

1 Timothy chapter 4

Paul's writings have hard sayings and he often appears at times to not only contradict himself but the rest of the Bible. One of the things that helped me to understand Paul's writings better was when I started to understand that the Bible is written in symbols. Paul, who understood the symbols of God, jumps in and out of using these symbols. To the reader who does not know and understand the spiritual meaning of a particular symbol will consequently be left in confusion at times when reading the writings of Paul, or be left to interpret it as they please. These seemingly apparent contradictions actually establish a greater validity to the truth of the Word of God; for when the spiritual symbols are applied and the context makes sense it establishes the truth and confirms the symbols that God has placed on the meaning of those symbols thousands of years in advance.

The question is raised: Is Paul talking of eating any kind of meat in chapter 4 of first Timothy which would then be contradicting the Lord's command in abstaining from certain types of meats in Leviticus 11? In order to answer this question let's read 1 Timothy 4 first and then brake the verses down into smaller groups.

- 1Ti 4:1** Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils;
- 1Ti 4:2** Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron;
- 1Ti 4:3** Forbidding to marry, *and commanding* to abstain from meats, which God hath created to be received with thanksgiving of them which believe and know the truth.
- 1Ti 4:4** For every creature of God *is* good, and nothing to be refused, if it be received with thanksgiving;
- 1Ti 4:5** For it is sanctified by the word of God and prayer.
- 1Ti 4:6** If thou put the brethren in remembrance of these things, thou shalt be a good minister of Jesus Christ, nourished up in the words of faith and of good doctrine, whereunto thou hast attained.
- 1Ti 4:7** But refuse profane and old wives' fables, and exercise thyself *rather* unto godliness.
- 1Ti 4:8** For bodily exercise profiteth little: but godliness is profitable unto all things, having promise of the life that now is, and of that which is to come.
- 1Ti 4:9** This *is* a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptation.
- 1Ti 4:10** For therefore we both labour and suffer reproach, because we trust in the living God, who is the Saviour of all men, specially of those that believe.
- 1Ti 4:11** These things command and teach.
- 1Ti 4:12** Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity.
- 1Ti 4:13** Till I come, give attendance to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine.
- 1Ti 4:14** Neglect not the gift that is in thee, which was given thee by prophecy, with the laying on of the hands of the presbytery.
- 1Ti 4:15** Meditate upon these things; give thyself wholly to them; that thy profiting may appear to all.
- 1Ti 4:16** Take heed unto thyself, and unto the doctrine; continue in them: for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself, and them that hear thee.

I am going to lay out my complete thought on this chapter and then if the reader would like to dig deeper into the mines of God's word, I will follow with an in depth study

going verse by verse. There are three points that I would like to cover in order to lay out what I believe the Spirit is saying in this chapter. First of all I would like to start by saying that this chapter really has nothing to do with literal food at all. I believe Paul is writing in the spiritual. He starts out with the idea of “doctrines” of lies in the last days and then goes into the spiritual application of the word being food. We see the linking of this concept to the spiritual in verse 11 to 16. We need to remember that the chapter is a sermon with one fluid thought that is being built. When we read the chapter we need to read it as such in order to see the case that is being made by Paul. The second point I would like to make is that the Bible does not contradict itself because God cannot lie (Titus 1:2). Therefore when God says in Leviticus to not eat certain meats and then one of His disciples later says it is ok, this is a contradiction. If scripture seems to contradict itself, it means we have the wrong meaning or interpretation and need to keep looking further. Thirdly, I do not hold to the thought that at the cross this Levitical law was obliterated, nor do I believe the rules by which God governs this earth were obliterated at the cross. This belief comes from scripture because we are told that God does not change (Mal. 3:6-7), that He is the same yesterday, today, and tomorrow (Heb. 13:8). Many times Christ took nature and the world around Him to explain His word and His ways. So too we should look how God governs nature in order to see how He governs us, and that is with laws and order. The fabric of science is based on laws and our world and nature as we know it functions because the laws don’t change. The same way God holds our world together by His laws of nature is the same way He holds His people together by the spiritual laws of man. This is one reason why I do not believe that God gave His people a law not to eat unclean meats and then later changes that law because He died on the cross. The cross does not negate the law but fulfills it (Mat. 5:17). This chapter is really talking about God’s words or doctrines being eaten and the word’s effect on us. In order to see this point more clearly I think there needs to be a foundation laid that the word of God is likened unto food.

The word of God is considered food and is specifically likened unto meat. I will only give three verses in this section and go into more, later in the study. We will see that even Christ himself spoke of this concept and it was so difficult for many to hear in His time. Many could not digest this understanding so they turned from Him at that moment (John 6:66). We don’t want to turn from the Lord by what He is telling us do we? No, we should accept His truths no matter what the world or we want them to be. Again, here are a couple places where God’s word is likened unto food, but this concept is THICK through the Bible as we will discover.

Heb 5:11 Of whom we have many things to say, and hard to be uttered, seeing ye are dull of hearing.

Heb 5:12 For when for the time ye ought to be teachers, ye have need that one teach you again which *be* the first principles of the oracles of God; and are become such as have need of **milk, and not of strong meat.**

Heb 5:13 **For every one that useth milk is unskilful in the word of righteousness:** for he is a babe.

So we see here that milk is really for baby Christians and as the years go by in your Christian walk we see that we should be moving on to “meat” the heavier topics and doctrines of God.

1Pe 2:1 Wherefore laying aside all malice, and all guile, and hypocrisies, and envies, and all evil speakings,

1Pe 2:2 As newborn babes, **desire the sincere milk of the word**, that ye may grow thereby:

1Pe 2:3 If so be ye have tasted that the Lord *is* gracious.

Again we see that milk is likened unto the word and to build on this analogy Peter says when we grow in the word we have “tasted” that the Lord is gracious. How do you taste gracious? You taste it by reading the word and what it has to say about the Lord being gracious. God defines the symbols for us through His own word and to increase the validity of this thought that meat is the word of God we have more than one writer confirming the idea. But since we are talking of Paul’s writings in 1 Timothy let us see if He was governed by the same Spirit as were the writers of the first two scriptures.

1Co 3:1 And I, brethren, could not speak unto you as unto spiritual, but as unto carnal, *even* as unto babes in Christ.

1Co 3:2 **I have fed you with milk, and not with meat:** for hitherto ye were not able *to bear it*, neither yet now are ye able.

1Co 3:3 For ye are yet carnal: for whereas *there is* among you envying, and strife, and divisions, are ye not carnal, and walk as men?

1Co 3:4 For while one saith, I am of Paul; and another, I *am* of Apollos; are ye not carnal?

It is clear that Paul was of the same understanding that the word was considered meat indeed. From this text we see a similarity with 1 Timothy 4 where this “meat” is also lumped with the fruit of the Spirit, although in Corinthians it is not being manifested and these people are being called carnal and not grabbing hold of the spiritual. Could that be what we are doing with the fourth chapter of first Timothy, trying to take the carnal application and not the spiritual? Let us try to grasp onto the spiritual meaning here and test and see that God will not withhold a blessing from us. We should not think that the heavenly is carnal with its eating and drinking being the central hub of its society (Rom. 14:7). For Christ is indeed the center of heavenly things and Christ is the word (Jn 1:1,14). It is these word that should be eaten, it is this word that is the central hub of heavenly and should be of earthly.

Now we are ready for the in depth study of this chapter taking it a few verses at a time.

1Ti 4:1 **Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils;**

1Ti 4:2 **Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron;**

In these two verses we have a setting given as to the time that Paul is especially talking about. That time period in verse one says it is in the latter times. We could also say the latter days or end times. We see again in Paul's writings that the words of the Bible were written for us at the end of the world (1 Cor. 10:11). Going over verse one we see that the "Spirit" of God is the one that is speaking and is expressly, or distinctly, saying that in the last days some will depart from the faith listening to seducing (deceiving) spirits and doctrines of devils. The Holy Spirit is warning us of this false spirit, the spirit of devils. **What is the sign that it is a false spirit? It is a false spirit if: it is a false doctrine, lies, or hypocrisy as verses one and two state.** How do we know if the doctrine is false, a lie, or hypocrisy? Do we test the information with man's understanding? What is our measuring stick? It is the word of God! We are told in John 6:63:

Joh 6:63 It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, *they* are spirit, and *they* are life.

1Jn 4:1 Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world.

It is the words of God that are tied with the Spirit of God. To know the Spirit of God we must know and understand the words of God because the Spirit of God will lead us to the words of God.

Joh 16:13 Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, *that* shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come.

Isa 8:20 To the law and to the testimony: if they speak not according to this word, *it is* because *there is* no light in them.

We are told in 1 John 4:1 that we are not to believe every spirit but try or test the spirits because many false prophets are gone into the world. It goes on to tell us that we are to know the Spirit of God because every Spirit of God confesses Jesus Christ come in the flesh is of God. A similar statement is made in 2 John 1:7, that if a spirit does not confess that Jesus Christ came in the flesh is a deceiver but the difference in 2 John is it ties Jesus coming in the flesh with the keeping of the ten commandments in verse 6. **2Jn 1:6** "And this is love, that we walk after his commandments. This is the commandment, That, as ye have heard from the beginning, ye should walk in it. **2Jn 1:7** For many deceivers are entered into the world, who confess not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh. This is a deceiver and an antichrist." This is very telling for this verse reveals that by keeping the commandments of God we are professing that Jesus Christ came in the flesh! The warning given in this text is to walk in His commandments because these deceivers will come. These two verses which are tied together gives us an illustration of who the deceivers are: they are those evil spirits who do not profess Jesus came in the flesh because they do not walk in His commandments and we know that Jesus is the word (John 1:1,14; Rev. 19:11-13; 1 Jn. 5:7) therefore the Spirit that professes truth must not contradict the word of God and we are also told that the commandments are the word (Deut. 4:2, Ps. 103:20, Ps. 119:172). Nor will God contradict Himself for a house

divided against itself can not stand (Mark 3:25). By confessing that Jesus came in the flesh we too will walk not after the flesh but after the Spirit keeping the commandments of God (Romans 8:3-5). Therefore in these latter times we need to let scripture guide us on whether something is a doctrine of the devil or not. How is this done? The deception is made known by comparing scripture with scripture. We should not form a doctrine on one passage of scripture but trace the symbols throughout the Bible to find how God is defining His word and His symbols.

- To summarize the Holy Spirit is talking to us in the last days and warning us against these evil spirits teaching false doctrines, lies, and hypocrisy. We must know the deceptions by looking at the word of God and finding strength and consistency in the Bible; the word is our measuring stick or measuring rod (Jer. 1:11, 12; Rev. 11:1). We are told how to determine a false spirit/devil and that is to keep the commandments for this is love (2 John 1:6-7; 1 John 4:1-3).

1Ti 4:3 Forbidding to marry, *and commanding to abstain from meats, which God hath created to be received with thanksgiving of them which believe and know the truth.*

1Ti 4:4 For every creature of God *is good, and nothing to be refused, if it be received with thanksgiving:*

Verses 3 and 4 tell us of some of those false teachings brought to the people by the spirits of devils. These delusions we are told are; one, forbidding people to marry and two, commanding people to abstain from meats that already believe and know the truth. Paul goes on to say that every creature of God is good and should not be refused but received with thanksgiving. The common debate is that these verses are talking about the literal and not the spiritual, thinking that it is ok to eat literal unclean meats which God established prior in this earth's history to be unclean and an abomination. We need to remember that we are told that God changes not (Mal. 3:6,7; Heb. 13:8) and that God can not lie (Titus 1:2) so why does there seem to be a contradiction here with the word of God? This is because of our misapplication of the spiritual understanding. In order to find out if this text is really talking about literal meats and see if this concept is truth and not a delusion and lie from satan we MUST compare this with other texts in the Bible letting the word of God define itself. Again we are told two of the delusions that these evil spirits, devils, are going to be saying: 1. forbidding to marry and 2. commanding to abstain from meats. I will discuss the forbidding to marry first.

Delusion or Lie Number 1 Forbidding to Marry

1Ti 4:3 Forbidding to marry, *and commanding to abstain from meats, which God hath created to be received with thanksgiving of them which believe and know the truth*

What does God have to say about marriage and how it relates to us and Him? One is that on the resurrection day we will neither marry or be given in marriage (Mat. 22:30, Mark 12:25). This is after the earth is made new but what is the purpose of marriage for God's

people now? The purpose of marriage in the Bible is to ultimately show us a character of the Lord; everything is supposed to bring us back to Christ. Marriage is supposed to reveal the Godhead and how they deal with us and how we are to act towards the Lord.

Eph 5:20 Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ;

Eph 5:21 Submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God.

Eph 5:22 Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, **as unto the Lord.**

Eph 5:23 For the husband is the head of the wife, **even as Christ is the head of the church:** and he is the saviour of the body.

Eph 5:24 Therefore **as the church is subject unto Christ,** so *let* the wives *be* to their own husbands in every thing.

Eph 5:25 Husbands, love your wives, **even as Christ also loved the church,** and gave himself for it;

Eph 5:26 That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word,

Eph 5:27 That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.

Eph 5:28 So ought men to love their wives as their own bodies. He that loveth his wife loveth himself.

Eph 5:29 For no man ever yet hated his own flesh; but nourisheth and cherisheth it, **even as the Lord the church:**

Eph 5:30 For we are members of his body, of his flesh, and of his bones.

Eph 5:31 For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall be joined unto his wife, and they two shall be one flesh.

Eph 5:32 **This is a great mystery: but I speak concerning Christ and the church.**

Here in Ephesians really lies the whole subject matter of this topic and the truth as to why these devils are spreading lies not to marry. I have bolded all the points Where Paul is makes a connection with marriage and how it relates to us (church) and Christ. The point is that these devils ultimately do not want us to be married to Christ. We see here in Ephesians marriage is really pointing to the marriage of Christ and His church. When we search the topic of marriage it really has less to do with the literal marriage that takes place on this earth but has more to do with the spiritual marriage our Savior desires to have with us; to knit our souls with Him and be saved. Does the Bible support this concept in other places of the Bible illustrating that Christ and the church are to be married? Yes, the parable of the ten virgins (Mat. 25:1) and what about the parable of the wedding feast (Mat. 22:1). There are many places in the Bible where the Lord likens himself to a husband or bridegroom.

Mat 9:15 And Jesus said unto them, **Can the children of the bridechamber mourn, as long as the bridegroom is with them? but the days will come, when the bridegroom shall be taken from them, and then shall they fast.**

Isa 54:5 For thy Maker *is* thine **husband**; the LORD of hosts *is* his name; and thy Redeemer the Holy One of Israel; The God of the whole earth shall he be called.

Isa 54:6 For the LORD hath called thee as a woman forsaken and grieved in spirit, and a **wife** of youth, when thou wast refused, saith thy God.

Isa 62:5 For *as* a young man marrieth a virgin, *so* shall thy sons marry thee: and *as* the **bridegroom** rejoiceth over the bride, *so* shall **thy God** rejoice over thee.

Jer 6:2 I have likened the daughter of Zion to a comely and delicate *woman*.

2Co 11:2 For I am jealous over you with godly jealousy: for I have espoused you to one husband, **that I may present *you as a chaste virgin to Christ***.

We are not to be defiled with the world and go a whoring after the things of this world that disconnect us from what is supposed to be our first love, Jesus Christ (Rev. 2:4). So you see these seducing spirits, these spirits of devils will come with smooth sayings to us saying it is ok not to marry; meaning it is ok not to be married and solely connected to God alone, it is ok to do the things of the world and to walk as the world walks and still be an undefiled wife. This is not true for there are many places where the Lord pleads with His people and asks them why they went whoring after other gods (1 Chron. 5:25; Jdg. 2:17). Worse yet why have I in the past, and many today still, tried to take the things of this world and slap a Christian stamp on it by renaming it and calling it Christian but is really a doctrine of the devil. The children of Israel merged the doctrines of this world and still professed the Lord and they were taken into captivity for their sin (2 Kings 17:22, 23, 31-34).

Jer 3:8 And I saw, when for all the causes whereby backsliding Israel committed adultery I had put her away, and given her a bill of divorce; yet her treacherous sister Judah feared not, but went and played the harlot also.

You can not serve two masters God and man (Mat. 6:24). Let us not believe the delusion of satan and be not conformed to this world but be ye transformed by the renewing of the mind (Rom. 12:2). How do we renew our mind, by the study of the word of God for it is only this word that washes us and sanctifies us with the Holy Spirit to make us clean (Jn. 17:17,19; Jn. 16:13; Eph. 5:26 as seen earlier). We want to be married to the Lord and not be divorced.

- To summarize: One of the delusions of these seducing spirits in the last days is telling us that we should not marry. This is in the spiritual sense, our spiritual marriage to Christ. These devils want us to walk in the ways of the world so that we are married to the world and not married to the one that loves us most and that is the Lord.

Delusion or Lie Number 2 Abstain from Meats

Here is the text we are talking about highlighted, with the second delusion that is being warned about.

1Ti 4:3 **Forbidding to marry, *and commanding to abstain from meats, which God hath created to be received with thanksgiving of them which believe and know the truth.***

Here we see that these evil spirits are going to come and command us to abstain from meats especially since nothing is to be refused and every creature is good we are told from the text following. Here is what Paul has to say later in 2 Timothy.

2Ti 3:13 But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived.

2Ti 3:14 But continue thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned *them*;

2Ti 3:15 And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.

2Ti 3:16 **All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:**

2Ti 3:17 **That the man of God may be perfect, throughly furnished unto all good works.**

We see in 2 Timothy 13 another warning that evil men will come and try to seduce and deceive and what is the answer given? The answer in verse 15 is to go to the Holy Scriptures which will make us wise and not only wise but the scriptures will make us perfect, verse 17, sanctifying us (Jn. 17:17). The answer given here is not just the New Testament, it says all scripture. The answer isn't one book of the Bible or one text it says ALL the scriptures are good for doctrine. Therefore at the cross Christ did not make void the old testament but the cross was but a fulfillment (Mat. 5:17) and since all scripture is necessary for doctrine let us take a look at a more inclusive study on meat and see how 1 Timothy 4 is not a contradiction of Leviticus 11. We need to look at these things in the spiritual sense for that is how Paul is writing here.

To establish that there is not a contradiction in the Bible and understand what meat means in 1 Timothy 4, let us first establish that the Lord has said that there should not be certain literal meats eaten.

Deu 14:2 For thou *art* an holy people unto the LORD thy God, and the LORD hath chosen thee to be a peculiar people unto himself, above all the nations that *are* upon the earth.

Deu 14:3 Thou shalt not eat any abominable thing.

And it goes on to give a list of animals that are ok to eat and not to eat.

Dan 1:8 But Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself with the portion of the king's meat, nor with the wine which he drank: therefore he requested of the prince of the eunuchs that he might not defile himself.

Eze 4:14 Then said I, Ah Lord GOD! behold, my soul hath not been polluted: for from my youth up even till now have I not eaten of that which dieth of itself, or is torn in pieces; neither came there abominable flesh into my mouth.

The prophets of old did not defile themselves with unclean things, are we better than they?

- Lev 11:1 And the LORD spake unto Moses and to Aaron, saying unto them,
 Lev 11:2 Speak unto the children of Israel, saying, **These *are* the beasts which ye shall eat** among all the beasts that *are* on the earth.
 Lev 11:3 Whatsoever parteth the hoof, and is clovenfooted, *and* cheweth the cud, among the beasts, that shall ye eat.
 Lev 11:4 **Nevertheless these shall ye not eat** of them that chew the cud, or of them that divide the hoof: *as* the camel, because he cheweth the cud, but divideth not the hoof; he *is* unclean unto you.
 Lev 11:5 And the coney, because he cheweth the cud, but divideth not the hoof; **he *is* unclean unto you.**
 Lev 11:6 And the hare, because he cheweth the cud, but divideth not the hoof; **he *is* unclean unto you.**
 Lev 11:7 And the swine, though he divide the hoof, and be clovenfooted, yet he cheweth not the cud; he *is* **unclean to you.**
 Lev 11:8 Of their flesh shall ye not eat, and their carcase shall ye not touch; they *are* unclean to you.
 Lev 11:9 **These shall ye eat** of all that *are* in the waters: whatsoever hath fins and scales in the waters, in the seas, and in the rivers, them shall ye eat.
 Lev 11:10 And all that have not fins and scales in the seas, and in the rivers, of all that move in the waters, and of any living thing which *is* in the waters, **they shall be an abomination unto you:**

The list goes on; the entire chapter is full of counsel as to what is a clean and unclean meat; what you should eat and not eat. The importance of clean and unclean meats was of such importance that you can find throughout Leviticus what action is needed if you touched an unclean meat. The New Testament talks about different types of meat not to eat as well particularly those that were sacrificed to idols (Acts 15:19-29).

God gives us a message in the literal application to something that makes sense in the spiritual. We will see throughout this study that the meats are represented in the Bible as the word of God and the will; God wants us to partake in the clean of this earth not the evil. God wants us to partake of the doctrine of the Lord and not the false wine and meat of Babylon. Before I go into the spiritual application of meat it is clear that God has established that “His people” should not partake of the literal unclean meats. Therefore since God changes not and is the same yesterday today and tomorrow His command must stand today. Those that call themselves a child of God should not be eating unclean meat. Since the Bible does not contradict itself then 1 Timothy chapter 4 can not mean the literal meat. To reveal that 1 Timothy 4 is not talking about literal meat but the spiritual meat I will show how the Bible is full of places where the spiritual meat, the word of God, is called as such. You will also see how our works are called meat. What I will begin with next is how God establishes His symbols. We do not get to take our understanding and place our own symbol on a word. God says the word meat means more than the flesh of animals. If we place one of the symbols God has given for meat in the text and it contradicts the Bible then we have placed the wrong symbol because the Bible does not contradict itself. We see this in the following texts.

Other Literal Applications of Meat?

Meat can be herbs:

Gen 1:29 And God said, Behold, **I have given you every herb bearing seed**, which *is* upon the face of all the earth, and every tree, in the which *is* the **fruit of a tree yielding seed; to you it shall be for meat**.

Gen 1:30 And to every beast of the earth, and to every fowl of the air, and to every thing that creepeth upon the earth, wherein *there is* life, *I have given* **every green herb for meat**: and it was so.

Meat can mean a meal:

Luk 24:30 And it came to pass, **as he sat at meat** with them, he took bread, and blessed *it*, and brake, and gave to them.

Luk 14:15 And when one of them that **sat at meat** with him heard these things, he said unto him, Blessed *is* he that shall eat bread in the kingdom of God.

Meat can be bread:

Lev 2:4 And if thou bring an oblation of a **meat offering** baked in the oven, *it shall be unleavened cakes* of fine flour mingled with oil, or unleavened wafers anointed with oil.

Job 33:20 So that his life abhorreth **bread**, and his soul dainty **meat**.

Act 2:46 And they, continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking **bread** from house to house, did eat their **meat** with gladness and singleness of heart,

Even the bread from heaven is referred to as meat:

Psa 78:24 And had rained down **manna** upon them to eat, and had given them of the corn of heaven.

Psa 78:25 Man did eat angels' food: he sent them **meat** to the full.

As for me I want to choose the heavenly food not the flesh of this earth.

Meat can be fruit:

Dan 4:20 The tree that thou sawest, which grew, and was strong, whose height reached unto the heaven, and the sight thereof to all the earth;

Dan 4:21 Whose leaves *were* fair, and **the fruit** thereof much, and in it *was* **meat** for all; under which the beasts of the field dwelt, and upon whose branches the fowls of the heaven had their habitation:

Eze 47:12 And by the river upon the bank thereof, on this side and on that side, shall grow all trees for meat, whose leaf shall not fade, neither shall the fruit thereof be consumed: it shall bring forth new fruit according to his months, because their waters they issued out of the sanctuary: and the **fruit thereof shall be for meat**, and the leaf thereof for medicine.

Meat can be honey:

Eze 16:19 My **meat** also which I gave thee, fine flour, and oil, and **honey**, *wherewith* I fed thee, thou hast even set it before them for a sweet savour: and *thus* it was, saith the Lord GOD.

Mat 3:4 And the same John had his raiment of camel's hair, and a leathern girdle about his loins; and his **meat** was locusts and wild **honey**.

Ezekiel 16:19 gives us a list of things that are called meat but we can see by these other texts given in this section that this list does not contradict other places in the Bible.

Meat can be grain:

Isa 62:8 The LORD hath sworn by his right hand, and by the arm of his strength, Surely I will no more give thy **corn to be meat** for thine enemies; and the sons of the stranger shall not drink thy wine, for the which thou hast laboured:

1Ch 21:23 And Ornan said unto David, Take *it* to thee, and let my lord the king do *that which is* good in his eyes: lo, I give *thee* the oxen *also* for burnt offerings, and the threshing instruments for wood, and the **wheat for the meat offering**; I give it all.

Lev 2:14 And if thou offer a meat offering of thy firstfruits unto the LORD, thou shalt offer for the meat offering of thy firstfruits green ears of corn dried by the fire, *even* corn beaten out of full ears.

When we read 1 Timothy 4 why do we think that it is talking of the literal flesh of animals? Let's look at the spiritual application of meat.

Spiritual Application of Meat

Meat the Word of God

The Spiritual application of meat is doctrine the word; this is the bread or food from heaven.

Joh 6:27 Labour not for the meat which perisheth, but for that meat which endureth unto everlasting life, which the Son of man shall give unto you: for him hath God the Father sealed.

We saw earlier in 2 Timothy 3:15 that the scriptures are to make us wise unto salvation through Christ Jesus. The scriptures are the meat that leads to salvation.

Heb 5:11 Of whom we have many things to say, and hard to be uttered, seeing ye are dull of hearing.

Heb 5:12 For when for the time ye ought to be teachers, ye have need that one teach you again which *be* the first principles of the oracles of God; and are become such as have **need of milk, and not of strong meat**.

Heb 5:13 For every one that useth milk is unskilful in the word of righteousness: for he is a babe.

Heb 5:14 But strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age, *even* those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.

1Co 3:1 And I, brethren, could not speak unto you as unto spiritual, but as unto carnal, *even* as unto babes in Christ.

1Co 3:2 I **have fed you with milk, and not with meat:** for hitherto ye were not able *to bear it*, neither yet now are ye able.

1Co 3:3 For ye are yet carnal: for whereas *there is* among you envying, and strife, and divisions, are ye not carnal, and walk as men?

1Co 3:4 For while one saith, I am of Paul; and another, I *am* of Apollos; are ye not carnal?

We see that the milk is referred to as basic doctrine for the baby Christian and the meat is the deeper things of the word that are for those who have had a foundation and a growth period in the Lord.

1Pe 2:1 Wherefore laying aside all malice, and all guile, and hypocrisies, and envies, and all evil speakings,

1Pe 2:2 As newborn babes, desire the sincere **milk of the word**, that ye may grow thereby:

1Pe 2:3 If so be ye have **tasted that the Lord is** gracious.

Here we see that not only is the word of God likened unto food again but God's blessings, that we can "taste" Him being gracious. These texts tie in the spiritual application.

1Co 10:1 Moreover, brethren, I would not that ye should be ignorant, how that all our fathers were under the cloud, and all passed through the sea;

1Co 10:2 And were all baptized unto Moses in the cloud and in the sea;

1Co 10:3 **And did all eat the same spiritual meat;**

1Co 10:4 And did all drink the same spiritual drink: for they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them: and that Rock was Christ.

1Co 10:5 But with many of them God was not well pleased: for they were overthrown in the wilderness.

1Co 10:6 Now these things were our examples, to the intent we should not lust after evil things, as they also lusted.

This text really ties the connection between the spiritual application of meat, the word of God while the water is the Spirit of God coming forth from the Rock/Christ. Many of the literal actions of the people before the cross were to point to the spiritual that is going to take place at the end of the world. This text is important for us today because it says these things were written for us at the end of the world which is the setting in 1 Timothy 4:1, for us in the last days. We in the last days need to understand these spiritual things the meat of God's word. We may think that all we need is the gospel but what we need to understand is that even the gospel is meat when we search the scriptures for the deeper things of God. We are told that the gospel is a mystery and its mystery will be revealed in the last days (Eph. 6:19; Romans 16:25; Rev. 10:7). Do we want to still be sucking on

milk and believe the lie of satan that we do not need the deeper things of the word of God, the meat of the word? If we don't desire and take the word and eat it then it will be taken from us and we will lament for even the teat or milk of the word (Is. 32:12) for there will be a famine in the land not of bread and water but for hearing the word of God (Amos 8:11). Here are a few texts to reveal that God's word must be eaten and has been commanded to be eaten.

Eze 2:9 And when I looked, behold, an hand *was* sent unto me; and, lo, a roll of a book *was* therein;

Eze 2:10 And he spread it before me; and it *was* written within and without: and *there was* written therein lamentations, and mourning, and woe.

Eze 3:1 Moreover he said unto me, Son of man, eat that thou findest; eat this roll, and go speak unto the house of Israel.

Eze 3:2 So I opened my mouth, and he caused me to eat that roll.

Eze 3:3 And he said unto me, Son of man, cause thy belly to eat, and fill thy bowels with this roll that I give thee. Then did I eat *it*; and it was in my mouth as honey for sweetness.

Ezekiel eats a scroll or book and what is written in a book? Words are written in a book and when Ezeiel eats the words of God it is sweet like honey.

Rev 10:8 And the voice which I heard from heaven spake unto me again, and said, Go *and* take the little book which is open in the hand of the angel which standeth upon the sea and upon the earth.

Rev 10:9 And I went unto the angel, and said unto him, Give me the little book. And he said unto me, Take *it*, and eat it up; and it shall make thy belly bitter, but it shall be in thy mouth sweet as honey.

Rev 10:10 And I took the little book out of the angel's hand, and ate it up; and it was in my mouth sweet as honey: and as soon as I had eaten it, my belly was bitter.

John is commanded to eat a book as well and he has the same experience as Ezekiel. John eats the book and it is sweet in his mouth like honey. We have already seen that meat can represent God's word and we are told that meat is not for babes in Christ but once you have been a Christian a while you are admonished for not eating the meat of God's word. The spiritual application fits with the literal for us today for you can not feed a baby honey. Doctors recommend that a baby not have honey until they are 2 years old because it could cause them to get sick and possibly die. Now what I am not saying is that there is a specific time period on when you cross over from being a baby Christian to being on who should eat meat but what I am saying is that the word of God is clear and consistent on the use of its symbols and nature around us gives us application to what the Lord is trying to teach us in the spiritual. The reverse is true too. An infant is never going to grow to its mature status if you only feed them milk for the rest of their life. So a Christian should not think they are going to reach spiritual maturity if they are only going to drink the spiritual milk.

- To recap this section thus far with the second delusion the devil is using to deceive people is with the idea that we should abstain from meats, the deeper

things of the word. If we think about this I know many of us have encountered someone, or been that someone, that has said they did not need to dig deeper into the word because all they need to know is that Christ died and rose again to save us from our sins and all we need to do is confess. Or the one that I used to say is all I need is Jesus and forget prophecy or the weightier matters of the word. Little did I know at the time is that the scriptures reveal that Christ is prophecy, Christ is the covenant, Christ is the testimony, Christ is the law, Christ is the gospel, Christ is our all in all. What I was really saying was, I only want part of Christ I don't want all of Him. 1 Timothy 4 when talking about the meat is saying that all the scriptures all of the meat (deep doctrines of God) are good and don't let these evil spirits that can work through man tell you that you do not need to go into a deeper study of God's word; especially when you have been a Christian for so long and should be feeding on the meat of the word and not the milk as we have seen in 1 Corinthians 3:1-4. We profane the table of the Lord when we do not eat all of His scripture.

Mal 1:12 But ye have profaned it, in that ye say, The table of the LORD *is* polluted; and the fruit thereof, *even* his meat, *is* contemptible.

Mal 1:13 Ye said also, Behold, what a weariness *is it!* and ye have snuffed at it, saith the LORD of hosts; and ye brought *that which was* torn, and the lame, and the sick; thus ye brought an offering; should I accept this of your hand? saith the LORD.

The text just read in Malachi in the literal sense talks about God's people sending their lamed and broken sacrifices to the temple and not sending their very best. This can apply to us today in the spiritual sense. We profane the Lord's table when we do not partake of His spiritual food and worse yet when we take His word and twist it because we do not want to give the things of this world. An example is not wanting to give up unclean meats and thus twisting scripture to make fit our wants and desires contrary to the fact that we are causing the Bible to contradict itself. When 1 Timothy 4 is not even talking about literal meats. My prayer is that you will not put the Lord's Table in contempt.

Meat: Spiritual Application Honey/word or Law

Eze 16:19 My **meat** also which I gave thee, fine flour, and oil, and **honey**, *wherewith* I fed thee, thou hast even set it before them for a sweet savour: and *thus* it was, saith the Lord GOD.

Mat 3:4 And the same John had his raiment of camel's hair, and a leathern girdle about his loins; and his **meat** was locusts and wild **honey**.

Locusts by the way is a clean meat seen in Leviticus 11.

Psa 119:103 How sweet are thy **words** unto my taste! *yea, sweeter* than **honey** to my mouth!

Psa 119:104 Through thy precepts I get understanding: therefore I hate every false way.

Psa 19:7 The law of the LORD *is* perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of the LORD *is* sure, making wise the simple.

Psa 19:8 The statutes of the LORD *are* right, rejoicing the heart: the commandment of the LORD *is* pure, enlightening the eyes.

Psa 19:9 The fear of the LORD *is* clean, enduring for ever: the judgments of the LORD *are* true *and* righteous altogether.

Psa 19:10 More to be desired *are they* than gold, yea, than much fine gold: **sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb.**

We see that the word of God is likened unto honey and that the law is better than gold and sweeter than honey. Under delusion number 1 we saw that to try the spirits they must confess Christ came in the flesh and we saw that it is tied to the keeping of God's law. So here we see that the food is also tied to the commandments of God. Did not God command that we eat no unclean thing in Leviticus and be ye perfect even as your father in heaven is Holy (Mat. 5:48). God commanded these things and He does not lie. We also see here that following what God commands is finer than gold and sweeter than honey. This is very important to understand when dealing with the delusion of 1 Timothy 4 when the devil is saying to abstain from meats because the meat of the Lord is to also do His will and follow His commands. **Joh 4:34** Jesus saith unto them, **My meat is to do the will of him that sent me, and to finish his work.**

You see if satan can deceive us to think that all we need to do is know that Jesus died for us and we are saved then satan will have gotten us in his snare. It is not enough to know for satan knows, we need to act on what we say we believe. Satan is trying to get us to think that only part of the law or meat of the Lord needs to be kept when indeed all of the meat or law of the Lord is perfect and sweet like honey (which is referred to as meat).

Jas 2:17 Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone.

Jas 2:18 Yea, a man may say, Thou hast faith, and I have works: shew me thy faith without thy works, and I will shew thee my faith by my works.

Jas 2:19 **Thou believest that there is one God; thou doest well: the devils also believe, and tremble.**

Jas 2:20 But wilt thou know, O vain man, that faith without works is dead?

Jas 2:21 Was not Abraham our father justified by works, when he had offered Isaac his son upon the altar?

Jas 2:22 Seest thou how faith wrought with his works, and by works was faith made perfect?

The meat of the Lord is also to follow His ways, all of His commands not just the ones that we want to. It is sometimes painful to pull ourselves from this world and be in the world but not of it (Rom. 12:2; 1 Jn. 2:15,16) but God is big enough to sustain us. Let us not eat literal unclean meats and let us take all the meat of God's word and digest it for it is good. For all of God's word/meat is profitable for doctrine, that includes all of the commandments of God.

Eating the Word of God

Jer 15:16 Thy words were found, and I did eat them; and thy word was unto me the joy and rejoicing of mine heart: for I am called by thy name, O LORD God of hosts.

Eze 2:9 And when I looked, behold, an hand was sent unto me; and, lo, a roll of a book was therein; **Eze 2:10** And he spread it before me; and it was written within and without: and there was written therein lamentations, and mourning, and woe.
Eze 3:1 Moreover he said unto me, Son of man, eat that thou findest; eat this roll, and go speak unto the house of Israel. **Eze 3:2** So I opened my mouth, and he caused me to eat that roll. **Eze 3:3** And he said unto me, Son of man, cause thy belly to eat, and fill thy bowels with this roll that I give thee. Then did I eat it; and it was in my mouth as honey for sweetness.

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Meat: Spiritual Application as Faith and Works

Joh 4:34 Jesus saith unto them, My meat is to do the will of him that sent me, and to finish his work.

Joh 6:38 For I came down from heaven, not to do mine own will, but the will of him that sent me.

Rom 14:17 For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost.

Again we are looking at the idea that meat is referred to in the spiritual sense as God's word. Just as a baby can not eat honey until they are older the Bible correlates meat with honey and then correlates the word of God with honey. Look at this chain of truth, the spiritual meat of the word.

Pro 13:1 A wise son *heareth* his father's instruction: but a scorner heareth not rebuke.

Pro 13:2 A man shall eat good by the fruit of *his* mouth: but the soul of the transgressors shall eat violence.

Pro 13:3 He that keepeth his mouth keepeth his life: *but* he that openeth wide his lips shall have destruction.

Pro 13:4 The soul of the sluggard desireth, and *hath* nothing: but the soul of the diligent shall be made fat.

The text we read above in Proverbs 13 likens the deeds of man to eating. It is the works of man that is also likened unto food, whether to destruction or eternal life.

Pro 12:11 He that tilleth his land shall be satisfied with bread: but he that followeth vain *persons* is void of understanding.

Pro 12:12 The wicked desireth the net of evil *men*: but the root of the righteous yieldeth *fruit*.

Pro 12:13 The wicked is snared by the transgression of *his* lips: but the just shall come out of trouble.

Pro 12:14 A man shall be satisfied with good by the fruit of *his* mouth: and the recompence of a man's hands shall be rendered unto him.

Pro 18:20 A man's belly shall be satisfied with the fruit of his mouth; *and* with the increase of his lips shall he be filled.

Pro 18:21 Death and life *are* in the power of the tongue: and they that love it shall eat the fruit thereof.

Tit 1:16 They profess that they know God; but in works they deny *him*, being abominable, and disobedient, and unto every good work reprobate.

It has been clearly shown that fruit is likened unto meat. In these texts in proverbs it associates these fruits with the doings of man. It is God's will that we too will desire our will to do the will of the father so that the Spirit can produce good meat/fruit within us; leading to good works.

1Ti 4:3 Forbidding to marry, *and commanding* to abstain from meats, which God hath created to be received with thanksgiving of them which believe and know the truth.

- To recap: When we re-read the text in question it is clear that by applying literal meat in this text would contradict other places in the Bible so it does not fit. The spiritual application fits with meat being the word of God. Satan and his seducing spirits are trying to get us to not eat ALL the meat of God's word and trying to get us to pick and choose what we want to eat. This ties together with the rest of 1 Timothy chapter 4, you will notice that Paul goes on to talk about the word and the fruit of the spirit a changed life. This connects with what is being talked about in this paper, that the works are also likened unto meat that the meat of God's word changes us and cleanses us this is why the devils want us to abstain from the meats of God's word so we will not be changed to glory and be lost. The last point in this text is the final words that say that this delusion or command is being given to them that BELIEVE AND KNOW THE TRUTH. This indicates to us that these are not babes in Christ. These are people that know and they are being told to not eat the meat of God's word by these devils. We need to remember that a baby will not grow without setting aside milk and eating solids. So too will a believer not grown spiritually if they don't set aside the milk and meditate on the weightier matters of God's word. This makes sense that the demons do not want us to grow in the Lord. There is so much more with this study but I will leave that up to you to continue to search the scriptures for the meat of God's word and taste that He is good.

The Commands given

First Command

1Ti 4:4 For every creature of God is good, and nothing to be refused, if it be received with thanksgiving

This a similar concept when God was dealing with Peter in Acts 10. Peter has a vision of a sheet with all kinds of animals that are considered an abomination come down from heaven and God says to Peter that he should kill and eat. Peter says not so for I have never eaten anything common or unclean. The Lord brings this message three times to Peter in this vision. While Peter is contemplating what the meaning could be, servants from a man named Cornelius are at the door seeking Peter to come and preach unto them. Peter goes by the direction of the Holy Spirit and when he arrives this is one of the things he says:

Act 10:28 And he said unto them, Ye know how that it is an unlawful thing for a man that is a Jew to keep company, or come unto one of another nation; but God hath shewed me that I should not call any man common or unclean.

Here lies the interpretation of the vision; that no man should be called common or unclean. Peter's vision was not telling us that it is now ok eat abominable flesh but telling us how to deal with God's children.

1 Timothy 4:4 is talking about people. Every person is loved by the Lord and should be treated as such. Receive God's people and refuse not the meat/word and meat/works of the Lord to them. Basically give the fruits of the spirit to God's creatures. The Bible actually likens people unto creatures.

Mar 16:15 And he said unto them, **Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.**

Gal 6:15 For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision availeth any thing, nor uncircumcision, but a new creature.

Col 1:23 If ye continue in the faith grounded and settled, and *be* not moved away from the hope of the gospel, which ye have heard, *and* which was preached to every creature which is under heaven; whereof I Paul am made a minister;

We see the same concept in these texts. We are to preach the gospel/meat to EVERY creature. Not being prejudice as the Jews of old thinking that salvation only belonged to them and that they should not mingle or share the word of salvation to the uncircumcised.

Rom 8:18 For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time *are* not worthy *to be compared* with the glory which shall be revealed in us.

Rom 8:19 For the earnest expectation of the **creature** waiteth for the manifestation of the sons of God.

Rom 8:20 For the creature was made subject to vanity, not willingly, but by reason of him who hath subjected *the same* in hope,

Rom 8:21 Because the **creature** itself also shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God.

2Co 5:17 Therefore if any man *be* in Christ, *he is* a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

Romans and Corinthians further the thought that the word creature does not only belong to the animal kingdom but also to man. Let us dissect this text a little more to open up the word.

1Ti 4:3 Forbidding to marry, *and commanding* to abstain from meats, which God hath created to be received with thanksgiving of them which believe and know the truth.

1Ti 4:4 For every creature of God *is* good, and nothing to be refused, if it be received with thanksgiving:

Who is the “it” when the scripture says, “if it be received with thanksgiving:” The answer lies in the previous verse. Verse 3 tells us that the meat or word that God has created, “to be received with thanksgiving”. So verse 4 is saying that we are to except all the people of God if they are receiving His word with thanksgiving. Is there Biblical evidence to turn from those who are not accepting the Lords meat or word? Yes, we see it in the following verses.

Mat 10:14 *And whosoever shall not receive you, nor hear your words, when ye depart out of that house or city, shake off the dust of your feet.*

Mat 10:15 *Verily I say unto you, It shall be more tolerable for the land of Sodom and Gomorrha in the day of judgment, than for that city.*

Act 13:49 And the word of the Lord was published throughout all the region.

Act 13:50 But the Jews stirred up the devout and honourable women, and the chief men of the city, and raised persecution against Paul and Barnabas, and expelled them out of their coasts.

Joh 13:20 *Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that receiveth whomsoever I send receiveth me; and he that receiveth me receiveth him that sent me.*

Now who is the “it” in verse 5?

1Ti 4:5 **For it is sanctified by the word of God and prayer.**

The “it” that is sanctified in this verse is the creature, which is sanctified by the word and prayer.

Psa 119:9 BETH. Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? by taking heed *thereto* according to thy word.

Joh 17:17 *Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.*

Eph 5:26 That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word,

Prayer is necessary for this sanctifying or cleansing process because it is through prayer that we are forgiven.

2Ch 6:39 Then hear thou from the heavens, *even* from thy dwelling place, their **prayer** and their supplications, and maintain their cause, and **forgive** thy people which have sinned against thee.

Psa 25:18 Look upon mine affliction and my pain; and forgive all my sins.

Jas 5:15 And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him.

Jas 5:16 Confess *your* faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.

Act 8:22 Repent therefore of this thy wickedness, and pray God, if perhaps the thought of thine heart may be forgiven thee.

So these two texts read: For every person of God is good and not to be refused if the word is received with thanksgiving because it is the word of God and prayer that sanctifies the people.

Command 2

1Ti 4:6 If thou put the brethren in remembrance of these things, thou shalt be a good minister of Jesus Christ, nourished up in the words of faith and of good doctrine, whereunto thou hast attained.

The command here is to bring these things into the remembrance of the brethren then you will be a good minister. What things? The things already discussed. It is the understanding of these doctrines and sharing that deem us as good ministers. This is why I share them with you. For it is the truth that sets us free.

Applying the Literal When it Doesn't Fit

I started this study off by saying that Paul is writing in the spiritual sense in these verses. Speaking in the codes of the Bible. I feel that there has been ample scriptural evidence to show that this case is true. But to make sure that I am not missing something let's apply the literal application to this text.

1Ti 4:3 Forbidding to marry, *and commanding* to abstain from meats, which God hath created to be received with thanksgiving of them which believe and know the truth.

1Ti 4:4 For every creature of God *is* good, and nothing to be refused, if it be received with thanksgiving:

1Ti 4:5 For it is sanctified by the word of God and prayer.

Many Christians use this text as evidence to condone the eating of the unclean meats that they lust after. Saying that this text is telling us that we can eat any meat as long as we receive it with thanksgiving and pray over it. So I will use the literal application of meat

in this verse and see where this takes us. Since this text says meat and does not define the type of meat when I put in the literal application this means that I can be a cannibal as long as I pray over the meat I am about to eat. Oh, and I receive the individual's body I about to eat with thanksgiving. After all they did it before the cross how much more can I do it after the cross right?

2Ki 6:29 So we boiled my son, and did eat him: and I said unto her on the next day, Give thy son, that we may eat him: and she hath hid her son.

Oh, since Jesus is our example we can become cannibals too because Jesus said we could eat people. Isn't it better to eat people because doesn't God sanctify and make us clean! The text in Timothy is even saying that every creature of God is good. So let's eat people.

Mat 26:26 And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and blessed *it*, and brake *it*, and gave *it* to the disciples, and said, **Take, eat; this is my body.**

Joh 6:53 Then Jesus said unto them, **Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except ye eat the flesh of the Son of man, and drink his blood, ye have no life in you.**

Joh 6:54 **Whoso eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, hath eternal life; and I will raise him up at the last day.**

Joh 6:55 **For my flesh is meat indeed, and my blood is drink indeed.**

Joh 6:56 **He that eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, dwelleth in me, and I in him.**

Joh 6:57 **As the living Father hath sent me, and I live by the Father: so he that eateth me, even he shall live by me.**

Here we see clearly that Christ is telling us to eat and drink Him and so how much more should we eat our brethren whom He has sanctified. **This is a ludicrous thought! It is no more ludicrous then someone preaching that it is ok to eat meats that God has already said are not to be eaten! Scripture must not contradict other parts of the Bible!** Do you see how an individual can twist the scriptures to make them say what they want to believe? This is done by taking only one portion of scripture and making a case upon it. We have all ready seen that we are supposed to take ALL scripture and use it for doctrine. This is the very thing that those are doing when they preach that God has commanded that we can eat unclean meat. This goes against scripture when you take ALL scripture and thus they are misinterpreting what the scripture says just as I did with the thought of cannibalism. The time on this earth is not meant for the sanctification of animals but is for the sanctification of people, so that we might be cleansed and restored to our heavenly father. Do a concordance search of the word sanctified and see how many hits you come up with where it associates sanctified to an animal and then how many where it shows sanctification with humans. Literal unclean meats have not been "sanctified" to be eaten now; unclean men can be "sanctified" through Jesus to be prepared for heaven. **No I do not believe in cannibalism and believe God is talking through Paul in regards to the spiritual application of meat.** If you are struggling with this concept of spiritual meats that Paul is talking about then know that you are not the only one. This concept was the separation

of or the turning point for many of Jesus' disciples, and they left Him and returned no more.

Joh 6:63 It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, *they* are spirit, and *they* are life.

Joh 6:64 But there are some of you that believe not. For Jesus knew from the beginning who they were that believed not, and who should betray him.

Joh 6:65 And he said, Therefore said I unto you, that no man can come unto me, except it were given unto him of my Father.

Joh 6:66 From that *time* many of his disciples went back, and walked no more with him.

You see here Jesus is tying together that the meat/flesh is really pointing to the words that are spirit, verse 63. It is not the literal meat that is important on this earth and we should not be worrying about and trying to justify our need to eat unclean meats for the Bible says:

Mat 6:24 No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon.

Mat 6:25 Therefore I say unto you, Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink; nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on. Is not the life more than meat, and the body than raiment?

You can not serve mans ways and literally eat what you want and then pick and choose what spiritual meat/word you want. God gives clear lines as what He wants us to do and that is eat certain literal meats but eat ALL of His word; which is the delusion from satan for he wants you to abstain from the meats of God's word and eat all the unclean of the earth. Choose to make your body a living sacrifice unto the Lord and eat what is clean on this earth and then take ALL the meats of His word, because the kingdom of heaven is not eating and drinking but of righteousness, peace, and joy.

Rom 14:16 Let not then your good be evil spoken of:

Rom 14:17 For **the kingdom of God is not** meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost.

1Co 10:21 Ye cannot drink the cup of the Lord, and the cup of devils: ye cannot be partakers of the Lord's table, and of the table of devils.