SCRIPTURE: Matthew 15:32-39; Mark 8:1-10

SERMON: Serve Food! 25 February 2018

I. <u>THE FEEDING OF THE FOUR THOUSAND</u> (Mt.15:32-39; Mk.8:1-10; see 5k: Mt.14:13-21;

Mk.6:32-44; Lk.9:10-17; Jn.6:1-15)

- A. HUNGRY: THREE DAYS (Mt.15:32; Mk.8:2; contrast 5k)
- **B. COMPASSION: HEART STIRRED** (Mt.15:32; Mk.8:2; Is.49:10; contrast 5k)
- **C. FEEDS: HAND ACTS** (Mt.15:35f; Mk.8:6; see Jms.2:16)
- **D. SIGN: PROVIDENCE** (Ps.104:27; 136:25; 145:15; see Ex.16:32; Ps.78:24 w/Jn.6:1f,32f; see Mk.4:41)

II. FOOD SERVICE IN THE BIBLE

- **A. THE GARDEN** (Gen.2:7f)
- **B. THE PATRIARCHS** (Gen.14:18f (Heb.5-7); 18:1f)
- **C. THE WILDERNESS** (bread: Ex.16:4f; Ps.78:24; 105:40; water: Ex.17:6f; Num.20:8f; Ps.105:41; 114:8)
- **D. SACRIFICES** (Ex.29:27f; Lev.7:16)
- **E. DAVID** (1Sam.25:18f; 2Sam.16:1f; see 2Sam.9:1f,11)
- **F. THE PROPHETS** (Is.58:7,10 (32:6; Job 22:7; 24:10); Ezk.18:7,16)
- **G. THE PSALMS** (Ps.107:5,9,36; 146:7; see 104:27; 136:25; 145:15)
- **H. GOSPELS** (Mt.14:13f & 15:32f; then 25:35f/42f; see Mt.6:11; yet Lk.10:38f w/Mk.8:1,2; 6:34)
- **I. ACTS** (Acts 6:1f; 27:33f)
- **J. PAUL** (1Tm.4:3f; 6:8; see Rom.12:20)
- **K. LETTERS** (Jms.2:16; see 1Jn.3:17)
- **L. BREAD & WINE** (Gen.14:18; Jdg.19:19; Neh.5:15; Eccl.9:7; Lk.7:33,34; see Lk.11:3; 22:19f)
- M. CONCLUSION: FOOD SERVICE IS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT TO GOD!

III. SERVE FOOD!

A. LOOK TO JESUS TO MEET ALL YOUR NEEDS IN EVERY CIRCUMSTANCE!

(Mt.15:32-39; Mk.8:1-10; see Ps.34:10; Rom.8:32; Phil.4:19)

B. LOOK TO JESUS TO MEET ALL YOUR PHYSICAL NEEDS!

(Mt.15:32-39,29f; Mk.8:1-10; 7:31f; see 1Tm.6:8; Heb.13:5)

C. LOOK TO JESUS TO MEET YOUR SPIRITUAL NEEDS!

(Mt.26:26f; see Is55:10f; 1C10:1f,16f; 11:24f)

D. IN CHRIST, BE MOVED TO MEET THE NEEDS OF OTHERS!

(Mt.15:32; Mk.8:2; see Eph.2:10; Tt.1:16; 2:7,14; 3:1,8,14)

E. AMONG THESE NEEDS, CONTINUE TO FEED THE HUNGRY!

(Mt.15:32-39; Mk.8:1-10; see 5k: Mt.14:13-21; Mk.6:32-44; Lk.9:10-17; Jn.6:1-15; see Mt.25:35f/42f; Jms.2:16)

F. LOVE LEFTOVERS! PROVIDE ABUNDANTLY!

(Mt.14:20; 15:37; Mk.6:43; 8:8; Lk.9:17; see Lk.6:38; Dt.15:7-10; 2Cor.8:2f,14f; 9:5f; see 1Th.4:1,10)

Brethren, what shall WE DO? (see Acts 2:37f)