

MEAT IN THE HOUSE

"Jesus saith unto them, My meat is to do the will of him that sent me, and to finish his work." John 4:34

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Introduction

Most Spirit-filled Christians are constantly receiving what the Bible refers to as the milk of the Word. Peter writes about this in his first epistle.

1 Peter 2:2 As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby:

In the first epistle of Peter he writes about the importance of newborn babes desiring the sincere milk of the Word. Milk is essential in our spiritual development but it should not be the only kind of spiritual food that we receive. We should not remain on milk but at some point must begin to be able to receive the meat of the word of the Lord.

Meat is obtained through continually coming before the Lord in intercession. Meat is a very important part of every Christian spiritual life. We cannot expect to grow if we continually receive the milk of the Word of God on a regular basis. Milk is good for babies but at some point meat must become a part of our spiritual diet too.

One of the reasons why Spirit-filled Christians are constantly receiving milk is because their leaders cannot take them where they have never been. The reception of the meat of revelation is obtained by devoted intercession. Leaders must realize that meat does not come automatically. It will require them to go hard after the Lord, pursuing only Him.

If you are a pastor, associate pastor, or any other kind of leader you must ask yourself, Am I giving out meat to the people I am called to minister to? If not you need to get before the Lord and ask Him to give you a hunger and thirst for more of Him. Knowing about God and actually knowing Him are two different things. In order to know the Lord in greater ways it will require you to become a man or woman of intercession. Now let us turn our attention to find out more about this concept of meat in the Bible.

Spiritual Meat in the House

The Book of Malachi speaks about the idea of meat and how God is expressing His desire for all of the tithes to be brought into the storehouse so that there can be meat in His house.

Malachi 3:10 Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it.

In the above verse God says that all the tithes must be brought into His storehouse. Why? One reason is so that meat can be in the house of the Lord. God desires His spiritual house to be filled with meat.

I believe the Lord is not simply referring to physical food but rather spiritual food. In this case, God is speaking about spiritual meat which would be the deeper things of the spirit. He is not just speaking about physical things. Pastors and leaders you are responsible to give your people meat as well as other kinds of spiritual nourishment.