

WORKING FOR FOOD THAT ENDURES TO ETERNAL LIFE

Jn. 6:27 Do not work for food that spoils, but for food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. On him God the Father has placed his seal of approval.”

In Jn. 6:27, Jesus spoke of the food that endures to eternal life as a future thing (by then). He said, “which the Son of Man will give you.” We can therefore see that this food that endures to eternal life was not available during Jesus’ earthly ministry. This food could only be given by the glorified Jesus. This clarification is necessary because it is common for Christians to say that spiritual food and spiritual drink (living water) are the word of God. The word of God was abundantly present during the time of Jesus’ earthly ministry, but spiritual food was to come in the future; after Jesus is glorified.

Background

Ge. 2:7 The LORD God formed the man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being.

Ge. 2:8 Now the LORD God had planted a garden in the east, in Eden; and there he put the man he had formed.

Ge. 2:9 And the LORD God made all kinds of trees grow out of the ground — trees that were pleasing to the eye and good for food. In the middle of the garden were the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

Ge. 2:10 A river watering the garden flowed from Eden; from there it was separated into four headwaters.

In the creation of man, God first of all created the physical or outer man. Then He birthed a spiritual or inner being within the outer man. God thereafter placed the man that He created in His garden. This garden had physical trees that provided food for the outer man. The two trees at the center of the garden were spirit beings that could feed the inner being. A river that watered the Garden of God flowed from Eden and this river separated into four headwaters. This river apparently had both natural and spiritual (rivers of living water) components.

Ge. 2:15 The LORD God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it.

Even though God provided all the natural and spiritual food that man needed in the Garden of Eden, man nevertheless needed to work and take care of the garden in order to get all the food that he required from the garden. Man does not need to work or take care of the rivers; water is free.

Jn. 4:10 Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked him and he would have given you living water."

We can see that living water was available during the time of Jesus' earthly ministry; but spiritual food was not. We can therefore conclude that whereas it is easy to get water (natural or spiritual), it is not as easy to get food (natural or spiritual).

Every human being begins existence as a natural man. The natural man can only eat natural food and drink natural drink. In order to be able to eat spiritual food and drink spiritual drink, a person must be born again. The person must be baptized into Jesus Christ in water and in the Spirit. After a person has received the spiritual man from God, the spiritual man is very small in stature and in strength. In order for the spiritual man to grow in stature and strength, it must be fed with spiritual food and spiritual drink. Spiritual drink (living water) can easily be obtained through prayer; but spiritual food (divine power) must be earned by doing the work of God. In order for the spirit man to be fed with spiritual food, one must work for it and then pray for God to feed him/her. It is not free. We should feed on spiritual food and drink spiritual drink everyday.

Spiritual Food is Necessary for Rapture

Matthew 24 is about the end time; from the beginning of birth pains to the second coming of Jesus Christ. Matthew 25 is specifically about the rapture. Mt. 25:1-13 covers the Parable of the Ten Virgins. Five of the virgins are wise, while five are foolish. What distinguishes the wise from the foolish is buying and storing oil for their lamps. The wise virgins buy oil well in time, before the arrival of the bridegroom. It wasn't until the bridegroom was already at the door that the foolish virgins realized that they needed oil for their lamps. The foolish virgins had to go and buy oil rather late and by the time they got the oil, the rapture had taken place. The oil is the same thing with spiritual food for the spirit man. The spirit man cannot manifest if it is not adequately fed with spiritual food. One key thing to note about the Parable of the Ten Virgins is that the virgins have to pay price for the oil. They do not get oil just by believing or having faith in Jesus.

Mt. 25:14-30 covers the Parable of the Talents. A man going on a journey called his servants and entrusted his property to them. To one he gave five talents of money, to another two talents, and to another one talent, each according to his ability. Then he went on his journey. The man that was given five talents of money invested his money and gained five talents more. The man that was given two talents of money also invested his money and gained two talents more. The

man that was given one talent of money dug a hole and hid his money and thereby never invested it. When the master of the servants returned and accounts were rendered to him, he commended and promoted the servants that invested their money. The master condemned the one talent man who refused to invest his money and got him thrown to outer darkness. The meaning of this parable is simply that people who utilize their God-given abilities in the work of God and who through that receive measures of spiritual food for their inner beings will be welcomed by Jesus into his kingdom during the rapture. Followers of Jesus who do not utilize their God-given abilities or endowments in the work of God will not earn spiritual food for their inner beings and so will miss the rapture and be exposed to the dark reign of the Antichrist.

Mt. 25:31-46 covers the Parable of the Sheep and the Goats. The sheep are people who give to followers of Christ who are hungry something to eat; who give to followers of Christ who are thirsty something to drink; who invited followers of Christ who were strangers into their houses; who clothed followers of Christ that needed clothes; who looked after followers of Christ who were sick; and who visited followers of Christ who were in prison. These are some of the work a person can do to earn food that endures to eternal life. As you do such work, when you pray, ask God to feed your inner being with the bread of life. He will feed you.

He. 3:12 See to it, brothers, that none of you has a sinful, unbelieving heart that turns away from the living God.

He. 3:13 But encourage one another daily, as long as it is called Today, so that none of you may be hardened by sin's deceitfulness.

He. 10:24 And let us consider how we may spur one another on towards love and good deeds.

He. 10:25 Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another — and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

Jn. 9:4 As long as it is day, we must do the work of him who sent me. Night is coming, when no-one can work.

The Late Neal Frisby of Capstone Cathedral, Phoenix, Arizona, USA, wrote in one of his scrolls that "Love will rapture the bride." Neal Frisby's statement is in agreement with Matthew 25. Working for food that endures to eternal life is simply practicing love. Note that our practice of love in this end time must aim at encouraging people to earn spiritual food for the spirit man by doing acts of love towards the people of God. We need to make our brethren to become righteous; always urging them to practice love in order to make the rapture and being good examples.

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