

Who am I to JUDGE? ~ Romans 14:1-12

→ Scripture Reading Rom. 14:1, 3, 7-8, 10,12

Do NOT Look DOWN on... ~ Romans 14:1-4

¹ Accept him whose faith is weak, without passing judgment on disputable matters.

Weak in Faith is a description of those Believers who were unable to LET GO of the Religious Ceremonies and Rituals of their past. MacArthur

² One man's faith allows him to eat everything, but another man, whose faith is weak, eats only vegetables.

The **weak Jewish Believer** had difficulty abandoning the Rituals and Rules of the Old Covenant; he may have felt compelled to obey to **dietary laws**, keep the Sabbath and Jewish Festivals. MacArthur

The **weak Gentile Believer** had been raised in pagan idolatry and rituals; may have felt that any contact with things related to this past, including eating meat that had been offered to a pagan deity, tainted him with sin. MacArthur

³ The man who eats everything must not look down on him who does not, and the man who does not eat everything must not condemn the man who does, for God has accepted him. ⁴ Who are you to judge someone else's servant? To his own master he stands or falls. And he will stand, for the Lord is able to make him stand.

IMPLICATIONS

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Questions About FOOD Boice

- 1- Did Christians have to obey the O.T. Food laws?
- 2- Did Christians have to be Vegetarians?
- 3- Could Christians eat Meat Sacrificed to idols?

Acts 10:12-15 (NIV) It contained all kinds of four-footed animals, as well as reptiles of the earth and birds of the air. ¹³ Then a voice told him, Get up, Peter. Kill and eat. ¹⁴ Surely not, Lord! Peter replied. I have never eaten anything impure or unclean. ¹⁵ The voice spoke to him a second time, Do not call anything IMPURE that God has made CLEAN.

2nd IMPLICATION...

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⁴ Who are you to criticize another's household slave? Before his own Lord he stands or falls. And he WILL STAND. For God has the POWER to make him stand. (HCS)

Be Fully CONVINCED ~ Romans 14:5-8

⁵ One man considers one day more sacred than another; another man considers every day alike. Each one should be fully convinced in his own mind. ⁶ He who regards one day as special, does so to the Lord. He who eats meat, eats to the Lord, for he gives thanks to God; and he who abstains, does so to the Lord and gives thanks to God.

If you are an abstainer, you must not judge the participator. If you are a participator, you must not show contempt for the abstainer. This call to acceptance comes to us as a command of God. PTW

⁷ For none of us lives to himself alone and none of us dies to himself alone. ⁸ If we live, we live to the Lord; and if we die, we die to the Lord. So, whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord.

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We will ALL STAND before God ~ Romans 14:9-12

⁹ For this very reason, Christ died and returned to life so that He might be the Lord of both the dead and the living. ¹⁰ You, then, why do you judge your brother? Or why do you look down on your brother? For we will ALL stand before God's judgment seat. ¹¹ It is written: "'As surely as I live,' says the Lord, 'every knee will bow before me; every tongue will confess to God.'" ¹² So then, each of us will give an ACCOUNT of himself to God.

TAKE AWAY ??

^{14:8} If we LIVE, it's to honor the Lord. And if we DIE, it's to honor the Lord. So whether we live or die, we BELONG to the Lord. (NLT)

Romans 8:33-34 (NIV) Who will bring ANY charge against those whom God has chosen? It is God who justifies. ³⁴ Who is he that condemns? Christ Jesus, who died - more than that, who was raised to life - is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us.