

HUNGRY FOR THE WORD

After describing spiritual food as enduring, Jesus goes on to say that this spiritual food “*endures to eternal life.*” This spiritual food endure forever, but it also brings us eternal life. We need physical food to survive. Sustenance helps to keep us alive. but spiritual food gives us life and keeps us alive eternally. The word “*to*” translates the Greek word “*eis*” and carries the idea of that which gives us something else. Jesus is saying that spiritual food is what gives us eternal life.

Notice also that this spiritual food comes from Jesus. He tells His disciples that we are to labor for the food which endures to everlasting life, “*which the Son of Man will give you*” (John 6.27). Later Jesus said, “*I am the bread of life...if anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever.*”

How is Jesus the bread of life? He goes on to explain. He says that “*the bread which I shall give him is My flesh*” (John 6.51). He then says, “*My flesh is food indeed...he who feeds on Me will live because of Me*” (John 6.55-57). The disciple found the concept of eating His flesh very difficult to understand. So they said to Jesus, “*This is a hard saying; who can understand it?*” (John 6.60). Because of how distasteful it sounds to eat the flesh of Jesus and drink His blood, “*many of His disciples went back and walked with Him no more*” (John 6.66).

It is indeed a difficult expression. But Jesus tells us what He meant by eating His flesh and drinking His blood. **JOHN 6.63:** “*It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing. The words that I speak to you are spirit, and they are life.*” Jesus was speaking metaphorically in reference to His word. The teachings of Jesus, now in the form of the New Testament, are the spiritual food. His word endures forever. His word gives us everlasting life. And His word is what He gives to us.

There is nothing as satisfying, as comforting, as enriching, and as nutrition packed as the teachings of Christ. If you want to start out your day right, have a nutritious breakfast and feast on the word of God. If you have had a hard day, make yourself some comfort food, and curl up with a good book. Even better, curl up with the good book. If you are feeling weak and starting to feel a cold coming on, make a nice bowl of chicken soup. If you are feeling spiritual weak, feed your soul with the scriptures. CLP

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“*Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature*”
-Mark 16.15

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MEETING TIMES:

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS : 9:00 AM

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP: 9:50 AM

SUNDAY EVENING WORSHIP: 6:00 PM

WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE CLASS 7:30 PM

ON WHOM DO WE RELY?

Where we put our trust tells us a lot about ourselves. If a person puts their trust in themselves relying on their own abilities and resourcefulness, it could indicate an inability to trust others. Perhaps they once trusted in someone who let them down.

There are some who put their trust in money believing that they will always be protected as long as they have enough (Ecc. 5.10; Prov. 23.5). There are some who put their trust in others. It is such a blessing to be able to have friends and family on whom you can rely. But we are all human, and sometimes we make mistakes and let each other down.

Where should we put our trust? Consider the example of King Asa. King Asa was the king of Judah. As it happened, he was attacked by the King of Israel. To help fight against Israel, King Asa turned to the Syrians (2 Chr. 16.3). Shortly after, a prophet condemned King Asa “*because you have relied on the king of Syria, and have not relied on the Lord your God*” (2 Chr. 16.7). Later, this same king contracted a disease in his feet. Again, he relied on someone other than God. He was condemned again because “*in his disease he did not seek the Lord, but the physicians*” (2 Chr. 16.12).

In all of life’s circumstances, we ought to put our trust in the One who “*will never leave you nor forsake you*” (Heb. 13.5) CLP

GOD IS LOOKING FOR ONE MAN

JEREMIAH 5:1

INTRODUCTION:

1. God is looking for a particular kind of man. Unfortunately, such a man could not be found. (Jer. 5.1)
2. Are you the kind of person that God is seeking?

I. THE MAN WHOM GOD IS SEEKING

- A. Breaking down the passage, there are five observations.
 1. There is an urgency. *“Run to and fro”* (v. 1)
 2. There is a city. *“streets of Jerusalem”* (v. 1; Ps. 48.1,2)
 3. There is a call to attention. *“See now and know.”* (v. 1).
 4. There is a commission. *“Seek in her open places.”* (v. 1).
 5. There is a description. *“If there is anyone who executes judgment, Who seeks the truth...”* (v. 1).
- B. The world today is not much different.
 1. From the political leaders to the average citizen, the world is filled with greed and immorality.
 2. God is looking for people who are different. Is that you?

II. THERE WAS NO REPENTANCE

- A. The lack of repentance is characterized in three ways.
 1. They felt no contrition. (Jer. 5.2,3; cf. Isa. 57.15)
 2. They would not be corrected. (Jer. 5.3; cf. 1 John 5.16)
 3. They would not change. (Jer. 5.3)
- B. Can you find a repentant heart today?
 1. Many repent only because they are caught. (Ex. 14.5)
 2. Jesus emphasized repentance. (Luke 13.3; Matt. 4.17)
 3. Repentance comes from remorse. (2 Cor. 7.9,10)

III. THERE WAS NO RESPECT

- A. The lack of respect is characterized in three ways.
 1. They changed their perception of God. (Jer. 5.7)
 2. They practiced sin. (Jer. 5.7-9)
 3. They preached tolerance. (Jer. 5.12,13)
- B. The same lack of respect is seen in the New Testament.
 1. **ROMANS 1.20-23:** *“changed the glory of the incorruptible God into an image...”*
 2. **ROMANS 1.24-31:** *“Therefore, God gave them up to uncleanness...vile passions...debased mind”*
 3. **ROMANS 1.32:** *“approve of those who practice them”*

CONCLUSION: God is looking for one person to live the way He wants them to live. Will that person be you?

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There is something special about a good meal. It warms us during a winter day. A good meal can comfort us when we have had a long and difficult day. How many times have you enjoyed a nice bowl of chicken noodle soup when you are down with a cold? How much more special is a good spiritual meal. Spiritual food can warm the heart, comfort the weary mind, and heal the sin-sick soul.

During His ministry, Jesus would often make reference to the benefit of good food. He was concerned about the crowds having enough to eat. When the crowd of four thousand had followed Him for three days, Jesus was concerned about them and said, *“I do not want to send them away hungry, lest they faint on the way”* (Matt. 15.32.). With seven loaves and few little fish, Jesus fed the four thousand.

More than our physical need for food, Jesus is concerned about feeding our soul. In **JOHN 6.27**, Jesus said, *“Do not labor for the food which perishes, but for the food which endures to everlasting life, which the Son of Man will give you, because God the Father has set His seal on Him.”* There are physical needs, and Jesus was concerned about people having enough to eat. But He was much more concerned about providing spiritual food.

Notice that spiritual food is to be a priority. He said that we are not to labor for physical food but for spiritual food. Why? Because physical food *“perishes,”* but spiritual food *“endures to everlasting life.”* Compare that to what Jesus told His disciples In Matthew 15, Jesus talks about the fallacy of those who insisted on washing your hands ceremonially to make your food clean. He explains that eating food with unwashed hands does not defile a man, *“because it does not enter his heart but his stomach and is eliminated”* (Matt. 15.19). Physical food is eaten, and then it is gone.

In contrast to the physical food which perishes, spiritual food *“endures...”* The word *“endures”* is in the form of a continued action. It endures and continues to endure. Spiritual food will always be available. There will never be a food shortage. The rich will not feast while the poor starve. Anyone who is hungry for spiritual sustenance can have as much as they want (John 6.35). Peter writes that *“the word of the LORD endures forever.”* *Now this is the word which by the gospel was preached to you”* (1 Pet. 1.25).
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