

Part Two: God's Will Is My Food

Matthew 4:1-11

Our main theme is "God Is Everything to Me." Our first consideration was, "God Is My Home." Only through Christ can we comprehend and enjoy the presence of God (John 14:6, 15-23). Now, we go on to consider, "God's Will Is My Food." When we talk of God's will we must look at two aspects:

1. The Word of God — which expresses who God is, what He does and what He wants.
2. The Work of God — referring to our doing and fulfilling the will of God.

Our Scripture reading shows us how Christ lived in the presence of The Father and that the Word of God was His central focus for strength and direction. As The Son of God resisted the temptations of Satan, He resorted to statements found in the book of Deuteronomy.

- Man must rely on God's Word as His Bread (Deuteronomy 8:3).
- Man must not tempt the Lord His God (Deuteronomy 6:16).
- Man must only worship and serve the Lord his God (Deuteronomy 6:13-14; 10:20; 13:4).

As we need Christ to comprehend and enjoy the presence of God, we also need Him to lead us in this matter making God's will our food.

The Word of God is our food - Deuteronomy 8:3

After 40 days of fasting and praying, Jesus was understandably hungry. Satan attacked at this moment, when he thought Jesus was at His weakest. But the nourishment of meditation on God's Word and prayer actually supplied Him with strength! How many times do we surrender to a temptation, focusing on the physical situations that make us vulnerable and weak — but not giving the Scriptures an opportunity to reveal their strength to us!

Consider Psalm 34:8; I Peter 2:1-3; Job 23:12; Jeremiah 15:16; Psalm 119:103.

The Work of God is our food – John 4:31-34

Again, it was time for Jesus to eat. The disciples had been sent to go get some lunch. Meanwhile, Jesus had an important interview with a Samaritan woman which would lead to an opportunity to reach the people of her city. We must hunger for God's work to be done through us. We must find comfort, satisfaction and fulfillment in doing God's work God's way (John 6:27; I Corinthians 16:15).

- Consider the prophetic statement about Christ and what delights Him in Psalm 40:7-10 cp. John 8:28-29; 10:15-17; 6:38-40; 17:1-4; Matthew 26:39, 51-54.
- Delight yourself in the will of the Lord (Psalm 34:3-4; 16:11; 119:14-16, 24).
- Delighting and doing should make life a joyful feast (Proverbs 15:15; Psalm 89:15; Hebrews 12:1-2; John 13:12-17).