What is Wrong With Bread

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INTRODUCTION

- But has it ever puzzled you what was wrong? What was wrong with bread?
- The tempter came and said to him, If you are the Son of God, command that these stones become bread.
- But he answered and said, It is written, man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God.

1 What Was Wrong With Bread?

1 John 2:15–17

- How could something so necessary, so important for life, so vital and fundamental, how could that ever be wrong?
- I really believe the lust of the eye, the lust of the flesh, and the pride of life are in some way part of all of them.
- But I believe that it is something simpler, something altogether more common, a temptation that you and I still struggle with today.

2 Man Does Not Live by Bread Alone

Deuteronomy 8:1–6; Matthew 6:25–34; John 6:26–27

- He humbled you and let you be hungry and fed you with manna, that he might make you understand that man does not live by bread alone.
- This was a time for you to prove the content of your heart and your character to God, whether or not you could be obedient in difficulty.
- Jesus hadn't gone into the wilderness to sustain himself physically. Jesus had gone into the wilderness to be tested.
- It wasn't time to eat. It was time to be godly, it was time to be spiritual, it was time to be focused on eternal things.

3 Bread Is Want of the Physical Over the Spiritual

- Jesus said to them, My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to accomplish his work.
- He comes to us over and over and over again and says, replace the spiritual with that which is physical and not needful.
- The trouble with bread is that bread is want of the physical over desire for the spiritual.
- Be happy with yourself as a godly person. Don't look for happiness through the physical satisfaction of having a significant other.

4 Bread Is the Convenience to Go Along to Get Along

- Bread can be the convenience that ends the struggle over disciplined adherence to authority. This is the go-along to get along.
- There are many people today that will tell you that authority doesn't matter. Convenience is what matters.
- We don't need to embrace the easy day. We need to stay with what's true and what's right. Because the easy way is bread.

5 Bread Is Failing in Obligation Because of Momentary Need

Deuteronomy 8:3

- The trouble with bread is that bread is failing in obligation because of the seemingly insurmountable momentary need.
- As long as you are trying to overcome it by physical means, it will remain insurmountable.
- But when you turn to godliness, when you embrace the truth, when you let the truth speak for itself, God will overcome.
- We will not eat bread when it is not time. We'll not compromise the spiritual for physical.

6 Bread Serves Self

Deuteronomy 8

- The Father provided for him when he had endured when it was time.
- Sometimes setting priority means leaving something behind for something better. Sacrificing the physical for the spiritual.
- Instead they said there are just pieces that don't belong in this puzzle.
- The trouble with bread is that bread serves self and causes us to lose sight of what is truly important.

THE CHALLENGE

What desire is so strong that we would sacrifice being the people of God that we need to be and give in to the temptation to chase after the physical. In short, what's your bread?

MY NOTES