



Let's Eat!

Do you remember that in the garden of Eden, Eve ate the fruit from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil? If she was fully satisfied when the tempter came, do you think that she would have been interested in anything else? Gen 3.

What about the prodigal son? Do you think that while he was in the far country he was drawn to the husks for the swine before or after the famine? Luke 15.

When did the tempter approach the Lord Jesus to try to entrap him to make stones into bread? Was it not after He was hungry, having fasted forty days and nights? Matthew 4.

There was so much variety and abundance when God said that **every** herb...upon the face of **all** the earth and **every** tree was for food (Gen.1). There was only one restriction! (Gen 2). And you know what the enemy focused on!

Well then, if we find ourselves all interested in the **unique restriction** and not on the **unlimited resources** that God gives, we can be pretty sure that it is the enemy's voice we are listening to. And if we continue to entertain these thoughts it can only be that we are hungry and very vulnerable because we have not filled up with God's ample provisions!

So let's eat! We are more responsible than Eve, since we can learn from her mistakes.

Eve did not **relish** the provisions of God and so did not **control** her natural instincts. The prodigal **remembered** the provisions of God and **came** back to his father. And finally the Lord Jesus, the Perfect Man, **relied** on the provisions of God and **claimed** the Scriptures personally. Eve fell, the prodigal almost fell, but the Lord Jesus did not even stumble, He was gloriously victorious!

Eve should have eaten! The prodigal, when he returned, was invited to eat! This has ever been the antidote to the call of the 'far country'! The Lord Jesus had eaten and was full of the wonderfully **relevant** Word of God!

But then, the full soul has no interest at all in the sweetest thing, not even a honey-comb, (Proverbs 27: 7). However, the hungry one even longs after bitter things!

Let's eat then of **every** tree - the food provided in the word of God! 2 Timothy 3: 16 shows that **All** scripture is God breathed, is inspired! In Luke 24 the disciples were seen as foolish for not believing **all** that the prophets had spoken! Then Jesus expounded unto them in all the scriptures the things concerning Himself.

When tempted, the Lord quoted from Deuteronomy. In His first sermon in Nazareth He read Isaiah but referred to Naaman and another account from the books of Kings. He skilfully used the written scriptures throughout His life, and even in dying quoted Psalms 22.

But in Luke 24, He would have reverently touched every book from Genesis to Malachi. He was never short on scripture!

Let's eat! Every day we should have a filling experience. "I sat down under his shadow with great delight and his fruit was sweet to my taste" (Songs of Songs 2:3). Mary sat at Jesus' feet and heard his word (Luke 10: 39, 42). She had chosen 'that good part which shall not be taken away from her'!

Get a good hold of the good part! We can't lose by it and we can't lose it! Be encouraged to fill up on the scriptures! If ever you leave home **empty** you'll be feeble! Limiting your scriptural exploration will greatly impoverish you! And if you should fill your head and not your heart, you will be surely denying yourself of the full and gracious provision of God.

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