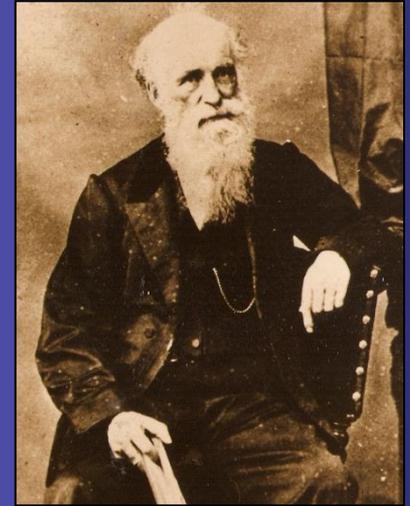


Mankind: more base than animals

Elpis Israel, John Thomas written 1849

“Revolving upon its own axis, and describing an ample circuit through the boundless fields of space, is a planet of the solar system bearing upon its surface a population of over a thousand millions subject to sin, disease and death...

“This celestial orb, which is a world or system of itself, is styled ‘the Earth.’ It is the habitation of races of animals which graze its fields, lurk in its forests, soar through its atmosphere, and pass through the paths of its seas. At the head of all these is a creature like themselves, animal, sensual and mortal. He is called MAN. He has replenished the earth and subdued it, and filled it with his renown. His crimes, however, rather than his virtues, have illustrated and distinguished him with an unhappy pre-eminence above all other created things. His heart is evil; and, left to its uncontrolled impulses, he becomes licentious, merciless, and more cruel than the fiercest beast of prey” — *Opening two paragraphs, pg. 1*



(SEE: James 3:1-8)

Man and the Creation—

Gen 1:26-28 “And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and *let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth*”

Before sin, man was created to reflect the image of his Creator and therefore manifest a lifestyle above the animals of the lower creation

Gen 3:1 “Now the serpent was more subtil than any *beast of the field* which the LORD God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?”

Upon following the reasoning of the serpent—animal thinking—man was driven from the Garden in Eden and cursed to till the ground

Ecc 3:18-20 “I said in mine heart concerning the estate of the sons of men, that God might manifest them, *and that they might see that they themselves are beasts*. For that which befalleth the sons of men befalleth beasts; even one thing befalleth them: as the one dieth, so dieth the other; yea, they have all one breath; *so that a man hath no preeminence above a beast: for all is vanity*” (Psa 49:20)

Man likened unto Animals in various forms

Mat 25:32-34 “And before him shall be gathered all nations: and he shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth his sheep from the goats: *And he shall set the sheep on his right hand, but the goats on the left.* Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world” (BEASTS)

To represent the person, animals were used in sacrifice, as the offerer identified with the animal by placing his hand upon its head

Mat 4:18-19 “And Jesus, walking by the sea of Galilee, saw two brethren, Simon called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea: for they were fishers. And he saith unto them, Follow me, and *I will make you fishers of men*” (FISH)

The characteristics of certain animals rightly represent men in their fallen state; whether it is a beast of the field, fish of the sea, or fowl of the air.

Pro 27:8 “*As a bird that wandereth from her nest, so is a man that wandereth from his place*” (FOWL)

The Lower Creation—Animal Thinking

Titus 1:12-14 “One of themselves, even a prophet of their own, said, *The Cretians are alway liars, evil beasts, slow bellies. This witness is true. Wherefore rebuke them sharply, that they may be sound in the faith; Not giving heed to Jewish fables, and commandments of men, *that turn from the truth*” (1Cor 15:32)*

Acts 20:29-30 “For I know this, that after my departing shall grievous wolves enter in among you, not sparing the flock. Also of your own selves shall men arise, *speaking perverse things*, to draw away disciples after them.”

The Scriptures often represent animals as a lower form of creation; especially relating to base or corrupt thinking and false teaching.

2Cor 11:3-4 “But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtilty, so *your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ*. For if he that cometh preacheth another Jesus, *whom we have not preached, or if ye receive another spirit, which ye have not received, or another gospel, which ye have not accepted, ye might well bear with him*” (2Pet 2:10-12)

Animal Behavior: A matter of Morality

Rom 1:18-31 "For the invisible things of (God) from the creation of the world are clearly seen...so that they are without excuse... (they) changed the glory of the uncorruptible God into an image *made like to corruptible man, and to birds, and fourfooted beasts, and creeping things*. Wherefore God also gave them up to uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts, to dishonour their own bodies between themselves: *Who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator...For this cause God gave them up unto vile affections: for even their women did change the natural use into that which is against nature: And likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one toward another; men with men working that which is unseemly, and receiving in themselves that recompence of their error which was meet. And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind...who knowing the judgment of God, that they which commit such things are worthy of death, *not only do the same, but have pleasure in them that do them*"*

The Animals: Separated into Two Classes

Lev 20:22-26 “Ye shall therefore keep all my statutes, and all my judgments, and do them: that the land, whither I bring you to dwell therein, spue you not out. *And ye shall not walk in the manners of the nation, which I cast out before you: for they committed all these things, and therefore I abhorred them.* But I have said unto you, Ye shall inherit their land, and I will give it unto you to possess it, a land that floweth with milk and honey: *I am the LORD your God, which have separated you from other people.* Ye shall therefore put difference between clean beasts and unclean, and between unclean fowls and clean: and ye shall not make your souls abominable by beast, or by fowl, or by any manner of living thing that creepeth on the ground, which I have separated from you as unclean. *And ye shall be holy unto me: for I the LORD am holy, and have severed you from other people, that ye should be mine”*

The purpose of the Truth is to separate and purify a people unto Yahweh. The division of the animals taught this very principle.

Separation from World: Vital in the Truth

2Cor 6:14-17 *“Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness? And what concord hath Christ with Belial? or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel? And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you, And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty”*

Acceptance to become children of God is conditional: predicated upon our separation from the unclean behavior of the world.

The Law of Moses prohibited yoking “an ox and an ass together” to plow field: one was clean and the other, unclean (Deu 22:10)

The Unclean animals represent Gentiles

Acts 11:1-9 “And the apostles and brethren that were in Judaea heard *that the Gentiles had also received the word of God*. And when Peter was come up to Jerusalem, they that were of the circumcision contended with him, Saying, Thou wentest in to *men uncircumcised*, and didst eat with them. But Peter rehearsed the matter from the beginning, and expounded it by order unto them, saying, I was in the city of Joppa praying: and in a trance I saw a vision, A certain vessel descend, as it had been a great sheet, let down from heaven by four corners; and it came even to me: Upon the which when I had fastened mine eyes, I considered, and saw *fourfooted beasts of the earth, and wild beasts, and creeping things, and fowls of the air*. And I heard a voice saying unto me, Arise, Peter; slay and eat. But I said, Not so, Lord: for nothing common or unclean hath at any time entered into my mouth. But the voice answered me again from heaven, What God hath cleansed, that call not thou common”

Context: conversion of Cornelius and his Gentile house to the Truth.

Separation of Animals: Separation of Saints

Deu 14:2-5 *“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. Thou shalt not eat any abominable thing. These are the beasts which ye shall eat: the ox, the sheep, and the goat, The hart, and the roebuck, and the fallow deer, and the wild goat...”*

The above reference is quoted by Peter regarding our lifestyle

1Pet 2:9-12 *“But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light: Which in time past were not a people, but are now the people of God: which had not obtained mercy, but now have obtained mercy. Dearly beloved, I beseech you as strangers and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts, which war against the soul; Having your conversation honest among the Gentiles: that, whereas they speak against you as evildoers, they may by your good works, which they shall behold, glorify God in the day of visitation”*

The conduct of the world styled “Unclean”

Eph 5:3-8 “But fornication, and all uncleanness, or covetousness, let it not be once named among you, as becometh saints; Neither filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor jesting, which are not convenient: but rather giving of thanks. For this ye know, that no whoremonger, nor unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolater, *hath any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God.* Let no man deceive you with vain words: for because of these things cometh the wrath of God upon the children of disobedience. *Be not ye therefore partakers with them.* For ye were sometimes darkness, but now are ye light in the Lord: walk as children of light” (Gal 5:19-26; Col 1:1-7; 1The 4:7; 1Pet 1:13-16)

Rom 6:17-20 “Ye were the servants of sin, but ye have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered you. Being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness...for as ye have yielded your members servants to uncleanness and to iniquity unto iniquity; even so now yield your members servants to righteousness unto holiness”

The Law of Clean and Unclean Animals—

Lev 11:44-47 “For I am the LORD your God: *ye shall therefore sanctify yourselves, and ye shall be holy; for I am holy: neither shall ye defile yourselves with any manner of creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth. For I am the LORD that bringeth you up out of the land of Egypt, to be your God: ye shall therefore be holy, for I am holy. This is the law of the beasts, and of the fowl, and of every living creature that moveth in the waters, and of every creature that creepeth upon the earth: To make a difference between the unclean and the clean, and between the beast that may be eaten and the beast that may not be eaten”*

The “Law” of clean and unclean beasts is to remind us of the need to “separate” from “the land of Egypt” that we be “sanctified”

Rom 16:17-18 “Now I beseech you, brethren, mark them which cause divisions and offences contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned; and avoid them. *For they that are such serve not our Lord Jesus Christ, but their own belly; and by good words and fair speeches deceive the hearts of the simple”* (Phi 3:17-21)

The Physical Qualities of the Clean Beasts

Lev 11:1-3 “And the LORD spake unto Moses and to Aaron, saying unto them, Speak unto the children of Israel, saying, These are the beasts which ye shall eat among all the beasts that are on the earth. *Whatsoever parteth the hoof, and is clovenfooted, and cheweth the cud, among the beasts, that shall ye eat*”

How significant that the very Law which demands separation from the influences of the people of the world would first require a clean beast to “part the hoof.” The words signify *to set a division!* The reason: it determines the *walk* of the animal.



Lev 20:23-25 “And *ye shall not walk in the manners* of the nation, which I cast out before you: for they committed all these things, and therefore I abhorred them...Ye shall therefore put difference between clean beasts and unclean”

Purpose of the Truth: to Purify our Walk

Eph 4:1, 17 “I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that *ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called*...This I say therefore, and testify in the Lord, that ye henceforth *walk not as other Gentiles walk*, in the vanity of their mind, Having the understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God through the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart: Who being past feeling have given themselves over unto lasciviousness, to work all uncleanness with greediness”

The divided and cloven hoof gives animals the superb ability to walk on un-even terrain: allowing them to keep their balance on difficult surfaces. This represents the ability of God’s children to maintain their walk in all situations of life.



Walking in the Truth

2Sam 22:33-34 "God is my strength and power: and *he maketh my way perfect. He maketh my feet like hinds' feet: and setteth me upon my high places*"

Rom 6:4 "We are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, *even so we also should walk in newness of life*"

Col 1:9-10 "Be filled with the knowledge of his will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding; *That ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God*"



It is folly to pretend God is silent on issues of morality in His Word. Lifestyle is very important in the Truth.

Christadelphian Standards

Immodest Clothing —1Tim 2:9

Flamboyant Hair —1Pet 3:3

Excessive Makeup —1Tim 2:9-12

Expensive Jewelry —1Pet 3:3

Alcohol —Eph 5:18; 1Cor 6:10

Sexual Fornication —1Cor 6:9

Employment —Col 3:22-24

Worldly Friends —Jam 4:4

Inappropriate Jokes —Eph 5:4

Affection of Money —1Tim 6:1-10

Materialism/Lusts —Mat 13:22

Filthy Language —Col 3:8

Marriage/Divorce —1Cor 7; Mat 5:32

Husbands/Headship —Eph 5; 1Cor 11

Wives/Keepers home —Tit 2:5

Children/Discipline —Eph 6:4

Young/Serious minded —Tit 2:4-6

Personal Bible Study —2Tim 2:15



“He shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth his sheep from the goats” *Mat 25*

While both are clean animals, and physically almost identical, the goat manifests a rebellious spirit; and the sheep a humble, obedient spirit.

Doctrine and Walk are an inseparable Unit

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Exclusively a diet of that which grows by “the seed,” bringing it back up and again from the stomach before digestion. Diligent study needed (2Tim 2:15)

1Pet 1:23 “Being born again, not of corruptible *seed*, but of incorruptible, *by the word of God*, which liveth and abideth for ever”



Chewing the Cud: Meditation upon the Word

Luke 8:5, 11 “A sower went out to sow his seed...Now the parable is this: *The seed is the word of God*”

Psa 119:97 “O how love I thy law! *it is my meditation all the day*”

We live in an age that is the most difficult ever to meditate upon the Word of God. It is a fact that modern technology delivers information faster than our mind can process it. It's an “on demand” society, where speed of thought and accomplishment of tasks are required (Internet, cells, e-mail, video)



Jos 1:8 “This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but *thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success*”

Digestion of the Word: A Daily consumption

Psa. 1:1-2 “Blessed is the man that *walketh* not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful. *But his delight is in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he meditate day and night*” (Psalm 119)

1Tim 4:13-16 “Till I come, *give attendance to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine...Meditate upon these things; give thyself wholly to them; that thy profiting may appear to all. 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*”

Study of the Scriptures, like the partaking of the Manna, is a daily thing. Animals that chew the cud continually graze. Like the lampstand, it is vital that the oil be replenished every day. If not, the fire goes out!



Diligent Study and Walk needed to be Clean

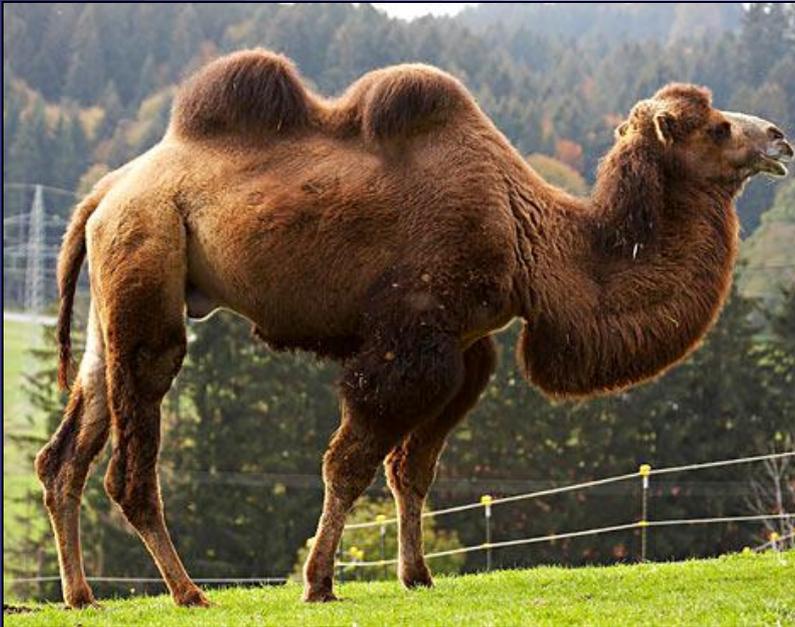
Lev 11:4 “Nevertheless these shall ye not eat of them that chew the cud, or of them that divide the hoof: *as the camel*, because he cheweth the cud, but divideth not the hoof; he is unclean unto you” Walk and Doctrine must Join

Jam 1:21-24 “Wherefore lay apart all filthiness and superfluity of naughtiness, and receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls. But *be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves. For if any be a hearer of the word, and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass: For he beholdeth himself, and goeth his way, and straightway forgetteth what manner of man he was”*



Knowledge must be manifested in Lifestyle

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*”



Rom 2:13 “For *not the hearers of the law are just before God, but the doers of the law shall be justified*”

Jam 4:17 “Therefore to him that knoweth to do good, *and doeth it not, to him it is sin*”

Water of Word cleanses the Feet

The camel consumes mass amounts of water—the word (Eph 5:26)—and can travel great distances without the need to refresh itself. But, the camel has one of the most awkward gates of all animals.

A steady and consistent Walk in the Truth

Lev 11:5-6 “And *the coney (rabbit)*, because he cheweth the cud, but divideth not the hoof; he is unclean unto you. And *the hare*, because he cheweth the cud, but divideth not the hoof; he is unclean unto you”

Although these animals chew the cud—digest the Word—their gate is very inconsistent. Crawling, hopping, and short sprints. Never a steady, normal stride!

Heb 12:1-3 “Seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, *and let us run with patience the race that is set before us*, Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith...(who) *endured* such contradiction of sinners against himself, *lest ye be wearied* and faint in your minds”



Worship in Truth: There are no exceptions

Lev 11:7-8 “And *the swine*, though he divide the hoof, and be clovenfooted, yet he cheweth not the cud; he is unclean to you. Of their flesh shall ye not eat, and their carcase shall ye not touch; they are unclean to you”

We must resist the inclination of becoming humanistic. God “must be worshipped in Spirit and in Truth” John 4:24. Dedication must not be confused with True Worship. The servants of Baal cut themselves to prove dedication (1Kin 18:28). *Muslims, Amish, Hindus, Monks*



Rom 10:1-3 “Brethren, my heart’s desire and prayer to God for Israel is, that they might be saved. For I bear them record that *they have a zeal of God, but not according to knowledge. For they being ignorant of God’s righteousness, and going about to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted themselves unto the righteousness of God*” (Faith and Works – Jam 2:14-26)

Those made Clean must not return to World

2Pet 2:20-22 *“For if after they have escaped the pollutions of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, they are again entangled therein, and overcome, the latter end is worse with them than the beginning. For it had been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than, after they have known it, to turn from the holy commandment delivered unto them. But it is happened unto them according to the true proverb, The dog is turned to his own vomit again; and the sow that was washed to her wallowing in the mire”*

If the swine chewed the cud—digested the Word—he would be clean. Therefore, Gentiles who embrace the Truth can be made clean by the Gospel (Acts 11:9). “Ye are clean through the Word which I have spoken unto you,” said Christ to his disciples (John 15:3).



The Clean Fish: Those that have fins, scales

Lev 11:9-10 “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.* 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 waters, seas and rivers represent the world and its influences—Isa 17:12; 57:20; Rev 17:15—which saints strive against (Mat 14:30). “Scales” are translated “coat of mail” (1Sam 17:5), and are used for protection (Eze 29:4). Fins are critical to navigate thru the tide and movement of the waters.



Resisting the Tide & Pressure of the World

Rom 12:1-2 "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. *And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God*"



Animals without fins, scales can't fight the strong flow of waters!

The Fowls of the Air: The unclean Birds

Lev 11:13-19 “And these are they which ye shall have in abomination among the fowls; they shall not be eaten, they are an abomination: *the eagle, and the ossifrage, and the ospray, And the vulture, and the kite after his kind; Every raven after his kind*”



Generally, the unclean fowl include birds of prey and those that feed upon carrion.

“The wages of sin is death” – Rom 6:23. “Sin...bringeth forth death” – Jam. 1:15. “The sting of death is sin” – 1Cor. 15:56. “Sin hath reigned unto death” – Rom. 5:21. “By one man sin entered the world and death by sin” – Rom. 5:12. “If ye live after the flesh, ye shall die” – Rom 8:13.

These birds represent those who feed upon the principles of sin.

The Fowls of the Air: The unclean Birds

Lev 11:13-19 “And these are they which ye shall have in abomination among the fowls; they shall not be eaten, they are an abomination...*the owl, and the night hawk, and the cuckow, and the hawk after his kind, And the little owl, and the cormorant, and the great owl*”

Fowl that hunt by night reps. the evil works of darkness in the world and sin.



The cuckoo lays her eggs in the nest of other birds. And when the cuckoo chick hatches, it pushes the other eggs out of the nest; leaving it the only bird to receive food.

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All these birds are known for their outward beauty. Yet, they wade with their feet in the waters and draw their food from the bottom mud. The Lapwing, called by many the most beautiful bird, feeds upon insects found in the dung of animals.

The Fowls of the Air: The unclean Birds

Lev 11:21-22 “Yet these may ye eat of every flying creeping thing that goeth upon all four, which have legs above their feet, *to leap withal upon the earth*; Even these of them ye may eat; *the locust after his kind, and the bald locust after his kind, and the beetle after his kind, and the grasshopper after his kind.*”



Col 3:1-2 “If ye then be risen with Christ, *seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth*”



The Truth: Separation from World required

2Pet 3:8-14 "But, beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, that one day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up. *Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness Looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat? Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness. Wherefore, beloved, seeing that ye look for such things, be diligent that ye may be found of him in peace, without spot, and blameless"*