

How to Make Manna *Tasty*

Over the last several years my wife and I have had a weekly “date” of going out and eating at a local restaurant. Although Los Angeles has no shortage of restaurants of every ethnicity and type we are often befuddled by just where to go. I often tell my wife that it really doesn’t matter where we go, just so the food is *tasty*.

Many people who have tried to persevere in a daily devotional reading of God’s Word have often become disinterested because they have found that the manna is not very tasty. In the following pages are some very practical suggestions on how to transform a bread and water experience into a real feast!

Make a Reservation—No reservations are ever required to eat at McDonald’s or Wendy’s. In fact, you don’t even have to get out of your car! Let’s face it. Most of our meals today resemble a pit stop at Daytona rather than a Thanksgiving feast at grandma’s house. And could it be that this same hurry up offense would be carried over to our devotional lives as well?

If we want the Water of Life to seep deeply into our lives then we must have more than a splash and go mentality. Just as you must make a reservation to eat at a fine restaurant, why not block out a daily time to feast at the table which he has daily prepared for us (Psalms 23:5)?

Now just where are you going to find the time to make this reservation? First of all we should determine to give the *best* of our time to Jesus. That means we need to find the time during the day when we are the most awake and alert. While some people have found that the morning is when they are at their best, others don’t really get started until later in the day. Make your reservation when you are most likely to be awake and not when you are most likely to rest.

Choose a Table—Next, you need to ask for the best seat in the restaurant. Don’t be content with a seat by that swinging door the waiters use or an open table surrounded by others. Jesus desires an intimate meal with us. How about that quiet booth over there by the window with the sun shining through? Yes, that will do. Hmmm. I can already sense that this is not going to be an ordinary meal. I can hardly wait to see the menu.