

Make Church a Part of Your Life

WEEKLY SERMONETTE



"Preoccupied with Bread?"

By Darel Boston, Christian Church, Retired Minister

"The disciples had forgotten to bring bread." (Mark 8:14) Jesus had an unexpected response: "Do you still not understand?" (Mk 8:17)

He had just caused 5 loaves and 2 fish to be enough to feed 5,000. He knew they had missed the point! They were fussing over only one loaf in the boat!

So what do you think was His point? Is it clear to you, or would he repeat those same words to you: "Do you still not understand?"

Jesus had been doing the unusual and impossible, repeatedly, with the disciples looking on. If you are a disciple of Jesus, you can offer your own list of wonders that Jesus has been doing around you. Isn't He marvelous!! Certainly!

But how tempting it is to spend our energy and thought-power on worry and fretfulness, and what is most often the focus? "Bread!" We're short of it, and are sure we should have thought sooner, saved better, been wiser; "What will the Master think of us?"

Maybe He will surprise us! He still wants us to "understand"! What's to be understood?? "I AMABLE! TRUST ME!! Surely you have abundant reason if you will only look back and remember! So QUIT fretting about bread, and START trusting Me!!

I'll let you do the relatively easy part of figuring out in what ways and in which particulars you can trust Him. But the easy-to-lose principle is obvious, and He WANTS us to live by it. TRUST THE ONE WHO IS TRUSTWORTHY, with everything, always, completely.

To God be the glory, now and forever.

TO HIM WHO IS ABLE

To Him who is able I give my life.
In Him who is able I'll trust.
For Him who is able I'll gladly yield
This whole world of decay and rust.

Without Him I know I am nothing,
Despairing in heartaches and blues;
But with Him, ah there is the victory!
With Him, I know I can't lose!

So to Him I bring all the glory
And from Him derive inner power
And resolve as I start each new day
To walk with Him each single hour.

And when I gather with others
To glorify our most able Lord,
We pray in the Spirit He's given,
And feed on His glorious Word.

The darkness of evil is vast
But the glory of Christ makes it flee;
May this be the prayer of His household:
To God be the glory...through me!

- Darel Boston

A Cool Breeze

On a hot summer day a cool breeze can make all the difference between giving up and going on. The cool air is soothing and refreshing when you are feeling overheated. Prayer is like that welcome breeze. Stop when you become frustrated; take a moment and feel God's spirit around you. It will make a difference in what happens next. Attend your chosen place of worship each week. A regular visit with God goes a long way...like a cool breeze on a hot summer day.

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