen. What does that say to you? What does that say to you? Praise the Lord.

Every one of you are witnesses of the presence of God in this ministry. That came from God. That came from God. Amen. That came from God. God testifies that it's God's will for us in this time and season of humanity until we get back to paradise to eat the meats. That is what He's more well pleased with, rather than vegetarianism. Because vegetarianism is weak in faith, weak in mind, weak in body, weak in all things. And we are only as strong as our weakest link.

A chain with many links is only as strong as your weakest link in that chain. We all need to be strong as much as possible, especially spiritually, but also mentally, emotionally, and physically as much as possible, and only to what we're possible to do, but nevertheless as much as possible.

Amen. We need to come into the center of God's will. We need to come into the center of God's will.

Amen. And God said to Peter, rise, kill, and eat. You vegetarians need to stop starving yourselves, and you might say, I'm not starving, but spiritually you are. Amen.

You need to stop starving yourselves and come into the center of God's will.

God is good. Thank you, Heavenly Father, for what you have done today.

Thank you for this message. Thank you for correcting us. Thank you for realigning us to the center of your will, and I pray, Lord, that somebody somewheres will repent and come into the center of your will. Be stronger in faith, mind, body, and spirit, that they may be better servants of yours and better witnesses for your kingdom, and for their children, and for their families. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen. Praise God.

Yeah. Hey, Brother Jared, let's put this microphone on you. He knows a little bit about this.

"So I was a vegetarian from an early age. I just decided for myself that meat is yucky and I won't eat it. So until recently I hadn't eaten meat, which makes a person weak in many things. But what I remember particularly, because it was still recently lingering, is I had gotten a bicycle, and after riding it for a while, my knees would get very, very, very sore, where I couldn't ride it for a long distance or two days in a row. So after months of fish oil and gelatin, now I can ride the bike days in a row and don't get that knee problem anymore. Fish oil and gelatin, animal products."

Amen. I think you had told me at one time that you can think a whole lot better or have more energy or both of those things.

"Oh, I'm sure it was a lot of things. Yeah, a lot of things. You don't notice from having it for your entire life."

Right. You don't notice the difference if you're a vegetarian, how much better you can feel until you do feel better. You got to have that comparison. Then you're like, wow, how much better I feel, you know? I feel like eating that fish right there. I can catch it.

Thank you, brother. Great witness, because you know about it. You know about it. Amen.

A lot of people say, well, I feel fine. I feel better. I feel better. But you'll feel even better with the proper moderation of fruit and vegetables. Amen. We do need to eat lots of fruits and vegetables, but a certain amount of meat is definitely healthy and good and acceptable to God and actually what we need and it's God's will. Amen. So thank you to the fish down there that shows his face to confirm it as well [This sermon was preached at a park, by a pond with

several large goldfish / carp]. He's a witness too. All right. So God bless the church in Jesus' name. Amen.

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