

Shrimp and the Male Member

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If you ever want to get slapped down right smack dab in the bootcamp of the Spirit, I know a way to do it. Try Leviticus. Rabbi Brother Mordechai Lemsley Goldberg's teaching on donning the yoke of the Torah will break you in. A couple months ago I dedicated myself to keep the strict regulations commanded in Leviticus. It's been teaching me the discipline I need to be a mightier warrior of God. Oh it's not easy! I've had to change my eating, my wardrobe, and my menstrual habits. If I were a farmer's wife I'd have to change my cooking, gardening, and bedding behaviors too. But the payoff in revelation-knowledge has been tremendous!

Two months ago, as Rabbi Goldberg shared precious tidbits of Torah revelation-knowledge, I received a personal revelation in the Holy Ghost as he discussed this passage from Leviticus:

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: They shall be even an abomination unto you; ye shall not eat of their flesh, but ye shall have their carcasses in abomination. Whatsoever hath no fins nor scales in the waters, that *shall be* an abomination unto you.¹

As Brother Goldberg used the case of a shrimp as a prime example of abomination because it possesses neither fins nor scales, the Lord began to take the blinders off my spiritual eyes to behold some things in the Word that have given me a fresh perspective on males, females, and the act of bedding under the bootcamp of the Spirit.

I love shrimp, especially shrimp cocktail. I love the soft, fleshy feel of a shrimp as it slides into my mouth. I love the peculiar taste of it as I suck out its juices. There's nothing quite as satisfying as biting and severing a shrimp from its tail, chewing it, and swallowing it. I believe God created shrimp. But the deeper I get into the Word, the more I realize

that sometimes we love things that are against the Word of God. The Lord says, according to Leviticus 11:10-12, that that tiny, little shrimp is an abomination before God. If some variety of shrimp had both fins and scales it would be acceptable before the Father, but there is no shrimp like that in this fallen creation. All shrimp are an abomination in the eyes of Papa God.

As I listened to Rabbi Goldberg talk about the abomination of shrimp, the Holy Ghost brought to my remembrance another abomination mentioned in the Word of God—the abomination of homosexuality: “Thou shalt not lie with mankind, as with womankind: it is abomination.”ⁱⁱ As I sat there under Rabbi Goldberg’s tutelage, I silently asked the Lord what the spiritual connection is between shrimp and homosexuality. I had no idea what an involved and intricate answer I would receive.

I didn’t receive the answer immediately. The Lord waited till it was bedtime after I got home from church that evening. As I lay there reading a passage from First Chronicles, God began to give me an answer regarding the connection between shrimp and homosexuality. My eyes fell on the following verse:

Then said Saul to his armourbearer, Draw thy sword, and thrust me through therewith; lest these uncircumcised come and abuse me. But his armourbearer would not; for he was sore afraid. So Saul took a sword, and fell upon it.ⁱⁱⁱ

You see, King Saul had just been wounded and couldn’t move. He preferred to be pierced through with a sword rather than being abused by being pierced by the male organ of his abusers. He’d rather commit suicide than be subjected to the homosex abomination of Sodom. The male organ was being likened here to a thrusting sword. That seemed fairly clear to me as I read over this verse a couple times. But then the Lord drew my attention to a word I hadn’t paid much attention to—the word “uncircumcised.”

Oh how glorious it is when God opens up a whole new realm of revelation to you! Hallelujah! The very second I noticed that word “uncircumcised,” the Holy Ghost whispered one little word to me. He said, “Fins...” In an instant I knew there was a spiritual parallel between a finless shrimp and an uncircumcised male member. I took that revelation-

knowledge and decided to run a word study on circumcision as soon as I had the opportunity.

A couple nights later, in the privacy of my home, I ran the word study. The most significant verses I found came from the first instance of circumcision in Genesis chapter 17:

And ye shall circumcise the flesh of your foreskin; and it shall be a token of the covenant betwixt me and you... And the uncircumcised man child whose flesh of his foreskin is not circumcised, that soul shall be cut off from his people; he hath broken my covenant.^{iv}

The message to men seemed clear to me: *Get cut or get cut off*. As fins were to shrimp, so is the mark of circumcision to the male member. The spiritual life isn't for sissies. You're gonna have to shed some blood. It's either that or get it completely cut off.

But that's only half of the picture. I could see the spiritual parallel with *fins*, but what was the parallel for *scales*? After all, the reason why shrimp is an abomination before God is because it lacks not only fins, but also scales. So I knew in my spirit-man that circumcision in the flesh of the foreskin, like fins, was not enough to make the male member acceptable before God. I knew there must be something more, so I put this question before the throne and left it there, expecting to receive the answer in due season.

Sometimes in the things of God there's a time of testing, a waiting period to test your faith and your patience. I waited for that answer for almost a whole month before it finally came to me as I happened upon a verse of Scripture while running a word study for my *Act of Bedding 102* class at the School of the Sons of the Prophets. Instantly I knew that the Lord was revealing to me the spiritual parallel to *scales*: "He that is wounded in the stones, or hath his privy member cut off, shall not enter into the congregation of the LORD."^v Just as a shrimp is without fins and without scales, I knew that the intact, circumcised male member was the point of balance between two extremes—between the uncut member and the completely cut-off member. As I shared this revelation at the School with Brother Wankford McNutt, he suggested the use of the word "fulcrum" (like the fulcrum of a teeter-totter) to describe the position which

the circumcised privy member has between the two extremes of uncircumcision and amputation. Now I could clearly see that a shrimp without fins was like an uncircumcised man and a shrimp without scales was like a man without his privy member.

It's uncanny how that with every revelation you get from God, Satan comes along to try to steal it away. It happened in the Garden when the Serpent said, "Hath God said?" And it happened with me soon after I'd received the revelation regarding shrimp and the male member. The Enemy came quoting Scripture to me a day or two later, trying to raise doubts in my mind about the revelation God had given me. "Why the cutting?" he said. "Hath not *God set the members every one of them in the body, as it hath pleased him?*"^{vi} You see how Satan can cite Scripture just as savvy as the best of us? And I must confess that for a moment he had my natural mind hooked on this "reasonable" questioning of circumcision. After all, didn't God say everything he made was *good*? Surely the male member in its natural state was good...

Suddenly, I came to my senses and realized it was the voice of the Enemy and I rebuked him in the name of Jesus. I immediately took it before the throne and instantly God gave me the answer to the Devil's lies. Glory to God! The Lord showed me in Genesis how that God gave the man a help meet, to compliment him and that the woman was the glory-covering of the man. The Lord showed me that Adam was created circumcised originally, but that the fall caused the growth of foreskin in response to the shame of nakedness that came about from eating the fruit from the tree of knowledge of good and evil. So through the shedding of blood in circumcision the male member returns to its condition before the fall where it is unashamedly naked in the humiliation of its likeness unto shrimp. So God took that occasion of Satan's lies to bring me into a deeper revelation of His Word.

You see how God used the privy member of the male to be the tool of his humiliation and humbling before the Father? In its natural appearance, the male member is similar in appearance to a shrimp—a finless, scaleless creature of abomination. The shell of the shrimp is see-through, you can see the pink flesh of it right through its covering. God made the man in the same way so that the member of his humiliation could always be visible to keep him humble before the Father. It was only after the fall that the privy member tried to cover over its nakedness with the

cloak of foreskin, trying to repress its humiliating appearance to boost man's pride resulting in all the cocky behavior exhibited by a lot of men.

Nevertheless, the natural clothing for the male member is not the fleshly foreskin of fallen creation. Neither is it the strange flesh of sodomitic perversity. Rather the natural clothing of the male member as God originally intended it in the Garden of Eden is the female sheath. The temple of the female body is the sanctuary for the male member. Ezekiel 44:9 says that "...No stranger, uncircumcised in heart, nor uncircumcised in flesh, shall enter into my sanctuary..." Your sword must be cut before it can be sheathed within the female temple. The blood of the member must be shed, not as a spiritual atonement, but as a fleshly atonement in the military training of the Holy Ghost. Now I'm not talking about salvation. I'm talking about guidelines in the bootcamp of the Spirit. And I'm not talking about getting into heaven. I'm talking about getting into the depths of God. There's a *good* will of God and even an *acceptable* will of God, but I'm talking about the *perfect* will of God for the believer.^{vii} Amen!

When God "maketh inquisition for blood,"^{viii} sometimes it falls to the woman to take matters into her own hands. Take Exodus 4:24-26, for example. When Moses wouldn't circumcise and God came to kill him for this failure, his wife Zipporah had to step in and intercede by taking matters into her own hands and performing the circumcision herself. Now I'm not suggesting the extreme measures that Sister Bobbitt took with her husband, though it's totally understandable how she could decide to do what she did, based on his track record. By cutting off her husband, she effectively removed him from the sanctuary of the Lord. A woman has the power to cut her husband off from the sanctuary of the Lord. *Hell hath no fury like a woman scorned*...and it's impossible to sheath a non-existent sword as I'm sure Mr. Bobbitt will agree. If I were a man, I'd be shaking in my boots. You see how important it is for both the husband and the wife to be prayed-up at all times?

But there is restoration under the New Covenant, Brother, even when you've been cut off, if you'll come in humility and humble yourself under the hand of the divine surgeon who's trying to speak to you through his prophets and prophetesses. I've seen God refuse to speak to a man other than through a woman many times. Men can be so puffed up that sometimes the only person that can deflate them is a woman of God flowing in the gift of prophecy. But if he'll receive it and yield under the

anointing that's flowing through the woman of God, he'll be brought into liberty, slain in the Spirit with a wounding of the serpent's head, and restored in a circumcised state of acceptability before the Father. Sometimes Jael has to wound Sisera's head before there's victory.^{ix} But oh glory to God when victory comes!

The head of the serpent must be wounded in order for it to become acceptable before God.^x As in all members of the body, the law of sin is at work in this member also, in fact, even more so, warring against the law of the Spirit.^{xi} James tells us that the main reason for marital conflict is from the lusts that war in your members.^{xii} Though the male pleasure center is one of the smallest members of the body, it exerts a mighty influence over the flesh. The Word tells us that more abundant honour has been given to our uncomely parts:

And those members of the body, which we think to be less honourable, upon these we bestow more abundant honour; and our uncomely parts have more abundant comeliness. For our comely parts have no need: but God hath tempered the body together, having given more abundant honour to that part which lacked.^{xiii}

The Word uses another form of the same root word used to describe the genitalia here to describe perverse, homosexual activity. According to Dr. Avery Simpleton, the nominal form used in Romans 1:27 is *ασχημοσυνη*, while the adjectival form used in First Corinthians 12:23 is *ασχημων*.^{xiv} Our uncomely or unseemly parts are just as uncomely or unseemly as men engaging with one another in the act which cannot be named. The uncircumcised organ in its fallen unseemliness is just as much an abomination as homosexuality and shrimp. The reason why our uncomely members are described by a similar word as the abomination of the Sodomites is because at the fall, our uncomely members underwent a sinister change. Stimulated by shame, the male virile organ grew the foreskin covering and the female ovaries were cursed to undergo the uncleanness of periodic menstruation.

When it comes to the male organ, the Word says that more abundant honour is given to that part which lacked. Thus, the concept of lack or deficiency is associated with the male organ in its fallen state. The word

“lack” indicates a shrinkage. I believe that not only did shrinkage occur with respect to the male member, but that the female pleasure center also underwent shrinkage. This lack or shrunkenness of the male organ in its natural state is another spiritual parallel between shrimp and the male organ. The Lord intervened and gave abundant honor through the institution of circumcision when God commanded Abraham to circumcise himself and all his seed. Circumcision, that wounding of the head of the serpent, is a mark of honor given to the male member of Abraham’s seed as a sign of the fleshly covenant which can serve as the bootcamp of the Spirit. Praise be to God!

There are repercussions to the more abundant comeliness, given to the most uncomely male member, however. On account of the fallen, sinful nature, the more abundant comeliness has resulted in the male organ becoming an object of envy as Sigmund Freud pointed out. A woman who’s not secure in herself and in her God can easily fall into the sin of envy of and even obsession with the male member. The Word gives us an example of such a woman in Ezekiel 23:20 where it says, “She doted upon her paramours, whose flesh *is as* the flesh of asses, and whose issue *is like* the issue of horses.”^{xv} A woman who’s chasing after male flesh has not learned the secret of being satisfied in herself. She tampers with it and joins with it and becomes one flesh with it and it becomes one of her members according to the Word.^{xvi} But the Word also says, “if thy right hand offend thee, cut it off, and cast it from thee: for it is profitable for thee that one of thy members should perish, and not that thy whole body should be cast into hell.”^{xvii}

You see, sometimes total severance is indeed warranted. Sometimes a shrimp is just a finless, scaleless shrimp. *A shrimp by any other name...* Jesus talks about the procedure of total severance in Matthew 19:12:

For there are some eunuchs, which were so born from their mother's womb: and there are some eunuchs, which were made eunuchs of men: and there be eunuchs, which have made themselves eunuchs for the kingdom of heaven's sake. He that is able to receive it, let him receive it.

Now I’m not suggesting that you men go out and amputate your member. That’s not what Jesus was saying. He was saying it’s a special calling only

for some, especially for those who are offended by their member. *If your right hand offend thee, cut it off.* “Right hand” is a euphemism for the male member.

There’s always a price to pay when you’re following Jesus. There was a man in the third century named Origen who grew up under the oppressive darkness of carnal, Catholic religiosity. He felt called of God to make himself a eunuch for the kingdom of heaven’s sake. In his particular calling, he felt impressed to cut off his stones rather than his privy member in his zeal and love for the things of the Spirit that he was learning about, not in Catholicity, but in his study of the Word. He, according to the Word, *resisted unto blood, striving against sin.*^{xviii} His stones offended him. In other words, his stones were a stumbling block to him, so he cut them off in his zeal for the Word of God. And what happened? He was persecuted for it by the Catholic religionists. “All that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution.”^{xix}

“Wow!” you say. “What a sacrifice!” But I want you to know that the amputation of your members will be worth it all when you first lay eyes on the Kingdom of Heaven. I’m not saying this calling is for everybody, but “he that is able to receive it, let him receive it.” I’m not suggesting that anybody has to be amputated or circumcised *to be saved*. People who teach that heresy are called the “concision”^{xx} and the Word of God declares that they should be emasculated: “I would they were even cut off which trouble you” over this matter of being circumcised in order to be saved.^{xxi} But if you’re already saved and you want to penetrate deeper into the things of the Spirit, I encourage you to be open to the wooings of the Spirit in these matters. “Neither yield ye your members as instruments of unrighteousness unto sin: but yield yourselves unto God, as those that are alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness unto God.”^{xxii}

Under the Old Covenant, only males were commanded to be circumcised. Under the New Covenant, no one is *commanded* to be circumcised, but both males and females are *allowed* to be circumcised because under this New Covenant there is neither male nor female.^{xxiii} The Word of God likens the male and female pleasure centers to fruit in Leviticus 19:23:

And when ye shall come into the land, and shall have planted all manner of trees for food, then ye shall count the fruit

thereof as uncircumcised: three years shall it be as uncircumcised unto you: it shall not be eaten of.

Notice that fruit can be either circumcised or uncircumcised. Also note that only the circumcised fruit may be eaten. See how the Word of God likens uncircumcised fruit to the abomination of shrimp? Only circumcised fruit is allowed to be eaten, not the uncircumcised, shrimp abomination.

The Word of God also tells us that lips can be either circumcised or uncircumcised. “Moses said before the LORD, Behold, I am of uncircumcised lips...”^{xxiv} Only circumcised lips are allowed to eat circumcised fruit. Uncircumcised lips may not partake of circumcised fruit and circumcised lips may not partake of uncircumcised fruit. When you’re living in the bootcamp of the Spirit, there are rules that need to be followed in your daily life. Sometimes these things can happen only on the level of the spirit-man. I’ve known three different women who were uncircumcised in their natural, fleshly nature, but were truly circumcised in their spirit-man. All three of them, however, became uncircumcised through the sin of pride. It takes spiritual discernment sometimes to see the difference between circumcised and uncircumcised.

The bootcamp guidelines of the Word in Leviticus distinguish between the clean and the unclean, between the abominable and the unabominable, between the circumcised and the uncircumcised. When you’re living under the Holy-Ghost bootcamp sergeant, you don’t engage in abominations such as homosexual flamboyance and the eating of shrimp because the Word says so. You have your lips circumcised in the Spirit and you don’t eat uncircumcised fruit. You follow the promptings of the Holy Ghost regarding your privy members and the woundings thereof for the mortification of the flesh.

God set the rules for the bootcamp of the Spirit. He decided what the criteria were for a deeper holiness. To those who can receive it, they need to receive it if they want to go on with God. God doesn’t allow round pegs in square holes. Why? Simply because He said so and He is the Head Honcho. Circumcised with uncircumcised is a mis-match according to the Word. Finless, scaleless fish are an abomination in the eyes of Papa God. That tells me that God doesn’t want shrimp. He wants men—real men in the Spirit—not milktoast sissies or limp-wristed pansies, whether male or female. *Lord, help us to go all the way with You. Amen.* 🙌

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- ⁱ Lev 11:10-12
 - ⁱⁱ Lev 18:22.
 - ⁱⁱⁱ I Chron 10:4.
 - ^{iv} Gen 17:11, 14.
 - ^v Deut 23:1.
 - ^{vi} I Cor 12:18.
 - ^{vii} Rom 12:2.
 - ^{viii} Ps 9:12.
 - ^{ix} Judg 4:18, 21.
 - ^x Gen 3:15.
 - ^{xi} Rom 7:23.
 - ^{xii} Jam 4:1.
 - ^{xiii} I Cor 12:23-24.
 - ^{xiv} Simpleton, Avery. *Homosexuality: God's Penal Payback for Idolatry* (Feema Press, 1993), p. 69.
 - ^{xv} Ezekiel 23:20.
 - ^{xvi} I Cor 6:16.
 - ^{xvii} Matt 5:30.
 - ^{xviii} Heb 12:4.
 - ^{xix} II Tim 3:12.
 - ^{xx} Phil 3:2.
 - ^{xxi} Gal 5:12.
 - ^{xxii} Rom 6:13.
 - ^{xxiii} Gal 3:28.
 - ^{xxiv} Ex 6:30.