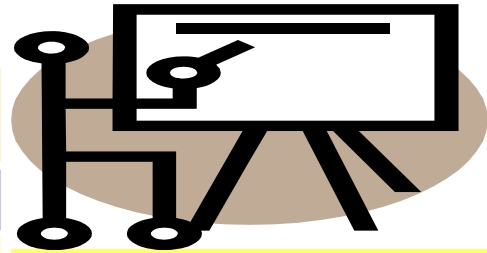


He humbled you, allowing you to become hungry, and then fed you with manna which neither you nor your ancestors had ever known, to make you understand that a person does not live on food alone but on everything that comes from the mouth of ADONAI (GOD). —Moses. —Duet. 8:3. CJB.

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Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God!

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PHYSICAL FEAST OR SPIRITUAL FAMINE?

Not only in America, but in many affluent societies, men, women and children are growing obese. "E.U. warns of obesity crisis"... I bring this up, not to discourage or judge, but to raise a very important Spiritual Truth.

This **Spiritual Truth** is found in the **1st half** and the **2nd half** of The Bible. In the Writings of Moses, and from the mouth of **JESUS**.

In fact, **JESUS** himself, was tempted in his hunger, by the Devil: "At that time **JESUS** was led up by the Spirit into the Desert in order to be tempted by the Devil. There He fasted for forty days and nights; and after that He suffered from

hunger. So the Tempter came and said, "If you are the Son of GOD, command these stones to turn into loaves." "It is written," replied JESUS, "It is not on bread alone that a man shall live, but on whatsoever GOD shall appoint."

Matt 4: 1-4 (W.N.T.).



Now remember, **JESUS, Son of GOD**, came in a human body, -that could 'hunger for food' just like ours. Food is both a requirement and a pleasure to the human body.

What was **JESUS** reaction to this very timely temptation? **He** would not focus on the

thought of food, **but on what GOD** said He had appointed **for Him to do.**

As human beings, we focus on all the externals. Look at that big juicy apple, look at that Ice Cream, look at that Cake. But **JESUS Christ**, Coming down from **Father GOD**, would rely on **The Holy SPIRIT**, and **His** relationship with **GOD** to sustain **Him**, and not on **His** own physical strength., from 'temptation' food. And, yes, he did eat later on, but not in obedience to the tempter!

A THING CALLED BALANCE

In days of great physical famine, **Jacob/Israel** went down to Egypt, where there was abundance of bread.

Earlier, **GOD** had seen fit to place Joseph in the House of Pharaoh, where he was placed in charge of grain, there, to feed the starving world. Food can be a great motivator, or a great trap!

Remember, **Jacob/Israel** was promised the Land

of "Canaan", not Goshen, Egypt. But Goshen was prime grazing land for sheep of shepherds on the East side of Egypt's Delta.

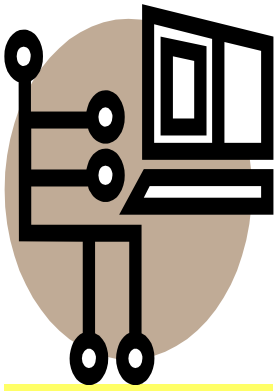
Oh, how they prospered there! But you might ask, weren't they made Slaves? **Many are made Slaves of Physical Prosperity, even forgetting ADONAI God, and His purposes for their existence.** How

many **Israelis** Today, grow prosperous in foreign lands, **while the Promised Land is under assault?** Wasn't 400 years in exile enough for Israel in the days of Moses? Isn't it high time to Listen to the Word of God concerning A Promised Land?

The more enslaved to everything like food, and all physical prosperity we become, the further from **Spiritual** prosperity we find ourselves.....

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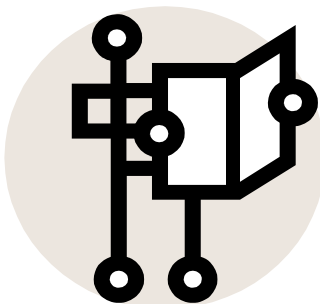
- **Spiritual Bread is for Spirit Life.**
- **Physical bread is for body life.**
- **The Word of GOD brings Soul life.**
- **Train yourself in godliness.**
- **Physical exercise is not useless.**
- **Godliness is useful in every respect, both in this life and the one to come!**



Moses could have been very fulfilled simply enjoying the privileges of his exalted status in, and over all Egypt!

HUMAN BEINGS,
Created in the
Image and
likeness of **GOD,**
have 3 levels of
needs.

1. **Spiritual** needs.
2. **Soul** needs.
(mind, will &
emotions)
3. **Physical** needs.



It is easier to remember the physical needs of the **body,** than the needs of **Soul & Spirit!**

Moses, not content with Status Quota

Have you ever wondered what the world would be fighting over, if **Moses** had just been content to be a favored "adopted son" of Pharaoh? Or "son of Pharaoh's daughter"? Egypt might have fit the Jews in with their own culture. After all, in the wilderness of sin, they showed some signs of compromising to Egyptian gods. I think they very well might have become accustomed to that culture, except for the fact that Creator **GOD** had another plan for them. "Through **faith Moses,** when he grew to manhood, refused to be

known as Pharaoh's daughter's son, having determined to endure ill-treatment along with the people of **GOD** rather than enjoy the short-lived pleasures of sin; because he deemed the reproaches which he might meet with **in the service of the Christ** to be greater riches than all the treasures of Egypt; for he fixed his gaze on **The Coming Reward.** Through faith he left Egypt, not being frightened by the king's anger; for he held on his course as

seeing the unseen One. Through faith he instituted the **Passover,** and the sprinkling with blood so that the destroyer of the firstborn might not touch the Israelites. Through faith they passed through the Red Sea as though they were passing over dry land, but the Egyptians, when they tried to do the same, were swallowed up. Through faith the walls of Jericho fell to the ground after being surrounded for seven days."

Heb. 11:24-30. (WNT).

I WILL RAIN BREAD FROM HEAVEN

As **GOD** fed Israel in Goshen, Egypt., —He proved His leadership through Moses, by providing food in the desert wilderness, in route to The Promised Land. Oh, the fond 'memories' of Egypt's Appetizers that invaded some of the people. **But GOD** wanted

to teach them a very important Truth, by providing them with **the Bread of Heaven** (quails in evening, & manna in the morning). At Rephidim they cried for water. Yes, **JESUS'** Jewish Ancestors were

sometimes focused on externals for the body. "And the children of Israel did eat manna forty years, until they came to a land inhabited; they did eat manna, until they came unto the borders of the land of Canaan."

—Exodus 16:35 -KJV

A FAMINE OF HEARING THE WORD

Today, with so many Body's growing Fat, is any one listening to the sayings of **JESUS Christ,** the **Living Word of GOD?**

Amos 8:11 "Behold, the days come, saith the **LORD GOD** (Adonay- Spoken by Jews in place of Yahweh, in reverence) , **that I will send a famine in the land**

(Earth), **not a famine of bread** (food, grain), **nor a thirst for water** (transitory refreshment), **but of hearing** — (Shama— to hear, listen to, hear with attention or interest, to understand, give heed, Obey,

to consent, agree, yield to) —**the Words of the LORD** (The Existing **GOD**):"

"**Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness** (right standing before **GOD**) **for they shall be filled** (completely satisfied)."
—— **JESUS.**

Matt 5:6 (KJV# & WNT).

"I AM THE BREAD OF LIFE" — JESUS (John 6:48)

Even the great fore-runner, John the Baptist, declined bread, in pursuit of the Coming "Bread of Life".

Luke 7:33-34

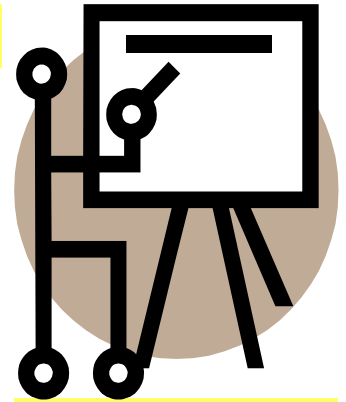
"For John the Baptist has come eating no bread and drinking no wine, and you say, 'He has a demon!' The

Son of Man has come eating and drinking, and you say, 'Look, there is a man who is over fond of eating and drinking--he is a friend of tax-gatherers and notorious sinners!'

While JESUS ate with notorious sinners, they

ate and drank deeply from His Spirit!

But there were many times when He and His disciples had no time to eat: Mark 3:20 "And He went into a house. But again the crowd assembled, so that there was no opportunity for them even to snatch a meal." —(WNT).



MY FATHER IS GIVING YOU THE TRUE BREAD OUT OF HEAVEN! —JESUS

BREAD OUT OF HEAVEN

After the Miracle of the feeding of the 5000, the crowds were tracking JESUS from place to place: John 6:26-40 **"In most solemn truth I tell you," replied JESUS, "that you are searching for Me not because you have seen miracles, but because you ate the loaves and had a hearty meal. Bestow your pains not on the food which perishes, but on the food that remains unto the Life of the Ages--that food which will be the Son of Man's gift**

to you; for on Him the Father, GOD, has set His seal." "What are we to do," they asked, "in order to carry out the things that GOD requires?" **"This," replied JESUS, "is above all the thing that GOD requires--that you should be believers in Him whom He has Sent."** "What miracle then," they asked, "do you perform for us to see and become believers in you? What do you *do*? Our forefathers ate the manna in the Desert, as it is written, <`He gave them bread out of Heaven to eat`."> "In most solemn truth I tell you," replied JESUS, "that Moses did not give you the bread out of Heaven,

but my Father is giving you the bread--the true bread--out of Heaven. For GOD'S bread is that which comes down out of Heaven and gives Life to the world." "I am the bread of Life," replied JESUS; "he who comes to Me shall never hunger, and he who believes in Me shall never, never thirst. But it is as I have said to you: you have seen Me and yet you do not believe. Every one whom the Father gives Me will come to Me, and him who comes to Me I will never on any account drive away. For I have left Heaven and have come down to earth not to seek My own pleasure, but to do the will of Him who sent Me. And this is the will of Him who sent Me, that of all that He has given Me I should lose nothing, but should raise it to life on the last day. For this is My Father's will, that every one who fixes his gaze on the Son of GOD and believes in Him should have the Life of the Ages, and I will raise him to life on the last day." (WNT).



INVITING JESUS CHRIST TO YOUR THANKSGIVING DINNER

How very thoughtful, it would be this Thanksgiving Day, to invite JESUS! I know, you're thinking, JESUS is not here to invite. But He Is! He is In Every One Of His Disciples. Remember, the True Church Is THE BODY OF CHRIST!

So invite A Disciple of JESUS to your Thanksgiving Dinner, And be Nourished Spiritually. Drink deeply of this disciple's Spirit, Listen to JESUS Speaking by his or her lips! And know that you have been in the very presence of one of JESUS Own Disciples!

Know Him in them, in the breaking of the Bread at your Thanksgiving Feast!

JESUS WAS KNOWN, TO THEM IN THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Luke 24:13-36 "On that same day two of the disciples were walking to Emmaus, a village seven or eight miles from Jerusalem, and were conversing about all these recent events; and, in the midst of their conversation and discussion, **Jesus Himself** came and joined them, though they were prevented from recognizing Him. "What is the subject," He asked them, "on which you are talking so earnestly, as you walk?" And they stood still, looking full of sorrow. Then one of them, named Cleopas, answered, "Are you a stranger lodging alone in Jerusalem, that you have known nothing of the things that have lately happened in the city?" "What things?" He asked. "The things about Jesus the Nazarene," they said, "who was a Prophet Powerful in Work and Word before GOD and all the people; and how our High Priests and Rulers delivered Him up to be sentenced to death, and crucified Him. But we were hoping that it was He who was about to ransom Israel. Yes, and moreover it was the day before yesterday that these

things happened. And, besides, some of the women of our company have amazed us. They went to the tomb at daybreak, and, finding that His body was not there, they came and declared to us that they had also seen a vision of angels who said that He was alive. Thereupon some of our party went to the tomb and found things just as the women had said; but Jesus Himself they did not see." "O dull-witted men," He replied, "with minds so slow to believe all that the Prophets have spoken! Was there not a necessity for the Christ thus to suffer, and then enter into His glory?" And, beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, He explained to them the passages in Scripture which refer to Himself. When they had come near the village to which they were going, He appeared to be going further. But they pressed Him to remain with them. "Because," said they, "it is getting towards evening, and the day is nearly over." So He went in to stay with them. But as soon as He had sat down

with them, and had taken the bread and had blessed and broken it, and was handing it to them, their eyes were opened and they recognized Him. But He vanished from them. "Were not our hearts," they said to one another, "burning within us while He talked to us on the way and explained the Scriptures to us?" So they rose and without an hour's delay returned to Jerusalem, and found the Eleven and the rest met together, who said to them, "Yes, it is true: the Master has come back to life. He has been seen by Simon." Then they related what had happened on the way, and how He had been recognized by them in the breaking of the bread. While they were thus talking, He Himself stood in their midst and said, "Peace be to you!"
——JESUS. (WNT).

