

Leviticus 17:10-16 **Do not eat blood**

¹⁰ 'And whatever man of the house of Israel, or of the strangers who dwell among you, who eats any blood, I will set My face against that person who eats blood, and will cut him off from among his people.

¹¹ For the life of the flesh is in the blood, and I have given it to you upon the altar to make atonement for your souls; for it is the blood that makes atonement for the soul.'

¹² "Therefore I said to the children of Israel, 'No one among you shall eat blood, nor shall any stranger who dwells among you eat blood.' ¹³ "Whatever man of the children of Israel, or of the strangers who dwell among you, who hunts and catches any animal or bird that may be eaten, he shall pour out its blood and cover it with dust; ¹⁴ for it is the life of all flesh. Its blood sustains its life. Therefore I said to the children of Israel, 'You shall not eat the blood of any flesh, for the life of all flesh is its blood. Whoever eats it shall be cut off.'

¹⁵ "And every person who eats what died naturally or what was torn by beasts, whether he is a native of your own country or a stranger, he shall both wash his clothes and bathe in water, and be unclean until evening. Then he shall be clean. ¹⁶ But if he does not wash them or bathe his body, then he shall bear his guilt." NKJV

Facts Revealed:

- ✧ Blood has always been forbidden as food:
- ✧ BLOOD was forbidden for food” at the time flesh was allowed to be eaten when Noah came out of the Ark, with the explanation of the fact that “in the blood is the life. [[Genesis 9:3-4](#)]
- ✧ This is consistent with the forbidding of blood in the law and passed on to the Gentile Church. **“For the life of the flesh is in the blood, and I have given it to you upon the altar to make atonement for your souls; for it is the blood that makes atonement for the soul.”** [[Leviticus 17:11](#)] also [[Genesis 9:3-4](#), [Leviticus 3:17](#), [7:26-27](#), [17:10-14](#), [19:26](#), [Deuteronomy 12:16](#), [23-25](#), [26-27](#), [15:23](#), [Acts 15:20](#), [29](#), [21:25](#), [Hebrews 9:22](#)]
- ✧ God will hold anyone who eats blood accountable for it, and will set His face against that person.
- ✧ The reason for the blood restriction is the fact that the Life of all flesh is in its blood that sustains life.
- ✧ Even the blood of animals killed by hunters must be poured out and covered with dust, with the warning that Whoever eats it shall be cut off.
- ✧ Whoever eats an animal that died naturally or was killed by a beast, shall wash his cloths, bathe himself, and be unclean until evening. If he does not wash his cloths and bathe in water he shall bear his guilt.
- ✧ Blood restriction still applies to the Church of the Gentiles. [[see Acts 15:20](#), [29](#), [21:25](#)]
- ✧ Blood is sanctified by God Himself from the beginning to the end, to emphasize the value of the sacrifice God had prepared for the cleansing of sin in the blood of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Therefore, God put a high value and worth on the blood of both animal and man at the time He allowed blood to be shed, namely when they came out of the Ark.