

# **The food at the proper time**

## **Our next secret of the Kingdom of Heaven**

**Those born of God's seed become His fruit, His  
sons**

- In Jesus's parable of the wheat and the weeds (Mt 13:24-30), the good grain become the sons of the Kingdom (Mt 13:38). These are those

born of the seed of God's Word (Jn 10:35, 1 Pt 1:23).

- But just being born of the seed of the Word does not make you a mature, trustworthy son.

## **Feeding our spirits to help us grow in God's likeness**

- We are body, mind, and spirit.
- To live and grow, our bodies need physical food, our minds need

mental food, and our spirits need spiritual food. What is that?

- *Like newborn babies, long for the pure milk of the word, so that by it you may grow in respect to salvation. (1 Pt 2:2)*

**As a result, we are no longer to be children, tossed here and there by waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, by craftiness in deceitful scheming; but**

**speaking the truth in love, we are to  
grow up in all aspects into Him who is  
the head, even Christ.**

**Eph 4:14-15**

**From milk to solid food to discern good and  
evil**

- *And I, brethren, could not speak to  
you as to spiritual men, but as to*

*men of flesh, as to infants in  
Christ. I gave you milk to drink, not  
solid food; for you were not yet able  
to receive it. Indeed, even now you  
are not yet able, (1 Cor 3:1-2)*

## **What are milk & solid food?**

Milk is food for infants Solid food is for adults





**Easy to digest  
to digest**



**Harder**

**Which things in the Bible are easier to understand? Which are harder?**

Literal, no interpretation  
necessary

Figurative language, must  
be interpreted

**History & law Prophecies &  
fulfillment Secrets of  
the Kingdom**

**For though by this time you ought to be teachers,  
you have need again for someone to teach you  
the elementary principles of the oracles of God,  
and you have come to need milk and not solid**

**food. For everyone who partakes only of milk is not accustomed to the word of righteousness, for he is an infant. But solid food is for the mature, who because of practice have their senses trained to discern good and evil.**

**Heb 5:12-14**

**Father God has fed His family in every era** In the beginning ...

God = Life Death = Satan *“From any tree of the garden you may eat freely; but from the tree of the knowledge*

*of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat from it you will surely die.”*

Living  
Dead  
spirit

Fruit of Life Fruit of Good & Evil

**Father God has fed His family in  
every era In the time of Moses ...**

Daily manna

Ex 16:3-4

Ex 12

Lamb

Unleavened bread

Exodus

God's people  
enslaved in Egypt

God's people in  
the wilderness

**You shall remember all the way which the Lord your God has led you in the wilderness these forty years, that He might humble you, testing you, to know what was in your heart, whether you would keep His commandments or not. He**

humbled you and let you be hungry, and fed you with manna which you did not know, nor did your fathers know, that He might make you understand that man does not live by bread alone, but man lives by everything that proceeds out of the mouth of the Lord. Your clothing did not wear out on you, nor did your foot swell these forty years. Thus you are to know in your heart that the Lord your God was disciplining you just as a man disciplines his son. Therefore, you shall keep the commandments of the Lord your God, to walk in His ways and to fear Him. Dt 8:2-6

**Father God has fed His family in every era** At the time of Jesus's 1st coming ...

- *And the tempter came and said to Him, “If You are the Son of God, command that these stones become bread.” But He answered and said, “It is written, ‘Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God.’” (Mt 4:3-4)*

**Father God has fed His family in**

# every era At the time of Jesus's 1st coming ...

- Because people were looking for physical food, Jesus fed the 5000 bread and fish ... but he also fed their spirits.
- *Do not work for the food which perishes, but for the food which endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give to you, for on Him the Father, God, has set His seal.” (Jn 6:27)*
- Jesus was feeding people his testimony regarding the fulfillment of the OT prophecies, a very solid but very nutritious food. Was it easy for them to swallow?

**I am the bread of life. Your fathers ate the manna**

**in the wilderness, and they died. This is the bread which comes down out of heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. I am the living bread that came down out of heaven; if anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever; and the bread also which I will give for the life of the world is My flesh ... Truly, truly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink His blood, you have no life in yourselves.**

**Jn 6:51-53**

# **Father God has fed His family in every era** At the time of Jesus's 1st coming ...

- But how many really grew fully to reach Jesus's level of maturity? How many fully overcame the devil and his lies? If not, what were they missing?
- We need more solid food to help us grow even more!

NT prophecies & their fulfillment (Jn 16:12, Jn 16:25). •

*And [Jesus] said to them, "I have earnestly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer; for I say to you, I*

***shall never again eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God."*** (Lk 22:15-16)

Who then is the **faithful and sensible slave** whom his master put in charge of his household **to give them their food at the proper time?**

**Blessed is that slave whom his master finds so doing when he comes. Truly I say to you that he will put him in charge of all his**

# possessions. Mt 24:45-47

## Father God has fed His family in every era At the time of Jesus's 2nd coming ...

- Jesus is promising to appoint a faithful servant in the last days to give the rest of his servants their food at the proper time. What is that food Christians are forced to wait for?
- This food is the same **Passover meal** Jesus promised to eat with us when the kingdom comes (Lk 22:16, 18, Rv 3:20). • It is the “**revelation of Jesus**” delivered by a messenger of Jesus (Rv 1-2, Rv 22:8, 16), the words of the open book (Rv 10:8-11), and the **testimony regarding the**

fulfillment of the NT prophecies from the witnesses of Jesus (Rv 11). • It is also the **fruit of the tree of life** and the **hidden manna** (Rv 2:7, 17). Those who eat this food will truly be God's people who live with Him forever!

## Jesus

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**He who has an ear, let him hear  
what the Spirit says to the  
churches. To him who overcomes,  
to him I will give some  
of the hidden manna, and I will  
give him a white stone, and a  
new name written on the stone  
which no one knows but he who**

# receives it.'

## Rv 2:17

### Summary and conclusion

- Just being born of God's seed is not enough, we must grow and mature by eating the spiritual food of God's Word.
- God has always provided food for His people, but we need to move from milk (law) to solid food (prophecies and fulfillment) as the more solid food becomes available at the time of the fulfillment.
- Jesus gave the "food at the proper time" at the 1st coming with his testimony of the fulfillment of the OT prophecies. Those who ate it were truly God's people because the milk of the Mosaic Law was no longer enough.
- Jesus promised more "food at the proper time" in the last days,

which is the testimony of the fulfillment of the NT prophecies.  
Again, those who are able to eat it will mature fully and be God's family forever!

Let's pray  