

Boiled in Mother's Milk

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Introduction

A. **Exodus 23:19 - 34:26 - Deuteronomy 14:21**

1. The law did not prohibit cooking young goat in milk; just not the mother's milk.
2. The scrupulous so-called "rabbis" of the Jews prohibited eating meat and cheese in the same meal.
3. God demanded the humane treatment of animals and often is pictured as caring for all animals.
 - a. Cares for the animals
 - **Psalm 104:13-14** "He causeth the grass to grow for the cattle"
 - **Psalm 145:15-16** "Thou openest thine hand, and satisfiest the desire of every living thing."
 - **Psalm 147:8-9** "He giveth to the beast his food and to the young ravens which cry"
 - b. Demands humane treatment of animals
 - **Exodus 23:5** must help the overburdened donkey
 - **Exodus 23:10-11** in the seventh year they had to let the land rest, "that the poor may eat and what they leave the beasts of the field shall eat."
 - **Exodus 23:12** on the seventh day of the week they were not to work "that thine ox and thine ass may rest"
 - **Deuteronomy 25:4** do not muzzle ox treading out the corn
 - **Exodus 22:30** the first born animals to sacrificed to the Lord were given seven days with the mother

B. Yet the mother goat would not know that her milk was used to boil her own kid. The issue is more than the humane treatment of animals.

1. We don't need to speculate about why God gave this law three times.
2. Yet we cannot help but feel the **special callousness** of such an act as taking the milk that a mother goat produces to nourish her kid and using it to boil it.
3. That sentiment occurs to us in many contexts in which unfeeling people use or take advantage of a noble desire or purpose and use to harm that very person.
4. Men sometimes use the very love of God or His Noble patience as an occasion to hurt His purposes. Make no mistake: God will avenge all such outrages.

I. Salvation and Judaism

A. **Galatians 5:1-3**

1. Issues of circumcision, feast days, Sabbaths
2. Trusted in the Old Testament given to the Jews which was only a tutor to bring us to Christ for the true salvation in Christ
3. Fallen from Grace!
 - B. Judaizers used the new found faith of the Gentiles against them to bring them back into bondage to a system that could not save them. Their zeal, their holiness, their love of God was used to undo their holiness, their love and faithfulness to God.
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II. Salvation and Faith Only/Grace Only

- A. **Ephesians 2:8-10** as if to exclude the baptism mandated in Acts 2:38
- B. **Titus 3:3-8** has the same language

1. Washing of regeneration is Baptism, **Acts 22:16**
 2. **John 3:3-5** born again of the water and the Spirit
 3. **1 Peter 1:22-23** purified souls in obeying the truth, being born again of the incorruptible seed which is the Word of God
 4. **Romans 6:16-18** obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine delivered to you.... v. 3-4 baptism in this context -- being THEN made free from sin, became servants of righteousness
- C. Creeds of men have taken the noble desire to accept God's salvation humbly without confidence in the flesh -- as an occasion to deny the efficacy of obedience demanded as a condition for the very forgiveness that they desire and wish to accept.
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III. Pit Christ against the Church and the Bible

- A. They say, "must believe in Christ, not in the doctrine of Christ"
- B. Jesus said we must eat His flesh and drink His blood, **John 6:51-58, 61-63** Words that I speak unto you, v. **68 words of eternal life.**
 1. **John 12:44-48** words by which we shall be judged if we do not obey them
 2. **John 15:8-10** if you keep my commandments, abide in me
 3. **Matthew 28:18-20** teach them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you
- C. Church was purchased by His blood. He is savior of the Body, **Ephesians 5:23-24.** Subject to Christ.
 1. **Subject in organization:** autonomy, 1 Peter 5:1-2; leadership, 1 Timothy 3
 2. **Subject in worship:** Acts 20:7 first day worship, 1 Corinthians 11:23ff Lord's Supper, Ephesians 5:19 singing, 1 Timothy 2:9-12 male leadership in prayer and teaching, 1 Corinthians 16:1 giving on the first day of the week
- D. **Insistence on good feelings at the cost of obedience to Christ,** takes advantage of the love and zeal of Jesus' servants to keep them from do that which really pleases Christ.

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- E. **Same is done with Institutionalism**
 1. Desire to save souls is used to centralize efforts of many churches under the control of a few men creating a power structure that takes the place of God's plan and Jesus' authority.
 2. Desire to take care of the poor and orphans is used to create self-perpetuating human organizations to carry out our compassion, misusing our benevolence and keeping us from pleasing our God in truly giving to the poor. Power structure is built which violates the autonomy of the local churches, 1 Peter 5:1-2

IV. Use the love of family to destroy the family

- A. **Ephesians 6:4** need to nurture and admonish in the Lord
- B. Parents neglect the children to make the money to buy them more and better things

-- put them meanwhile in every imaginable extra-curricular activity, leaving even less time to spend with the family

-- no time for Christ, church, or Bible study and prayer
- C. Giving too much of the wrong things is like boiling our kids in mother's milk