

# Food to Eat You Know Not Of

*John Chapter 4*

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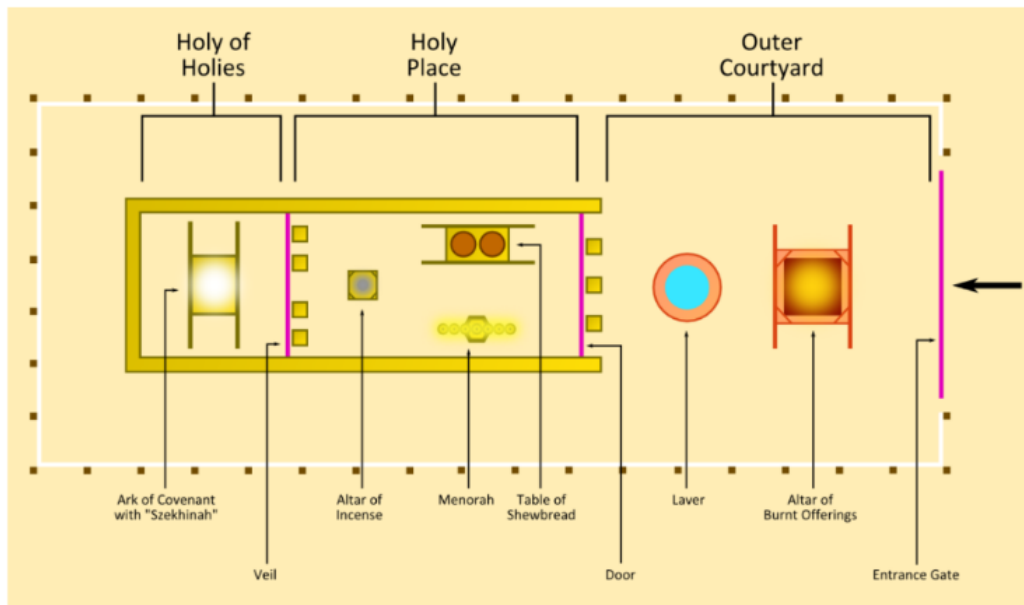
**Scripture Reading - Genesis 16**

**Acceptable Sacrifice of Praise - Ps 25**

- 1) **Erecting & Entering the Tabernacle** - God with us, The Logos Tabernacling Among Men & Faith in Christ as the Doorway of Entry into the Tabernacle **(1:1-28)**
  - a) Prologue - 1:1-18
  - b) Prelude to Jesus' public ministry (1:19-51)
    - i) The Testimony of John the Baptist Pointing to Jesus (1:19-28)
- 2) **The Brazen Altar for Sacrifices** (Exodus 27:1-8) - Behold the Lamb of God Who takes away the sin of the world - Christ our Substitute **(1:29-51)**
  - i) John the Baptist's public witness concerning Jesus (1:29-34)
  - ii) Jesus gains his first disciples (1:35-42)
  - iii) Jesus gains two more disciples, Philip and Nathanael (1:43-51)
- 3) **The Brazen Laver of Water** - Cleansing & Spiritual Renewal by Christ **(John 2-3)**
  - a) **Sign 1:** Turning Water in ceremonial cleansing pots into Wine (John 2:1-11)
    - i) Jesus clears the temple (2:12-17)
    - ii) Jesus replaces the temple (2:18-22)
    - iii) Inadequate faith (2:23-25)
    - iv) Jesus and Nicodemus (3:1-21)
    - v) John the Baptist's continuing witness concerning Jesus (3:22-36)
- 4) **The Table of Shewbread Loaded with 12 Cakes and Chalice**s - Spiritual nourishment from the living bread **(John 4-7)**
  - a) Jesus and the Samaritan woman (4:1-42)
  - b) **Sign 2:** Healing the Official's Son (John 4:46-54)
  - c) **Sign 3:** Healing the Paralytic at Bethesda (John 5:1-15)
  - d) **Sign 4:** Feeding the 5,000 (John 6:5-14)
  - e) **Sign 5:** Walking on Water (John 6:16-24)
  - f) **I AM 1:** I Am the Bread of Life (John 6:35, 48)
- 5) **The Candlestick** - Spiritual Illumination by Christ the Light **(John 8-9)**
  - a) **I AM 2:** I Am the Light of the World (John 8:12)
  - b) **Sign 6:** Healing the Man Born Blind (John 9:1-7)

- 6) **The Mediator** - Christ as Shepherd, Priest, King, and Servant (**John 10-13**)
  - a) **I AM 3:** I Am the Door of the Sheep (John 10:7, 9)
  - b) **I AM 4:** I Am the Good Shepherd (John 10:11, 14)
  - c) **I AM 5:** I Am the Resurrection and the Life (John 11:25)
  - d) **Sign 7:** Raising Lazarus from the Dead (John 11:1-45)
- 7) **The Altar of Incense for Prayer** - teaching disciples to pray in the name of Christ (**John 14-16**)
  - a) **I AM 6:** I Am the Way, the Truth, and the Life (John 14:6)
  - b) **I AM 7:** I Am the True Vine (John 15:1, 5)
- 8) **The Ark of the Covenant** - High Priestly prayer (**John 17**)
- 9) **The Mercy Seat** - the blood of Christ applied (**John 18-19**)
- 10) **The High Priest Exiting the Holy of Holies** to Declare that the Sacrifice has been Received & Accepted by God & to Pronounce Peace & the Forgiveness of sins to Israel - Christ's exit, declaration of God's peace, and restoration of disciples (**John 20-21**)<sup>1</sup>

**Purpose Statement - John 20:30-31** - “30 And truly Jesus did many other signs in the presence of His disciples, which are not written in this book; 31 but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name.”



<sup>1</sup> Modified Synthesis from - <https://kaysercommentary.com/Sermons/BibleSurvey/40John.md#fn3> - Accessed 2023/07/04 - & D. A. Carson, The Gospel according to John, The Pillar New Testament Commentary (Leicester, England; Grand Rapids, MI: Inter-Varsity Press; W.B. Eerdmans, 1991), 105–108 - with a synthesis of work from Phillip Kayser, D.A. Carson, and David Reece

<sup>2</sup> Image created and provided by Pastor Phillip Kayser

## TEXT OF JOHN

### IV. The Table of Shewbread Loaded with 12 Cakes and Chalices - Spiritual nourishment from the living bread (John 4-7)

#### a) Jesus & the Samaritan Woman 4:1-42

**4:1** Therefore, when the Lord knew that the Pharisees had heard that Jesus made and baptized more disciples than John 2 (though Jesus Himself did not baptize, but His disciples), 3 He left Judea and departed again to Galilee. 4 But He needed to go through Samaria.

**5** So He came to a city of Samaria which is called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. 6 Now Jacob's well was there. Jesus therefore, being wearied from His journey, sat thus by the well. It was about the sixth hour.

**7** A woman of Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give Me a drink." 8 For His disciples had gone away into the city to buy food.

**9** Then the woman of Samaria said to Him, "How is it that You, being a Jew, ask a drink from me, a Samaritan woman?" For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans.

**10** Jesus answered and said to her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is who says to you, 'Give Me a drink,' you would have asked Him, and He would have given you living water."

- 1) The gift of God - Faith in the Word of God
- 2) Living Water - the continual life giving of faith in the Word of God

**11** The woman said to Him, "Sir, You have nothing to draw with, and the well is deep. Where then do You get that living water? 12 Are You greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well, and drank from it himself, as well as his sons and his livestock?"

- 3) We just talked twice in John 3 about the source of the cleansing water / Spirit. It is of Heaven and not of the Earth. It is supernatural and not natural.
- 4) The same is true of the nourishing water that gives strength.

**13 Jesus answered and said to her, “Whoever drinks of this water will thirst again, 14 but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst. But the water that I shall give him will become in him a fountain of water springing up into everlasting life.”**

- 5) Thirst - two types / two objects of desire - Creator / Creature
  - a) Satisfaction, Joy, Stability
- 6) Fountain - life renewing in yourself by the power of the Spirit, life to others

**15 The woman said to Him, “Sir, give me this water, that I may not thirst, nor come here to draw.”**

- 7) The Word of God does not resolve all needs of dominion or remove all desires.
  - a) The Word rightly orders desires and dominion objectives, and
  - b) the Word gives right desire, and
  - c) The Word gives power to increase dominion in an orderly way (subordinately) as means to glorify God.

**16 Jesus said to her, “Go, call your husband, and come here.” 17 The woman answered and said, “I have no husband.”**

**Jesus said to her, “You have well said, ‘I have no husband,’ 18 for you have had five husbands, and the one whom you now have is not your husband; in that you spoke truly.”**

- 8) 5 Husbands, Current man is not husband - this woman is dissatisfied and looking for pleasure, security, and provision in the wrong places.
  - a) Pleasure - Sexual sin
  - b) Power - Security
  - c) Money - Provision
  - d) Christ is the Shewbread - the bread that symbolizes the presence of God’s Face and our presence with God before His face.
    - i) Solution to Pleasure & Sexual desire - God’s Favorable presence - Food & Drink & intimate Relationship in the Covenant and a Covenant spouse - Coram Deo - “Shewbread” vs “Showbread”
    - ii) Solution to Power & Security - God with us - Great Commission
    - iii) Solution to Money & Provision - God’s Blessing - Seek First the Kingdom

**19 The woman said to Him, “Sir, I perceive that You are a prophet. 20 Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, and you Jews say that in Jerusalem is the place where one ought to worship.”**

9) Prophet - answer the question of Worship - Jews Vs Samaritans

**21 Jesus said to her, “Woman, believe Me, the hour is coming when you will neither on this mountain, nor in Jerusalem, worship the Father. 22 You worship what you do not know; we know what we worship, for salvation is of the Jews. 23 But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him. 24 God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth.”**

10) Man selected Mountain vs the Divinely selected mountain

11) Worshiping in superstition vs worship by faith/knowledge from Divine Revelation

12) Salvation is from the Jews - Scripture & Messiah

13) V. 23 - A time of Change of outward order - the house is coming and now is

14) The Father is seeking such to worship Him

15) V. 24 - God is Spirit

16) Worship in Spirit & Truth - Holy Spirit & Scripture

**25 The woman said to Him, “I know that Messiah is coming” (who is called Christ). “When He comes, He will tell us all things.”**

**26 Jesus said to her, “I who speak to you am He.”**

**27 And at this point His disciples came, and they marveled that He talked with a woman; yet no one said, “What do You seek?” or, “Why are You talking with her?”**

**28 The woman then left her waterpot, went her way into the city, and said to the men, 29 “Come, see a Man who told me all things that I ever did. Could this be the Christ?” 30 Then they went out of the city and came to Him.**

17) Messiah / Christ - He will tell us all things

a) Complete Form of the Scriptures come through the ministry of Christ

i) a theme of John is that Jesus will cause the Apostles to recall His teaching and put it into Scripture so that the fullness of the mind of Christ is captured and not lost

ii) Dan 9, 1 Cor 13, Hebrews 1, Revelation (do not add to the Big book)

18) Brings Change from Old Covenant to New Covenant

- a) Covenant of Works - Do this and live
- b) Covenant of Grace - The Just by faith shall live
  - i) Old Covenant - Adam, Noah, Abraham, Moses, David, till Christ, then passing away in full in 70AD
    - (1) Declines From International to National
  - ii) New Covenant - Christ's Resurrection & 70AD
    - (1) Rises From National to International

**Chapter 7: Of God's Covenant with Man - The 1647 Westminster Confession of Faith**

1. The distance between God and the creature is so great that although reasonable creatures do owe obedience unto him as their Creator, yet they could never have any fruition of him as their blessedness and reward but by some voluntary condescension on God's part, which he hath been pleased to express by way of covenant. [a]

[a] 1 Sam 2:25; Job 9:32-33; 22:2-3; 35:7-8; Psa 100:2-3; 113:5-6; Isa 40:13-17; Luke 17:10; Acts 17:24-25.

2. The first covenant made with man was a covenant of works, [a] wherein life was promised to Adam, and in him to his posterity, [b] upon condition of perfect and personal obedience. [c]

[a] Gal 3:12. • [b] Rom 5:12-20; 10:5. • [c] Gen 2:17; Gal 3:10.

3. Man by his fall having made himself incapable of life by that covenant, the Lord was pleased to make a second, [a] commonly called the covenant of grace: wherein he freely offered unto sinners life and salvation by Jesus Christ, requiring of them faith in him that they may be saved, [b] and promising to give unto all those that are ordained unto life his Holy Spirit, to make them willing and able to believe. [c]

[a] Gen 3:15; Isa 42:6; Rom 3:20-21; 8:3; Gal 3:21. • [b] Mark 16:15-16; John 3:16; Rom 10:6, 9; Gal 3:11. • [c] Ezek 36:26-27; John 6:44-45.

4. This covenant of grace is frequently set forth in the Scripture by the name of a testament, in reference to the death of Jesus Christ the testator, and to the everlasting inheritance, with all things belonging to it, therein bequeathed. [a]

[a] Luke 22:20; 1 Cor 11:25; Heb 7:22; 9:15-17.

5. This covenant was differently administered in the time of the law and in the time of the gospel: [a] under the law it was administered by promises, prophecies, sacrifices, circumcision, the paschal lamb, and other types and ordinances delivered to the people of the Jews, all fore-signifying Christ to come, [b] which were for that time sufficient and efficacious, through the operation of the Spirit, to instruct and build up the elect in faith in the promised Messiah, [c] by whom they had full remission of sins and eternal salvation; and is called the Old Testament. [d]

[a] 2 Cor 3:6-9. • [b] Rom 4:11; Col 2:11-12; 1 Cor 5:7; Hebrews 8-10 throughout. • [c] John 8:56; 1 Cor 10:1-4; Heb 11:13. • [d] Gal 3:7-9, 14.

6. Under the gospel, when Christ the substance [a] was exhibited, the ordinances in which this covenant is dispensed are the preaching of the Word and the administration of the sacraments of Baptism and the Lord's Supper; [b] which, though fewer in number, and administered with more simplicity and less outward glory, yet in them it is held forth in more fulness, evidence, and spiritual efficacy, [c] to all nations, both Jews and Gentiles; [d] and is called the New Testament. [e] There are not, therefore, two covenants of grace differing in substance, but one and the same under various dispensations. [f]

[a] Col 2:17. • [b] Mat 28:19-20; 1 Cor 11:23-25. • [c] Jer 31:33-34; Heb 12:22-28. • [d] Mat 28:19; Eph 2:15-19. • [e] Luke 22:20. • [f] Psa 32:1 with Rom 4:3; Acts 15:11; Rom 3:21-23, 30; 4:6, 16-17, 23-24; Gal 3:14, 16; Heb 13:8.

**31 In the meantime His disciples urged Him, saying, “Rabbi, eat.” 32 But He said to them, “I have food to eat of which you do not know.” 33 Therefore the disciples said to one another, “Has anyone brought Him anything to eat?”**

**34 Jesus said to them, “My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me, and to finish His work.**

19) Thirst first, then Hunger - The shewbread and chalices for nourishment

20) Pleasure, Power, Provision (money) - Do the commandments of God. It will give you strength to run and not grow weary. It will make your way a highway rather than a hedge of thorns.

- a) What cherished sin are you not giving up?
- b) What palace of non-application is hurting your soul?
- c) Where do you see that you are avoiding pressing in to seek pleasure, power, and provision from God and instead are seeking the arm of the flesh to give you those things?

**35 Do you not say, ‘There are still four months and then comes the harvest’? Behold, I say to you, lift up your eyes and look at the fields, for they are already white for harvest! 36 And he who reaps receives wages, and gathers fruit for eternal life, that both he who sows and he who reaps may rejoice together. 37 For in this the saying is true: ‘One sows and another reaps.’ 38 I sent you to reap that for which you have not labored; others have labored, and you have entered into their labors.”**

- 21) We normally ignore the context and move to just emphasize the evangelism portion of this teaching.
- 22) Let us appreciate the connection to food.
- 23) Food analogy - there is food to be collected at an appointed time
- 24) He who collects the food (does good works) by reaping the good works that are ready for him will receive wages for doing those good works that were prepared for him to do.
- 25) The one who prepares does a good thing and the one who completes does a good thing. They will rejoice together as collaborators enjoying the fruit together.
- 26) What has been prepared for us? How can we join into the labors of our forefathers and rejoice with them?
  - a) Two fields. One is ready to harvest or close thereto. The other is unplanted.
    - i) Which one should we focus on harvesting first?
    - ii) **Proverbs 19:24** - A lazy man buries his hand in the bowl, And will not so much as bring it to his mouth again.
    - iii) **Proverbs 26:15** - The lazy man buries his hand in the bowl; It wearies him to bring it back to his mouth.
    - iv) I want to see you brought to maturity. I want you in the fields working with me.
    - v) I want to use the fields that have been prepared for us and not just prepare new ground.

**39 And many of the Samaritans of that city believed in Him because of the word of the woman who testified, “He told me all that I ever did.” 40 So when the Samaritans had come to Him, they urged Him to stay with them; and He stayed there two days. 41 And many more believed because of His own word.**

- 27) Little picture of the woman preparing the way and Jesus finishing the work (harvest - applied to an evangelism and discipleship opportunity).



**42 Then they said to the woman, “Now we believe, not because of what you said, for we ourselves have heard Him and we know that this is indeed the Christ, the Savior of the world.”**

28) The Christ - the promised Prophet, Priest, King

29) The Savior of the International People of God