**If You Are Not Hungry For God, You Will Never Find God**

When I talk of God, I’m not just speaking about just any God. I’m not speaking to you about the God of this world that has distracted so many people from finding a true relationship with Jesus Christ.

I’m not talking about a god that you can choose how you serve him.

But I’m talking about **the** God!

* The first and the last the alpha the Omega
* The beginning and the end the Creator of all things.

A God you must serve according to what He says!

But if you’re not hungry and thirsty for righteousness you will never eat what God has prepared.

The Children of Israel didn’t like the manna; the Bread God sent from Heaven. However, they had no other choice, it was either eat it or die.

That’s why he told them in: John 6:53-58

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.

54 Whoso eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, hath eternal life; and I will raise him up at the last day.

55 For my flesh is meat indeed, and my blood is drink indeed.

56 He that eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, dwelleth in me, and I in him.

57 As the living Father hath sent me, and I live by the Father: so he that eateth me, even he shall live by me.

58 This is that bread which came down from heaven: not as your fathers did eat manna, and are dead: he that eateth of this bread shall live forever.

You have no other choice in the matter either. In this journey our manna is Jesus.

John 6:35-39

35 And Jesus said unto them, I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst.

36 But I said unto you, That ye also have seen me, and believe not.

37 All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out.

38 For I came down from heaven, not to do mine own will, but the will of him that sent me.

39 And this is the Father's will which hath sent me, that of all which he hath given me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up again at the last day.

But listen to the response of those that heard Him: John 6:41-45

41 The Jews then murmured at him, because he said, I am the bread which came down from heaven.

42 And they said, Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? how is it then that he saith, I came down from heaven?

But listen to what Jesus told them in verse 43: “Jesus therefore answered and said unto them, Murmur not among yourselves.”

44 No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him: and I will raise him up at the last day.

45 It is written in the prophets, And they shall be all taught of God. Every man therefore that hath heard, and hath learned of the Father, cometh unto me.

It hasn’t changed much…. if anything it is worse today than it was then.

Matt 5:6 Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.

* If you’re not filled you are not hungry enough yet!
* If you’re not hungry for a change in your life if you are not thirsty enough to search for the living water you will never be filled with his righteousness.

What is the Holy Ghost?

Rom 14:17 For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost.

This is what you need to get hungry for the Spirit of God; the “Holy Ghost.” You cannot not receive the Holy Ghost unless you are hungry enough to accept it.

* When a person is naturally hungry, they will search for food until they find it.
* When a person is naturally thirsty, they will search for something to quench their thirst.
* But when it comes to Spiritual things, they expect someone to just bring it to them and they put forth no effort.

It won’t happen until you get Hungry enough to find God.

Jer 29:13-14 And ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart.

Search means to look for.

Your reward for searching is this: Verse 14: And I will be found of you, saith the LORD: and I will turn away your captivity, and I will gather you from all the nations, and from all the places whither I have driven you, saith the LORD; and I will bring you again into the place whence I caused you to be carried away captive.

1. How hungry are you for spiritual things.

2. How thirsty are you for an intimate relationship with God?

3. What would you do to draw near to God?

People are carried away into captivity of sin because they fail to follow God.

It’s not about how you want to live for God…. but it is how obedient you are to the Word of God.

* If the Word of God says something, it’s right.
* If you try to change it to suit how you want to live for God, you’re Wrong!!

God will not change, it is still “THUS SAITH THE LORD!”

YOU have got to show God you want this gift.

People at Christmas time can’t wait to open their presents. They sneak around and shake the box. Some open them when every one's gone and then try to tape it back together so no one will know they have been into it.

Why can’t we develop that same anticipation when it comes to the Holy Ghost?

It is a gift and a promise it is for you and it has been paid for.

1. The 120 people that went into the upper room on the day of Pentecost went with an expectation to receive the promise of the Holy Ghost.