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I counsel thee to  
buy of me gold  
tried in the fire...  
Revelation 3:18



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# I Timothy 1:3-11

- 3. As I urged you when I went into Macedonia, stay there in Ephesus so that you can instruct “them” not to teach anything contrary to “sound doctrine” [v10].

# I Timothy 1:3-11

- 4. Neither give heed to **fables and endless genealogies**, which bring about questions, rather than godly edifying which is in the faith.

# I Timothy 1:3-11

- **fables and endless genealogies**
- There is not a scholarly consensus but candidates include OT genealogies adorned with fables, Gnostic aeons or series of emanations from the divine unity, rabbinical fabrications (V). There are others. Generally speaking, there is agreement that these are not a part of sound doctrine therefore by default, false doctrines of some variety.

# I Timothy 1:3-11

- 5. Now, the goal (τέλος) [Rom 10:4] of this instruction is love from a pure heart, a good conscience, and a lifestyle consistent with the faith, that is, without hypocrisy, genuine.

# I Timothy 1:3-11

- 6. From which some having swerved [missed the mark –WP] have turned aside unto idle words.

# I Timothy 1:3-11

- 7. They desired to be teachers of Torah; but they do not understand the things they say, nor that which they contend for.
- Why?
- Because it was beyond Torah
- Perfect opportunity for Paul...

# I Timothy 1:3-11

- 8. But we know that the Torah is **good**, if a man uses it correctly.
- Paul does not state that the law has been done away with, but that the law is **good**.  
Greek καλὸς

# I Timothy 1:3-11

- Other Pauline statements about the law along these lines...
- Romans 7:12 Wherefore the law *is* holy, and the commandment holy, and just, and **good**.
- Romans 8:7 The carnal mind is in continual insubordination to God: for it is not subject to the law of God, for it is not even able to do otherwise. (WT)



# I Timothy 1:3-11

- 9a. For knowing this, that the law is not appointed (V) for a righteous man,
- Note: this means it has not been done away with but instead, is for those who are not righteous, that is, those who “sin”.

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- 9b. but for the lawless (no legal obligation is recognized) and those who have not come into subjection (V) [Romans 8:7 ]
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- 9c. for the ungodly and for sinners (sin is transgression of the law [1 John 3:4]),
- for unholy and profane, for murderers of fathers and murderers of mothers, for murderers **of others**,
- 10a. For sexually immoral persons (Greek πορνεία – same as Acts 15:20),

# I Timothy 1:3-11

- 10b. For homosexuals, (Friberg) Greek ἀρσενοκοίταις
- Leviticus 18:22 Thou shalt not lie with mankind, as with womankind: it is an abomination. (LXX)
- Leviticus 20:13 If a man also lie with mankind, as he lieth with a woman, both of them have committed an abomination. (LXX)

# I Timothy 1:3-11

- 10c. for kidnapers and slave dealers, for liars, for those who would perjure themselves,
- 10d. **and if there be any other thing that is contrary to sound doctrine... [?Torah]**
- 11. According to the glorious gospel of the blessed God, which was committed to my trust.

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# I Timothy 4:1-7

- 1. Now the Spirit says explicitly (V), that soon (WP) **some shall separate themselves**, giving heed to seducing spirits, and **teachings of devils**;
- 2. Such teachings come though hypocritical liars; whose conscience is seared as with a hot iron.



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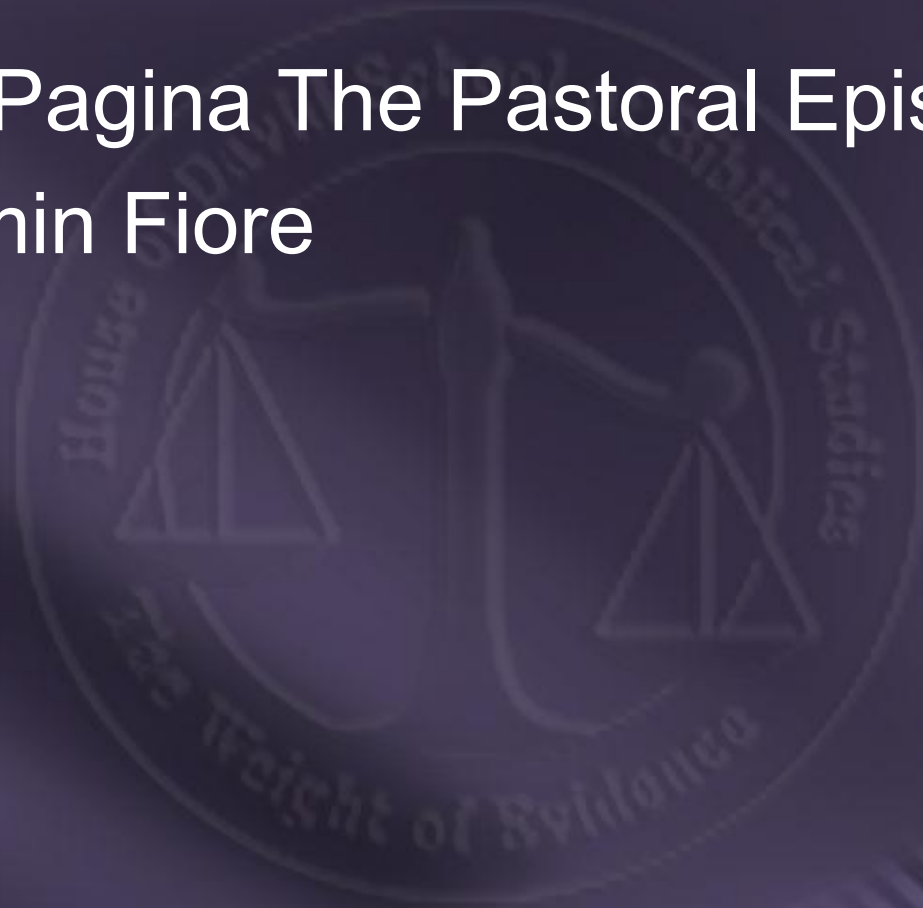
- 3a. What are two examples of this teaching?
- (1) [Forbid marriage]
- (2) [abstaining from food (animal flesh)]

# First Look



# I Timothy 4:1-7

- Sacra Pagina The Pastoral Epistles
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# Implications



# I Timothy 4:1-7

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- A Doctrine of Demon teaching that...
- orders abstention from **certain foods** –
- **Whatever text that orders abstention from certain animal flesh is a Doctrine of Devils = ?**

# Second Look



# Sidebar

- What was happening in the first century?
- There was an ascetic Jewish brotherhood on the shores of the Dead Sea who repudiated marriage except as a necessity for preserving the race, and allowed it only under protest and under stringent regulations. They also abstained strictly from wine and animal food. (V)

# Sidebar

- They were extremely strict in their Torah observance but these go beyond what the Torah requires. It was part of the Gnostic tendency on how to beat down the flesh so that one might become more “holy”.
- This moves one from **Torah observance as a response to grace** to Torah as a set of instructions I need to follow in my flesh so I will be holier than I am.

# I Timothy 4:1-7

- Additions to Torah - Gnosticism
- 1. The material world, or some aspects of it, were evil.
- 2. Since it was evil, it could not have been made by God – therefore, made by an intermediary.
- 3. Rejection of “**food**” constitutes a rejection of the evil intermediary.

# I Timothy 4:1-7

- As the writer of the letter to combat this heresy, how shall we craft the argument?
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# I Timothy 4:1-7

- God created (food)
  - Which the false teachers forbid
    - To be received
      - With thanksgiving
        - By those who believe and know the truth
- Everything God created is good
  - And nothing is to be rejected (false teachers do)
    - If it is received
      - With thanksgiving
        - Because it is set apart by the word of God and prayer

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- Second, numeric order

# I Timothy 4:1-7

- 1. God brought forth the creatures [G1]
- 2. God set apart which creatures could be used as food [L11D14]
- 3. Those who believe what the Torah says over those who propagate the traditions of men know the truth of the matter
- 4. We need to be thankful for this food

# I Timothy 4:1-7

- 1. [G1] – V3
- 2. [L11D14] – V5
- 3. Believe Torah & know the truth – V4
- 4. We need to be thankful – V4
- Our summary...

# I Timothy 4:1-7

- God created the creatures (animal flesh) and set apart which ones could be used as food. We should be thankful for that food, which our Heavenly Father provides and nothing He provides should be refused based on a tradition of men.

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# I Timothy 4:1-7

- The Holy Spirit [**really**] says
- Some shall separate themselves
- Heeding doctrines of devils
- But we know that every creature of God is good, and nothing should be refused that has been set apart as food in the word of God.
- This sect leads to rejecting God

# What We Learned





# I Timothy 4:1-7

- This passage does not teach that from the beginning God made all creatures for food.
- It teaches that Gnosticism, which reached it's zenith in the second century, causes people to reject the Almighty.
- It establishes that the “Food Laws” in Torah are still in effect.





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