

THE FORTY - SECOND GENERATION

Seek Ye First

Romans 14:17 says "For the Kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost".

Righteousness, peace, and joy are the fruits of the Spirit. The other 9 fruits are love, long suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance, lowliness, and patience. We will enter into the Kingdom of God by letting the Holy Ghost produce these fruit in our lives. We will not enter into the Kingdom of God by what we eat on this earth. Our earthly diet is not the Kingdom of God.

*"Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? Or, What shall we drink? Or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed? (For after all these things do the Gentiles seek:) for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things. But **SEEK YE FIRST** the Kingdom of God, and His righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you," Matthew 6:31-33.*

Our heavenly Father knows that we need food and drink to sustain our earthly bodies. The Gentiles seek every day what they should be eating. Do we, as the Gentiles, spend more time on seeking our earthly food rather than our Spiritual food? Jesus said, **SEEK YE FIRST** the Kingdom of God, and His righteousness. Our minds need to be on the heavenly food; filling our soul and spirit, not our bellies.

"Whose end is destruction, whose God is their belly, and whose glory is in their shame, who mind earthly things," Philippians 3:19.

We need to get our minds off of the earthly things. What we fill our belly with only meets our physical needs. Spending all of our time on what we will fill our belly with will only bring destruction to our soul and spirit. There is no glory in our earthly diet. When we make our belly the most important thing, this will only bring shame.

"For our conversation is in heaven; from whence also we look for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ," Philippians 3:20.

Our conversation is in Heaven. Conversation here represents our way of life. Our way of life should be in the spiritual realm, not on the earthly realm.

"If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth. For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God," Colossians 3:1-3.

Paul said **IF, IF** we confess that we are risen with Christ, then we know that the Kingdom of God is not meat and drink. The Kingdom of God is not what we put into our bellies. The Kingdom of God is Christ in you, the hope of Glory, Colossians 1:27. We are to set our affection on things above, not on the things on

the earth. What we are going to eat for breakfast, lunch, and dinner should not be the most important thing in our day. The Kingdom of God is righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost.

“Then Jesus said unto them, Verily, Verily, I say unto you, Except ye eat the flesh of the Son of man, and drink His blood, ye have no life in you,” John 6:53.

“And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth,” John 1:14.

If we want eternal life then we need to eat what our Heavenly Father gave us to eat. He has given us every WORD in the BIBLE, from Genesis 1:1 to Revelation 22:21. Are we filling ourselves with His grace and truth? Are we partaking daily of the flesh of the Son of Man (His Word)?

“Therefore the Lord Himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call His name Immanuel. Butter and honey shall He eat, that He may know to refuse the evil, and choose the good,” Isaiah 7:14 – 15.

Butter is the meatier or the fattier part of the milk. This is the meatier part of His Word. The honey enlightens the eyes. Jesus ate every Word that proceedeth from the mouth of the Lord so that He would know to refuse the evil and choose the good. If we want to know how to refuse the evil and choose the good then we need to eat what Jesus ate. The butter (the meatier part of the Word) and also the honey so that our eyes are enlightened.

“Then answered one of the people, and said, Thy father straitly charged the people with an oath, saying, Cursed be the man that eateth any food this day. And the people were faint. Then said Jonathan, My father hath troubled the land: see, I pray you, how mine eyes have been enlightened, because I tasted a little of this honey,” I Samuel 14:28 -29.

Saul represents the hireling system that suppresses God's people. They tell the people of God not to eat any food this day. The people are faint today because they are told not to eat the flesh of the Son of man and drink His blood. Jonathan tasted a little of the honey. Lets desire more than a little. Lets go after a double portion.

“Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest, by the blood of Jesus, By a new and living way, which He hath consecrated for us, through the veil, that is to say, His flesh,” Hebrews 10:19-20

When we eat His flesh and drink His blood, we will have boldness to enter into the Holy of Holies. It's by a new and living way, which is in verse 22 of Hebrews 10,

“Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water”.

We are told by the author of Hebrews that we must (1) draw near with a true heart, (2) have our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and (3) have our bodies washed with pure water. All 3 of these must be done if we want to have that boldness to enter into the Holy of Holies.

“Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father but by me,” John 14:6

Remember, the Kingdom of God is not meat and drink, but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost. Seek the food that is in Heaven. May the Lord enlighten your eyes. **By Keith Huff**

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