



God's Hunger

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The LORD said to Moses, Give these instructions to the people of Israel: The offerings you present to me by fire on the altar are my food, and they are very pleasing to me. See to it that they are brought at the appointed times and offered according to my instructions.

Numbers 28:1-2 NLT

Do you think God ever has hunger pains? At first glance this question has an obvious answer; no. We know that God is not confined to a human body, he is spirit. He has no need for food. God is self-existent and does not need any outside source to assist him in sustaining life. However, though he is not physically dependant on food, there is a burning hunger in God that he actively seeks to satisfy.

As the children of Israel wandered in the wilderness God gave Moses specific instructions as to the sacrifices they were to offer. The offerings that were acceptable to God were ones without spot or blemish. They were of the best of the flock and had to be brought willingly. God also told Moses to make sure the offerings were brought at the appointed times.

God is hungry for our special gifts. He feeds from our daily offerings or sacrifices. The meal that satisfies the Father's hunger begins with a living sacrifice. Another course in the Father's meal is the sacrifices of a broken heart and contrite spirit. And his hunger is not fully satisfied until he has smelled the aroma and tasted the delicacy of a sacrifice of praise.

Jesus offers us the instructions of how our sacrifices should be presented. First they must be presented with blood. Jesus himself became the sacrifice by which our sacrifices are made possible. Without the shedding of his blood it would be impossible for our sacrifices to satisfy the hunger of the Father. Jesus taught that our offerings should be presented in spirit and truth. And that the Father is seeking those people who sacrifice this way.

Do you know why he is seeking such people to sacrifice to him this way? He has a perpetual hunger for relationship with his children. God's food is our continual living sacrifices of a broken spirit, a contrite heart and a praise of thanksgiving offered in spirit and truth.

What kind of meals do you serve the Father? Would your offerings leave him starving or satisfied? Ask the Father to give set fire to your passion for him. Ask him to give you the grace to offer sacrifices that are a sweet smelling aroma to him.

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Scriptures for meditation:

- Romans 12:1
- Psalm 51:17
- Hebrews 13:15
- Psalm 34:1