

Bread of Heaven Afresh!

Sunday 5th March 2023

Foundation Scriptures:

Job 29:20, John 3:17-18, 1 John 5:19, John 6:27-33

God is the God of the fresh start!

In the natural, things atrophy because of the element of age. However, in the book of Job, we learn that which is on the inside of you is continually fresh!

The bread of God is not a natural thing; it is that which will never get stale or mouldy and is constantly fresh. (John 6:33).

That which you carry is fresh!

Are You the Master of Your Fate?

The last two lines in the last stanza of the 'Invictus' poem by William Ernest Henley say:

I am the master of my fate,
I am the captain of my soul.

However, the Word of God disputes this!

"No man is the master of his fate and certainly man is not the captain of his soul."

– Pastor Kola Taiwo, New Wine Church, Woolwich.

Two Scriptures that help to deal with these false assertions are **John 3:16** and **Ezekiel 18:4**.

Passover, Manna, and Old Corn

We have the history of the church (people of God) in the wilderness to learn from (the Passover, the manna, and the old corn):

1. **PASSOVER:** this was the feeding, eating and food that delivered the Israelites out of the world and the evil one. This was received by faith and was a foreshadowing of a reality that is now ours. As we receive the Bread of Heaven, we receive that which is from God.

1 Corinthians 5:7 says: "For indeed Christ, our Passover, was sacrificed for us."

When you come to the Lord's table, remember the Passover; that Christ, our Passover, was sacrificed for us.

2. MANNA: this was the feeding, eating and food in the wilderness.

The Israelites named it after their remark, 'what is this', but the manna was in fact, a mystery. **Colossians 1:27** speaks into this where it says, 'Christ in us, the hope of glory'.

In the wilderness, God wanted to change their appetite that they acquired in the land of bondage, to one that is dependent on God.

God wants to change your appetite into one that is spiritual, eternal, and heavenly.

The wilderness was a desert. The Israelites were in there for 40 years; that required faith! During that period, God gave them manna.

You may be going through a wilderness experience but be encouraged: the Bread of God from heaven will sustain you throughout that wilderness experience!

Psalm 78:24-25 says: "Had rained down manna on them to eat, and given them of the bread of heaven. Men ate angels' food; He sent them food to the full."

Lastly...

As we desire a **fresh start** experience this year and beyond, we must acknowledge that the fresh heart, fresh revelation, and fresh anointing will only be ours as we feed on the "Bread of God" - Jesus Christ!