



Way of the Eagle

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ARE YOU HUNGRY FOR GOD?

Most people are not hungry for more of God as they are satisfied with the "...crumbs that fall from the table..." Matthew 15: 27

One of the most challenging parts of the Christian life is to be full and hungry at the same time.

Hunger is a sign of spiritual health, as well as a sign of natural health. When someone is not hungry for more of God, there is something wrong with their spiritual life. Either they became complacent with perhaps the careless or spiritually dead "church" they put in (waste) time at, that are not teaching/mentoring them for more of God or they're afraid of what people might think of them, if they strive to develop themselves spiritually; to go always higher with God. And that is in such areas as developing a deeper relationship with God; working with the Holy Spirit; obtaining more spiritual gifts; prophecy; casting out demons; healing the sick; raising the dead and so on.

Hunger is evidence of humility.

Hunger says, "I am in need. I am a needy person".

Psalm 63:1 talks about this hunger:

"O God, You are my God; with deepest longing I will seek You; My soul [my life, my very self] thirsts for You, my flesh longs and sighs for You, In a dry and weary land where there is no water"

Maturity in the kingdom is sustained with that posture of hunger. In the natural you get hungry by not eating, in the spiritual you get hungry by eating.

"He humbled you and allowed you to be hungry and fed you with manna, [a substance] which you did not know, nor did your fathers know, so that He might make you understand [by personal experience] that man does not live by bread alone, but man lives by every word that proceeds out of the mouth of the Lord". Deuteronomy 8:3

IF YOU'RE NOT HUNGRY FOR GOD, YOU'RE PROBABLY FULL OF YOURSELF

The word "mana" means, "what is it?". The Jewish people were fed in the wilderness with 'what is it', which they did not know.

Sometimes we're asking God for an explanation to situations that we're in or answers to where God will be taking us, but God desires to keep it a mystery, so that out of the mystery we come with an understanding that is higher than what we are asking for.

The end result with trusting God with, "what is it?" you will then know... "that man does not live by bread alone, but man lives by every word that proceeds out of the mouth of the LORD". Matthew 4:4

So the mysteries you have trusting in God in that moment takes you to greater revelation. You will end up with not the answer you ask for but with the explanation that you need.

Hunger is a place of humility which keeps us in the place of dependency on God.

“For He satisfies the parched throat, And fills the hungry appetite with what is good”.
Psalm 107:9

Isaiah 29 says hunger causes people to dream.

Those who've lost the dream or desire for life; for expansion; for building their vision; increasing their strength; for their marriage; their home; it's because they lost hunger to pursue and ask God for answers to their breakthrough. Hunger has a motivator factor that causes people to go out of themselves into something greater.

Psalm 42 talks about...” **my soul longing after thee..”**. Dake's Annotated Reference Bible describes this hunger for God as an agonizing, intense desire and overwhelming sense of want.

Study God's Word about a 10 fold Intensity of Seeking Him:

1. Soul panting or longing for God (**Ps. 42:1**)
2. Tongue failing for thirst (**Isa. 41:17-18**)
3. Soul fainting for thirst (**Ps. 107:5**)
4. Flesh longing for God as a dry thirsty land longing for water (**Ps. 63:1; 143:6**)
5. Pouring out the soul in prayer (**Ps. 42:4**)
6. Following hard after God (**Ps. 63:8**)
7. Flesh crying out after Him (**Ps. 84:2**)
8. Watching for God more than they watch for the day (**Ps. 130:5-6**)
9. Going forth weeping (**Ps. 42: 3; 126: 5-6**)
10. Seeking as for hidden treasures (**Pr. 2:3-5**)

Reasons why people are not hungry for God:

1. Spiritual “sickness” of unbelief and unforgiveness (**Mat. 6:14-15**)
2. Getting entangled with the world: Immoral movies/TV programs/internet; addictions- alcohol/cigarettes/drugs; sexual activities and the occult
3. Following the crowd/doing what everybody else does or says is acceptable about God
4. Sin, pride, arrogance and rebellion
5. Wrong influences in their life (i.e. family, friends, spiritually dead fellowships/false religions/false-corrupt leaders; compromising/complacent Christians)

“If we don' t maintain hunger for God then, we live off of interest from yesterday's investment and we no longer get to be put into a place where we become a transforming influence in society. God has reserved transforming influence to the hungry”. Dr. Bill Johnson

Some of you need to sit at the Lord's table and eat and see what He does with this gift of hunger.

Hunger is an expression of what Jesus says in **Matthew 5:3...**

“Blessed [spiritually prosperous, happy, to be admired] are the poor in spirit [those devoid of spiritual arrogance, those who regard themselves as insignificant], for theirs is the kingdom of heaven [both now and forever].

If you're not hungry for God, then you're probably full of yourself.