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EDITORIAL

SOUL FOOD

Man Shall Not Live by Bread Alone, but by Every Word That Proceedeth Out of the Mouth of God. Mat. 4-4.

The foregoing are the words of our Lord, during His temptation in the wilderness. He being hungry from long fasting, was tempted by satan to prove his Deity, by turning stones into bread that he might eat and satisfy his natural hunger. In our Lords' reply to satan we find couched two very important facts. First, he teaches that there is more to man than a physical body, and an intellect or mind with its natural faculties and capacities for natural things. He teaches that there is a part, a very real part, in fact the most important part of man which the Bible calls soul. Jesus doubtless had power to make bread of stones: He made an abundance of bread, and fish in the wilderness when he fed the five thousand men besides women and children, and had only a little boy's lunch to begin with. Then why did he prefer to suffer physical hunger than to make bread and eat, at the time of his temptation?

First, probaby it was because he would have been obeying satan, which thing He never did, and second, our Lord would teach you and me that soul needs are far more important than our physical needs,—and must be provided for if we would truly live. "Man shall not live by bread alone." The Psalmist, David, recognized that he possessed a soul, and cried out, Bless the Lord, oh my soul. Psa. 103. Perhaps it would be nearer right to say man is a soul, and has a body. In the account of the creation in Genesis, we read that "God breathed into man's nostrils the breath of life and man became a living soul."

The Apostle Paul spoke of his soul as the real man or the inner man. He said though our outward man perish, our inward man is renewed day by day. He also said in referring to his death, when the soul, or spirit leaves the body, I have a desire to depart and be with Christ.

In spite of the fact that the great masses of human beings act, and live as if they had only a body to care for like the lower animals, the inspired writers speak often of our souls which are capable of enjoying the blessing of God, or of being lost in hell forever.

It was the soul of man which suffereth most through the disobedience of Adam and Eve, and the fall of man from fellowship with God

into sin. Of course the body also suffers weakness, sickness, infirmities and mortality as a result of Adam's sin: The body will return to earth again, but the unregenerated, unwashed soul will go to hell, like the rich man that Jesus spoke about who went there in great torment.

The soul likewise is affected more than the body in salvation. According to the words of David in Psa. 103, it is the soul that needs and receives forgiveness and healing. "Bless the Lord, oh my soul who forgiveth all thine iniquities, and healeth all thy diseases." Note two works of grace, forgiveness and healing.

The second important fact which our Lord suggested in his reply to satan is that after the soul is forgiven and sanctified by the grace of God he or she needs food, which can only come from the Word of God. Perhaps this explains why some good strong Christians who were a great help in the church, a real asset to the kingdom of God, possessors of and witnesses to the grace of holiness, have backslidden. They have starved their souls, became weak and were overcome by the enemy. These good folk often have more than ordinary intelligence; they are lovers of books and literature, they have developed a desire for more knowledge, and often high class fiction. They would not waste their time reading cheap novels. They are great readers: But here is where they made their mistake, while they were satisfying the craving of their intellects, they were starving their souls. A man will be just as dead if he dies by starvation as he would be if some one shot him.

According to the words of Jesus, if our souls live and thrive we must read, study and meditate, feed on the word of God. Hence, read our Bibles and good religious literature. High class fiction, instructive articles by good writers such as write for magazines and literary digests, articles on science and invention and many other subjects which are interesting and instructive, will not feed the soul. Neither will much of the so-called preaching heard in many churches today. We will need to go to church where the word of truth is preached with the Holy Ghost sent down from Heaven. Peter says, "As new born babes desiring the sincere milk of the Word that ye may grow thereby." Hence, live.

The following little poem was written by Mr. Frank Hagerman, of Hartland, N. B., who witnessed a baptismal service there, when Rev. Dow baptized his son and son's wife. Brother Hagerman is past 80 years old, but is still active in mind and body.

I lived to see a glorious sight, That took place here today, while down upon the river shore, I heard a preacher pray. At first I wondered what is that, that they are doing now, Among the preachers that were there, I saw the preacher Dow. A pleasant smile was on his face, for joy was in his heart, obedience to divine command and the pastor had a part. Both men walked in the liquid stream, and raising no alarm, I thought if I go down to see, it won't do any harm. I had not heard the joyful news, and so I was surprised, four candidates had changed their lives, and were being baptized. All honor to the men of faith who seek their souls to save, and in burying the dead past accept a liquid grave.

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PURGING OUT THE OLD LEAVEN

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It is enough to thrill the understanding with great admiration to see how God has arranged the teachings of Scripture in long lines of light from one end of the Bible to the other. The word "leaven" is always used in Scripture to represent the fleshly mind, the carnal reason, and it is never used in a single place to signify righteousness or love or holiness. The apostle taught the Corinthian Church that one rotten apple would spoil the other apples in the same box, and he demanded that the Church should purge out a corrupt member because he would corrupt the Church, and says "Purge out the old leaven, that ye may be a new lump." In several places the same thing is taught, that the leaven of the fleshly mind must be put away, for it can never be improved or brought into the true service of God. Now if you will look at that subject in the light of the Old Testament you will be surprised to notice the perfect oneness of God's Word running through both the Old and New Testaments . . .

No Mixture in the Garden

We read, "Thou shalt not sow thy vineyard with divers seeds: lest the fruit of thy seed and the fruit of thy vineyard be defiled" (Deut. 22:9). If different seeds are sown in garden in close proximity which have contrary elements in them, as, for instance, the gourd and the tomato, the bloom of the plants will fertilize and pollute the true nature of the plant and the fruit. Hence God taught the Hebrews that in their garden they must learn the lesson of separation, and not have contrary fruits in close proximity to avoid any pollution of one with the other.

No Mixture in the Yoke

In the next verse it is said: "Thou shalt not plow with an ox and an ass together." The ox is a clean animal and works with a yoke on his neck, but the ass is an unclean animal and works with a collar on his neck, and you see that the two animals are contrary to each other in their nature and in their walk and in their mode of pulling the plow. This was not written on account of the animals especially, but on account of the Israelites, that if they wanted to serve God they must not hitch up the old Adam and the Lord Jesus to the same plow to carry on their religious farming. When contrary elements are mixed it always works damage and especially damage to the good side, whether in the heart or in the life or in business or in church enterprises.

No Mixture in the Garment

In the next verse it is said: "Thou shalt not wear a garment of divers sorts, as of woollen and linen together." Wool is the product of an animal, and linen is the product of a vegetable, and you see that they possess contrary natures. If you wash a piece of wool for years and years you can never get all the grease out of it, and that is a type of the flesh, which can never be delivered from its true essential nature. Linen is entirely free from grease and is always used in Scripture as a type of the working of the Spirit, as a type of grace separated from sin. Many centuries later the prophet Ezekiel told the priests that when they went to minister in the holy places they must not wear garments made of wool, which would cause them to sweat but they must be