

THE DEMAND OF TASTE - SATISFACTION

INTRO. Don Ballard recently spoke into my life while he was battling with his health issues. He was being treated for a lung condition while at the same time he could not eat. He could not keep food on his stomach. He would swallow a few bites and it would come back up. Even when wanting to drink water the result was the same.

He would say to me, "If I could only drink that glass of water, or eat a meal. I am starving to death! My doctor will not listen to me. I am so hungry".

God is deeply concerned with hunger. He is even concerned about the hunger of our enemies!

Rom. 12 ²⁰ On the contrary: "If your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink. NIV

God wants to satisfy the hunger or desire of your heart.

Psa. 34 ⁴ Delight yourself in the Lord and he will give you the desires of your heart. NIV

Notice the progression of desires being met is centered round delighting in Him!

God's desire becomes our desire that will be satisfied only in Him.

Psa. 34 ¹⁰ The lions may grow weak and hungry, but those who seek the Lord lack no good thing. NIV

Psa. 34 ⁸ Taste and see that the Lord is good;

The average person has 10,000 taste buds that are replaced every two weeks.

You have **four types of taste buds**, scattered about your tongue but they have areas of major concentration:

- **Sweet** – mostly in the tip, or front of your tongue
- **Sour** – mostly on the middle side of your tongue
- **Salty** – mostly on the front side and back side of your tongue
- **Bitter** – mostly on the back of your tongue

It is the sense of taste that allows us to really enjoy our food – it sort of gives us **a personal attachment to it.**

You see that which we **hear, see, and touch** is always **external.**

But that which we taste is **internal** – it must always be brought within the mouth and eaten for us to taste.

It must become a part of us!

WHAT ARE YOU HUNGRY FOR?

The lost being saved?

The supernatural of signs and wonders?

The presence of God?

The Holy Spirit baptism?

HOW DO WE TASTE AND SEE THAT THE LORD IS GOOD?

God uses symbolism as to what he satisfies our hunger with.

1. BREAD – The Word of God- Jesus

Israel wonders in the wilderness totally reliant on God's provision to make the journey.

Neh. 9 ¹⁵ In their hunger you gave them bread from heaven...NIV

The bread from heaven was Manna.

Deu. 8 ³ He **humbled you, causing you to hunger and then feeding you with manna**, which neither you nor your fathers had known, **to teach you that man does not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord.** NIV

Exo. 16 ³¹ The people of Israel called the bread manna. It was white like coriander seed and **tasted like wafers made with honey.** NIV

All of this symbolism is concerning Jesus.

John 6 ⁴⁸ **I am the bread of life.** ⁴⁹ Your forefathers ate the manna in the desert, yet they died. ⁵⁰ But here is the bread that comes down from heaven, which a man may eat and not die. ⁵¹ **I am the living bread that came down from heaven.** If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. **This bread is my flesh**, which I will give for the life of the world."

Jesus is the bread from heaven.

His word is like like honey.

His word is always fresh bread.

His word is our daily bread.

It is the **revelation** of God to us for today.

Mat. 4 ⁴ Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'

2. WINE- The Holy Spirit

Acts 2 13..... These men are full of new wine.....

Eph. 5 ¹⁸ Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit. NIV

Psa. 104 ¹⁴ He makes grass grow for the cattle, and plants for man to cultivate— bringing forth food from the earth:
¹⁵ wine that gladdens the heart of man, oil to make his face shine, and bread that sustains his heart. NIV

3. Flesh and blood- Living the life of Jesus

John 6 ⁵³ Jesus said to them, “I tell you the truth, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. **NIV**

What does this mean? V 57so the one who **feeds on me** will live because of me.

It is all about feeding on the words, life, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. **His words are life and spirit.**

When we live out the words of Jesus and emulate his life,
He is living through us!

You get what you hunger for!

Israel asked for **meat** and received quail.

Israel asked for **bread** and received manna.

The wedding party asked for wine and received “the best wine”

Cornelius hungered for God and the way of salvation

He received the Word of God and the Holy Spirit.

Acts 10 ⁴⁴ While Peter was still speaking these words, the Holy Spirit came on all who heard the message. NIV

Paul asked to **know him** and received “abundance of revelation”.

Our hunger will be satisfied by the Father.

Luke 11 ¹¹ “Which of you fathers, if your son asks for a fish, will give him a snake instead? ¹² Or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? ¹³ If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!” NIV

Ask for fish you get fish

Ask for egg you get an egg

Ask for Holy Spirit you will receive the Holy Spirit!

You get what you hunger for!

Psa. 107 ⁹ For he satisfieth the longing soul, and filleth the hungry soul with goodness. KJV

Psa. 103 ⁵ Who satisfieth thy mouth with good *things*; so that thy youth is renewed like the eagle's. KJV

Ruth claims the people and God of Naomi. She returns with Naomi to Bethlehem. She finds food in the field of Boaz. She is left “hands full” of grain on purpose. Boaz has his eyes on this girl. Naomi encourages her to go lay at his feet.

Ruth 3 “Spread the corner of your garment over me, since you are a kinsman-redeemer.”

¹⁰ “The Lord bless you, my daughter,” he replied. “This kindness is greater than that which you showed earlier: You have not run after the younger men, whether rich or poor. ¹¹ And now, my daughter, don’t be afraid. I will do for you all you ask. All my fellow townsmen know that you are a woman of noble character. ¹² Although it is true that I am near of kin, there is a kinsman-redeemer nearer than I. ¹³ Stay here for the night, and in the morning if he wants to redeem, good; let him redeem. But if he is not willing, as surely as the Lord lives I will do it. Lie here until morning.” NIV

Boaz redeemed her and took her as his wife. The key to having your taste satisfied is in the area of RELATIONSHIP. There was something to “spread the corner of your garment over me”. Apparently it was tied to redemption.

Out of RELATIONSHIP she obtained FAVOR.
That is what we have in Jesus, our Boaz.

She went to a field gathering fragments and ended up owning the field. Not only did she get the field she got the man who owned the field! The answer is in RELATIONSHIP with the Lord. All our needs are met when develop RELATIONSHIP BECAUSE RELATIONSHIP BRING FAVOR!

Mary and Martha understand the favor of relationship. Mary is sitting at the feet of Jesus and Martha is serving everyone. Martha learns from the words of Jesus that PRESENCE is more important than “the work”.

Out relationship with Jesus comes great favor. They did not know that a few days later Lazarus would die. Four days

after his death Jesus shows up. “Lord if you had been here he would not have died”, is what Jesus hears Mary say.

He reveals a powerful truth to them. Relationship brings favor. Jesus is saying, “You don’t understand who I am. There is nothing impossible with me. That relationship you thought was dead, that bill that is past due, that one that you thought is as good as dead that has turned their back on God, I can make them live!”

“You know me but I am about to show you what I can do. Lazarus, come forth!” Lazarus leaps out of that tomb.

What are you hungry for? You get what you ask for only when you develop RELATIONSHIP.