

Articles and Sermons :: Feeding on Christ - Foster**Feeding on Christ - Foster - posted by InTheLight (), on: 2019/6/10 19:47****FEEDING ON CHRIST**

The sinners in Zion are afraid; fearfulness has surprised the hypocrites. Who among us shall dwell with the devouring fire? who among us shall dwell with everlasting burnings? He that walks righteously, and speaks uprightly; he that despises the gain of oppressions, that shakes his hands from holding of bribes, that stops his ears from hearing of blood, and shuts his eyes from seeing evil; He shall dwell on high: his place of defence shall be the munitions of rocks: bread shall be given him; his waters shall be sure.

(Isaiah 33:14-16)

When a city is being besieged by an enemy, this promise of a supply of bread and water is a very vital one, for the real danger in an impregnable fortress is that the besieged may be starved into submission. The enemy does more than merely to reason with us to forsake our cover; he sets to work to cut off our supplies, in an attempt to make us so inwardly weak and dispirited that we will surrender the spiritual position to him. If he cannot crush those who are standing true to the Lord he will try to wear them out by cutting off the abundant resources of Christ so that they will never reach us. If we are to be subjected to intense and prolonged spiritual hunger and thirst we shall never maintain our position of ascendancy. That is why we are tempted to neglect our quiet times; a starved Christian is a defeated Christian or soon will be. That is why it is so easy to be sidetracked in the things of God, to be unduly taken up with theories, doctrines, controversies, or even work, at the expense of true feeding upon Christ. That is also the reason for much of the prejudice against the ministry of the Word, or even against the ministers themselves; Satan is seeking to deprive God's people of their spiritual resources in Christ. Spiritual life and victory cannot be maintained by interests or activities, but only by full supplies of heavenly meat and drink from Christ Himself. If we are to withstand the enemy's assaults effectively we must enter into the good of this further promise, "His bread shall be given him; his waters shall be sure." Thank God there is an abundant supply in Christ for us all to be maintained constantly in spiritual health and vigor. This is more than a crisis of blessing in a meeting or a conference; it speaks of a personal drawing upon Christ for daily bread and for the water of life.

Hezekiah realized the supreme importance of this matter of supplies. During the period of respite between the first challenge by the Assyrian empire and this second siege he got busy to ensure the water supplies of Jerusalem. He closed up and dammed the normal sources which lay outside the city, and diverted the water through an underground tunnel which he had carved through the rock. Inside the city they prepared the pool of Siloam, and then brought the water into it by the underground route which was prepared for the purpose. It was a hidden, but abiding source of water supply which could not be tampered with by the Assyrians, and was recorded as an out-standing feature of Hezekiah's might, "... how he made the pool, and the conduit, and brought water into the city" (2 Kings 20:20).

What a striking symbol of the resources which Christ has made for us—a well of water within! Satan cannot hinder that. He may keep the Lord's children from hearing preaching, he may keep them from outward opportunities of fellowship (though we must do our best to see that he does not), but let us remember this—he cannot cut off the inner supply; Christ is our life. If we see that the communication is maintained during times of peace we shall be ready for the siege when it comes. Provision has been made for the worst possible conditions; if only we abide in Christ we may prove that whether we gather in fellowship together or whether we are set aside alone in a wilderness the promise is secure, "His bread shall be given him; his waters shall be sure."

-excerpted from Breaking The Satanic Siege by Harry Foster

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Tho these are just a few lines that really stood out upon the initial reading, the whole text is very good and I am thankful f or you sharing:)

It seems to be quite a timely word as well-

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