

*[3] And 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 from the mouth of the LORD.*

[Deuteronomy 8:3]

As I begin Today's Thought, I want to remind you that Deuteronomy was the message the LORD God gave to Moses to recap all that had happened to Israel over the last forty years of wilderness wandering. Here in Deuteronomy 8:3, the focus of the message was that you as they, "*do not live by bread alone, but (you live) by everything that proceeds out from the mouth of the LORD!*"

This is why reading, studying, and meditating upon the God-breathed Words of the Bible are so important. It is those God-breathed Words that give you *SPIRITUAL NUTRITION* for your *SOUL!*

In Matthew 4:4 (and Luke 4:4) Jesus Himself when being tempted by the "*tempter*", the "*devil*" answered him, "*It is written, 'Man WILL NOT LIVE on bread alone, but ON EVERY WORD that proceeds out of the mouth of God.'*"

In Today's Thought I want to share with you the attitude of some of the people of God in Scripture concerning the God-breathed Words God spoke.

Do you remember Job? Do you remember the illness he was suffering at the hands of Satan? Despite his suffering, listen to the words Job spoke to his three friends in Job 23:12. Job said,

*"I have treasured the words of His mouth more than my necessary food."*

How much do you '*TREASURE*' God's "*WORDS*"? Do you '*TREASURE*' the "*WORDS*" of God "*MORE than*" your "*necessary food*"?

Listen to the attitude of King David in Psalms 19:9-10 where he declares,

*"The judgments of the LORD are true; they are righteous altogether. They are more desirable than gold, yes, than much fine gold; sweeter also than honey and the drippings of the honeycomb."*

Listen also to the words of the unnamed psalmist in Psalms 119:103 when he says,

*"How sweet are Your words to my taste! Yes, sweeter than honey to my mouth!"*

Now let me ask you, how *DESIRABLE* are God's Words to You? How *SWEET* is the taste of the God-breathed Words of the Bible to your taste?

The prophet Jeremiah proclaimed in Jeremiah 15:16,

*Your Words were found, and I ate them,  
and Your Words became for me a joy and the delight of my heart;*

When you read your Bible, how much *JOY* and *DELIGHT* does it bring to you *HEART*?

Please carefully consider the Words the Holy Spirit moved Paul to write to the Corinthian congregation in 1 Corinthians 3:1-3a. Here you hear Paul say,

*"And I, brethren, could not speak to you as to spiritual, but as to fleshly, as to babes 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, for you are still fleshly."*

Did you see the reason that Paul could not speak to these in Corinth as those who were *SPIRITUAL*? It was because they were still *“fleshly”*. They were still *“babes in Christ”*. Therefore, since they were *babes in Christ*, Paul could only give them *“milk to drink”*, because they *“were not yet able to receive solid (spiritual) food”*. What about you? Are you still *“fleshly”*, still a *“babe in Christ”*? Or are you *spiritual*, and *“able to receive”* the *“solid (spiritual) food”* of the Word of God?

Peter is moved in 1 Peter 2:2 to write and tell you that, *“like newborn babes”*, you should *“long for the pure milk of the WORD, that by it you may grow in respect to salvation”*.

However, along with 1 Corinthians 3 and 1 Peter 2, consider what the Hebrew scribe says in Hebrews 5:13-14.

*For everyone partaking only of milk is not accustomed to the WORD of RIGHTEOUSNESS, for they are a babe. But SOLID FOOD IS FOR the MATURE, who because of PRACTICE have their SENSES TRAINED to discern good and evil.*

Do you now see the value of spending time reading, studying, and meditating upon God’s Word? I hope you do, and I hope you will.

As I close Today’s Thought, I commend you to the words of the blessing Paul was moved to speak to the Ephesian elders in Acts 20:32. Here he says to them,

*“And now I COMMEND YOU TO God and TO THE WORD of His GRACE, which is able to BUILD YOU UP and TO GIVE YOU the INHERITANCE among all those WHO ARE SANCTIFIED.”*

Would you please pray with me as we close Today’s Thought?

O Father, the God of the God-breathed Word. Again, today I come before You with an offering of thanksgiving. I give You thanks that You have given us Your ageless Word that can be to us sweeter than honey. I pray and ask You today to teach us and give us understand that we should not live by bread alone. Teach us that true life, spiritual life comes to us by every Word that continues out from Your mouth. Please teach us to treasure Your word more than the things of this world. Teach us to no longer be babes but bring us to maturity in Your Spirit that we may understand the spiritual things in Your God-breathed, Spirit given Word, the Bible. Please accept our offering of thanksgiving and hear and answer us as we pray. For we pray in the power and authority that are in the Name of Jesus Your Son. Amen!

Please meditate and pray on these things!

Louise and I pray this will help to both enlighten and encourage you to **know in a greater way** the **One** promising in His Word to never leave you or forsake you [Hebrews 13:5; Deuteronomy 31:6, 8]!

*BECAUSE HIS WORD IS SPIRITUAL NUTRITION FOR MY SOUL, I WANT TO GROW IN MY UNDEANDING OF WHAT HE SPEAKS TO ME THROUGH HIS GOD-BREATHED WORD ! – tom*