

## UNLAWFUL HUNGER

Luke 6<sup>3</sup> Jesus answered them, “Have you never read what David did when he and his companions were hungry?<sup>4</sup> He entered the house of God, and taking the consecrated bread, he ate what is lawful only for priests to eat. And he also gave some to his companions.”<sup>5</sup> Then Jesus said to them, “The Son of Man is Lord of the Sabbath.” NIV

People go to bed hungry in our world every night. Hungry people do desperate things.

**The Prodigal** ate what the swine would eat because of hunger.

### **The Samaritans:**

2Kings 6<sup>25</sup> As a result, there was a great famine in the city. The siege lasted so long that a donkey’s head sold for eighty pieces of silver, and a cup of dove’s dung sold for five pieces of silver.

<sup>29</sup> So we cooked my son and ate him. Then the next day I said to her, ‘Kill your son so we can eat him,’ but she has hidden her son.” NLT

David is running for his life and has run out of food. In desperation he hides in the temple. He sees that in the temple is plenty of bread, the “shew bread” which is for the priest only. He is so hungry that he takes forbidden bread.

Tradition said, “You can’t have this bread”. David is so hungry that takes me past tradition. **Abimilech** comes in and says, “you are eating unlawful bread.”

David said, "I can't have church as usual. I can't sit on the pew and be satisfied. I don't care what tradition says. I know that I am not supposed to raise my hands, dance, shout, and etc. but I am hungry. Ritual and custom don't satisfy. There is bread in this house today! Take it!"

Jesus is concerned about hungry people. You will not find a person that was hungry that he didn't feed.

He walks through the corn fields and on the Sabbath day he and his disciples would eat it. **He was teaching a lesson. I will break the rules for someone that is hungry.**

We have to get away from food and drink and desire his presence.

**Peter** is taught by the sheet let down with unclean animals. Why did it happen? An Italian named Cornelius was fasting 3 days for the God of Israel. God sends a vision to Peter who has been fasting as well. Peter has a vision and dreamed of food. He is told to eat unclean animals. Jews don't eat them. Yet, God says, "eat it". Peter says, "I can't eat that. That is what the Gentiles eat. I know what the law says I can have and not have. This is wrong." Three times this event happens. God finally says, "What I have blessed don't you dare call it unclean!"

When Peter went to Cornelius house he said, "You know that it is not lawful for me to be here. But because you have sought God he says you can eat with the righteous!"

There is a hunger for the things of God today. It may not be here but it is there. Many Baptist are receiving a hunger for more than denominational offerings and are being filled with the Holy Spirit.

## **God honors hunger.**

**The Syrophenician woman** came to Jesus asking for healing for her child that was demon possessed.

Matt. 15 <sup>22</sup> And, behold, a woman of Canaan came out of the same coasts, and cried unto him, saying, Have mercy on me, O Lord, *thou* Son of David; my daughter is grievously vexed with a devil. <sup>23</sup> But **he answered her not a word**. And his disciples came and besought him, saying, Send her away; for she crieth after us. <sup>24</sup> But he answered and said, I am not sent but unto the lost sheep of the house of Israel. <sup>25</sup> Then came she and worshipped him, saying, Lord, help me. <sup>26</sup> But he answered and said, It is not meet to take the children's bread, and to cast *it* to dogs. <sup>27</sup> And she said, Truth, Lord: yet the dogs eat of the crumbs which fall from their masters' table. <sup>28</sup> Then Jesus answered and said unto her, O woman, great *is* thy faith: be it unto thee even as thou wilt. And her daughter was made whole from that very hour.  
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Jesus told her it is not meet to give the children's bread to the dogs. She replied by saying "I know what I ask for is not lawful but even the dogs are worthy of the crumbs..."

**ILL. Jason got a chow for Christmas.** She was puppy. They make messes. I didn't really want a dog around. They leave stuff in the yard. But I got to noticing that when I would drive in she would be standing at the gate with her nose stuck through the gate. She welcomed me home. I got to going out and petting her. Her diet was supposed to be dry dog food. There would be times that I would go out and put gravy on the dry dog food and she would get excited. I would take a ham bone and she would look at me and then down at the dry food as if to say, "I would rather have a little of

what is in your hand than a sack of this same ole dry dog food”.

Our hunger has got to be like that dog. We would rather have what He’s got than the same church we always have. We want what is in His hand!

We must have more than coming to church. Deliverance would not have come to her child if she had not hungered for her. **“Woman, great is thy faith, I have not seen such faith”.**

He was saying, “All of Abrahams seed don’t have the hunger you have.”

**They say, “You are a woman, a cripple, uneducated, not experienced enough”.**

**But her hunger set her daughter free! He break all the rules to meet hunger.**