

# Deliberately Different

Deuteronomy 14.1-21

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## Introduction

- the call to holiness is a call to be different, but why does God want His people to stand out?
- In this passage the thing that differentiates Israel from everyone else is their diet
- why is Israel prohibited from eating these animals?
  - they're scavengers?
  - health reasons?
  - purity issues regarding cross over attributes?
  - linked to pagan worship?
- what makes God's people different?

**Main Points:** God's people are different. We are...

1. \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. to be holy means to be set apart
  - b. what distinguishes Israel from her neighbours is who and how they worship.
    - i. Leviticus 11.45
2. \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. the Hebrew word here is *bahar* – it means the choose but also, to examine
    - i. John 15.16
    - ii. 2Thessalonians 2.13
    - iii. 1Peter 2.4, 9

- b. God chooses people to represent Him and to advance His kingdom – there is purpose to this calling

3. A Treasured \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. *s<sup>e</sup>gullâ* = personal property – property reserved for special use
    - i. Titus 2.14
    - ii. 1Chronicles 29.2-5
    - iii. Malachi 3.16-17 – Israel needs to be
  - b. Jesus bought us
    - i. 1Corinthians 6.20; 7.22-24
  - c. What does it mean for us to be God's possession – His treasured possession?

## Conclusion

- this passage isn't so much about the food, but the call to be different
- what differentiates us from the world around us?