

<Introduction>

“Solid food” by Jeremiah

Today, I would like us to take a look at “Solid food” and the importance of eating solid foods in order to have an understanding of the revelation of End Times.

<The Bible talks about solid food>

This is not my own opinion, but from the book of Hebrews, Let’s take a look at the scripture below.

Hebrew 5:11 We have much to say about this, but it is hard to make it clear to you because you no longer try to understand.

5:12 In fact, though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you the elementary truths of God’s word all over again. You need milk, not solid food!

5:13 Anyone who lives on milk, being still an infant, is not acquainted with the teaching about righteousness.

5:14 But solid food is for the mature, who by constant use have trained themselves to distinguish good from evil.

In the scripture above, the author of the book of Hebrews clearly states that there are two teachings in the Bible which are referred to as solid food and soft food. He states that Christians should not remain at the elementary levels of teachings for infant, but rather seek for solid food which is like the deeper teachings for mature people.

<God’s righteousness is solid food>

Now, we have to focus on this scripture

Anyone who lives on milk, being still an infant, is not acquainted with the teachings on righteousness.

It is described that teachings about righteousness such as God's righteousness and judgment are all part of solid food hence, if you drink milk only, remaining on the elementary teachings of Christ, you will not be able to understand God's righteousness as it appears, or things about God's judgment in End Times

This is truth, the Revelation to Daniel which talks about God's judgment and righteousness in End Times uses many mysteries and parables which make them hard to read and understand in the first instance. These books are near impossible to grasp and understand with strange descriptions such as a beast with 7 heads and 10 horns, and a woman who wears the sun.

These books are hard to understand, but, according to the scripture which says "Anyone who lives on milk, being still an infant, is not acquainted with the teaching about righteousness", we need to know that we are encouraged to face difficult solid food and if we don't, it will be hard to comprehend God's righteousness or judgment in End Times.

<Woman who is nursing is dreadful>

The Bible says that the church which is filled with infants who drink milk, eat soft food, and unable to eat solid food is dreadful, and unable to go through the End Times. This fact can be understood from the scriptures below:

Matthew 24:19 How dreadful it will be in those days for pregnant women and nursing mothers!

To understand this, we need to know that women are parable in churches. Both pregnant women and nursing women have infant who will need milk and it is related to the believers in Hebrew who need soft food. So, what is described here is that any church which is filled with such women (believers) will be weak in End Times and they won't be able to understand the revelation of End Times which is explained in the Bible.

<Example of solid food>

What can be an example of solid food? The author of Hebrew had the deep knowledge about solid food and in Hebrew 7, he explains it by using some scriptures from Genesis

which portrays Christ as the eternal priest.

Genesis 14:18 Then Melchizedek king of Salem brought out bread and wine. He was priest of God Most High,

14:19 and he blessed Abram, saying, “Blessed be Abram by God Most High, Creator of heaven and earth.

14:20 And praise be to God Most High, who delivered your enemies into your hand.” Then Abram gave him a tenth of everything.

This part in Genesis is very well known and many are familiar with this, but the author of Hebrews revealed what solid food are and the teaching which were hidden by God. This is an example of solid food and what we need to know is that the Bible was written based on God’s wisdom therefore it is full of solid food. Solid food is found not only in the description of Melchizedek, but also many other parts of the Bible, and there are many which are still hidden. So, we have been called by God to reveal the secrets of solid food.

<What 70 weeks implies>

As I explained previously, the descriptions about End Times in the Bible are filled with solid food. Therefore, we need to know that unless we actually try solid food and ask God to give us the revelation, it is difficult to understand these descriptions about End Times. Let’s go after solid food even just little by little.

Here, we are going to take a look at Daniel’s teaching of 70 weeks as an example of solid foods. The Bible says that there are 70 weeks before End Times. It is stated as below.

Daniel 9:24 “Seventy ‘sevens’ are decreed for your people and your holy city to finish transgression, to put an end to sin, to atone for wickedness, to bring in everlasting righteousness, to seal up vision and prophecy and to anoint the Most Holy Place.

Here, the Bible says that 70 weeks (Seventy “sevens” in original) are decreed for the people of Daniel. This means that there are 70 weeks between the time of Daniel and

Christ's Second Coming. But this is inconsistent and not a reflection of reality. I mean, 70 weeks literally means 490 days, and even if one day is equivalent of one year, it is only 490 years. But it has been more than 2000 years since the time of Daniel, therefore 70 weeks are long gone.

However, the Bible insists "70 weeks are decreed" and sticks to 70 weeks. So, how should we understand this?

My opinion is that God is trying to tell us something by declaring it is indeed 70 weeks, therefore there is something hidden as secret. What then is solid food in relation to 70 weeks or hidden secret? I think that the clue is found in the scripture from the New Testament as seen in scriptures below.

Matthew 18:21 Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, "Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother or sister who sins against me? Up to seven times?"

18:22 Jesus answered, "I tell you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times.

This scripture is where the New Testament also mentioned 70 weeks (Seventy "sevens"). Because these two parts in the Bible use the same expression, we can see that they are related to one another. Indeed, to forgive a brother or a sister seventy seven times (Seventy "sevens") seems connected to the teaching of 70 weeks.

In this scriptures, the Lord said that it is not seven times but seventy times "seven" that is needed to forgive a brother. This seventy times seven somehow can be seen as the lengths for forgiving and being tolerant. The Lord didn't say He will forgive brothers' sin forever or unlimitedly. Rather, he set the limit of seventy times seven. So, we can imagine that if brothers keep committing sins beyond the limit, there will be the judgment of God against those sins.

Therefore, 70 weeks in Daniel shows how long God will forgive and tolerate the sins of Christians. So, we can understand that if the church keeps committing sins in the face of God beyond 70 weeks, the wrath of God will come upon the church.

I think this is how we should understand the hidden meaning of 70 weeks.

<Asking mountains and rocks for help>

We are going to take a look at another solid food that the Bible talks about. Revelation describes that many people will ask mountains and rocks for help in End Times. It is written as below.

Revelation 6:14 The heavens receded like a scroll being rolled up, and every mountain and island was removed from its place.

6:15 Then the kings of the earth, the princes, the generals, the rich, the mighty, and everyone else, both slave and free, hid in caves and among the rocks of the mountains.

6:16 They called to the mountains and the rocks, “Fall on us and hide us from the face of him who sits on the throne and from the wrath of the Lamb!

This part describes that people who invited the wrath of God will say to mountains and rocks that “Fall on us and hide us from the face of him who sits on the throne and from the wrath of the Lamb!”

If you think carefully, this is also a strange part. We are not talking about doors or something like that but mountains and rocks. When they actually fall on us, we will be far from being safe. It is indeed dangerous and we could even get killed, so what would they really want? I feel that there is also solid food and hidden mystery. As for the rocks, Psalm in the Bible describes as below.

Psalm 62:2 Truly he is my rock and my salvation; he is my fortress, I will never be shaken.

62:3 How long will you assault me? Would all of you throw me down— this leaning wall, this tottering fence?

62:4 Surely they intend to topple me from my lofty place; they take delight in lies. With their mouths they bless, but in their hearts they curse

This Psalm describes that God is the “Rock”, and the rock will be accused or attacked.

How long will you assault me? Would all of you throw me down— this leaning wall, this tottering fence?

Walls and fences are made out of stones or rocks. This scripture talks about how stones and rocks are attacked and one person is assaulted. What does this mean? One person must mean Jesus Christ who is the foundation of the church. In the day of apostasy, at the church of apostasy, Jesus Christ's preaching, teachings, and personality will be attacked.

They will attack and accuse someone considered to be a rock. It is just like what is happening in the United States. They will declare that the word of Christ is cruel and intolerant to those with gender identity disorder. Many other people will join them because this becomes the trend and start accusing the word of Christ in the Bible.

And the End Day is when the judgment is brought upon those who accuse the person as a rock. That is the reason why they will cry on the judgment day of God.

“Fall on us and hide us from the face of him who sits on the throne and from the wrath of the Lamb!

However, when they denied the man as a rock, where could you find the salvation? Other part of the book of Revelations describes this.

Revelation 6:14 The heavens receded like a scroll being rolled up, and every mountain and island was removed from its place.

A scroll here represents the Bible. The Bible was written in a scroll long time ago but it is described that “The heavens receded like a scroll being rolled up” which means the scroll (the Bible) will be attacked, and the word of God will be rejected at the church and disappear. Because the word of God is denied, Christ as a rock will also be rejected at the church.

<The Parable of the person on the housetop >

The Bible is full of solid food. Even what seems to be a simple description contains solid food, so if we don't want to seek solid food as the author of Hebrew says, we are unable

to understand the meanings of the scriptures about End Times. The one below also seems to include solid food.

Matthew 24:17 Let no one on the housetop go down to take anything out of the house.

The scripture above is actually strange if you think about it. Suddenly, we have a person who is on the roof, but how did he end up being there? There is no explanation for it here. It is an absolute mystery. Also, he is being told not to go down but it also seems inconvenient. How does he eat meals while staying on the roof? How about going to toilet? Where does he sleep? These are completely mysterious.

Although this part is so mysterious, it seems that we can also find solid food here. Let's think about it.

Nehemiah also has the scripture about the housetop as below.

Nehemiah 8:15 and that they should proclaim this word and spread it throughout their towns and in Jerusalem: "Go out into the hill country and bring back branches from olive and wild olive trees, and from myrtles, palms and shade trees, to make temporary shelters"—as it is written.

8:16 So the people went out and brought back branches and built themselves temporary shelters on their own roofs, in their courtyards, in the courts of the house of God and in the square by the Water Gate and the one by the Gate of Ephraim.

This description is about Sukkot, which is one of the three biggest festivals in Israel. This festival is also strange which tells people to make temporary shelter on the roof of their own house. Also it tells people to make temporary shelter in the courtyards of the house of God as well.

Why, despite there is a house, do you have to go outside and make temporary shelter on the roof to live? My understanding is that this festival is the parable of the underground church. For example, that the house represents the house of God (church), then the church will fall into apostasy in End Days as written in Thessalonians. Therefore, under the special circumstance, we are recommended to get out of our own houses, and it also means to leave the church as well as the temple of God which has

fallen into apostasy.

We are also advised to make temporary shelter, also known as underground church. “Let no one on the housetop go down to take anything out of the house” can be understood to encourage us that once you have made it to the underground church, you have to stay there and should never go back home (the church of apostasy).

As you can see, the Bible, especially the scripture on the End Times is full of solid food. Also, we can't even notice that they are solid food. However, we should try to understand the solid food so that we can carry out the will of God in the End Day.

<Life as a winner>

I would like to give a testimony about what I learnt from Pastor Jeremiah at the discipleship training meeting held last Saturday. The messages from Saturday meetings are not uploaded on our website, but I would like to take this opportunity to share this with you.

This was my previous thoughts, many people may think that Christians are “united” and every Christian will make heaven”. I wish it was true, but sometimes Remnant church has been shown some scriptures which tells us it isn't the case. I was taught something else this time as well, and it was about “being a winner”. I found that the Bible tells us that “the person who is victorious will inherit the kingdom of heaven”. So, let's take a look.

Revelation 2:7 Whoever has ears, let them hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To the one who is victorious, I will give the right to eat from the tree of life, which is in the paradise of God.

2:11 Whoever has ears, let them hear what the Spirit says to the churches. The one who is victorious will not be hurt at all by the second death.

2:17 Whoever has ears, let them hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To the one who is victorious, I will give some of the hidden manna. I will also give that person a white stone with a new name written on it, known only to the one who receives it.

2:26 To the one who is victorious and does my will to the end, I will give authority over the nations—

2:27 that one 'will rule them with an iron scepter and will dash them to pieces like

pottery’—just as I have received authority from my Father.

3:5 The one who is victorious will, like them, be dressed in white. I will never blot out the name of that person from the book of life, but will acknowledge that name before my Father and his angels.

3:12 The one who is victorious I will make a pillar in the temple of my God. Never again will they leave it. I will write on them the name of my God and the name of the city of my God, the new Jerusalem, which is coming down out of heaven from my God; and I will also write on them my new name.

3:21 To the one who is victorious, I will give the right to sit with me on my throne, just as I was victorious and sat down with my Father on his throne.

In these parts, it is described that rewards and rights from God will be given to “the one who is victorious”. Since there is only limited space available here, I am going to focus on just one scripture.

2:11 **Whoever has ears, let them hear what the Spirit says to the churches. The one who is victorious will not be hurt at all by the second death.**

First of all, let’s take a look at the scripture below for “**the second death**”

Revelation 20:13 **The sea gave up the dead that were in it, and death and Hades gave up the dead that were in them, and each person was judged according to what they had done.**

20:14 **Then death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. The lake of fire is the second death.**

20:15 **Anyone whose name was not found written in the book of life was thrown into the lake of fire.**

As it says “**death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. The lake of fire is the second death**”, “**the second death**” is to be “**thrown into the lake of fire**”. Going back to Revelation 2:11 where it says “**The one who is victorious will not be hurt at all by the second death**”, the winner is not going to be thrown into the “lake of fire”. On the other hand, if you are not, you could be thrown into the “lake of fire”. This means that even though you are a Christian, you could be destroyed unless you become a “winner”. How would you feel about it? I, for one, agree with this. Yes, we need to be the winners. Otherwise, you think that you can go into heaven but that may not necessarily be the

case.

By the way, about two years ago, we were learning from 1 Corinthians Chapter 15 here at Remnant church on Sunday mornings. Since I remembered that Pastor Jeremiah was preaching about “victory”, I would like us to take a look at that part as well.

1 Corinthians 15:54 When the perishable has been clothed with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality, then the saying that is written will come true: “Death has been swallowed up in victory.”

15:55 “Where, O death, is your victory?

Where, O death, is your sting?”

15:56 The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law.

15:57 But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

We can see the word “victory” here as well, and he also quoted Revelation 3:5 as I have mentioned above.

Revelation 3:5 The one who is victorious will, like them, be dressed in white. I will never blot out the name of that person from the book of life, but will acknowledge that name before my Father and his angels.

He preached that **“This scripture shows a hint about resurrection. The one who is victorious has possibility of resurrection but the one who isn’t may not resurrect. Therefore, there is a strong connection between resurrection and victory”**. I think this is exactly the same as “the one who is victorious” will “resurrect” which means to have “eternal life”. The answer to what we need to be victorious against is found in 1 Corinthians 15:55, 56. As it says **“The sting of death is sin”**, it is to be victorious against **“sin”**. So, if we always lose to “sin”, it isn’t going to be certain that we can inherit the kingdom of heaven.

This time, I mentioned that to be “victorious” is one of the conditions to “go inherit the kingdom of heaven”, and I wonder if you could understand it? Some may say “I have never heard it before” and others say “Well, I already knew anyway”, but in any case,

isn't it obvious that we may not be able to "go into the kingdom of heaven" no matter what? We can see that there are two Christians who will be victorious against "sin" and inherit "the kingdom of heaven", and who always lose therefore will be thrown into "the lake of fire". Some of you may say "I didn't know that there are condition to inherit the kingdom of heaven! God is love, so isn't He going to let all Christians in?", but we have to realize that the Bible talks about this, not necessarily as "definite truth" but at least as "mystery".

By the way, speaking of "condition", I heard a story like this. There was a couple who had two sons. One day, the older son asked them to buy him a gaming console. The couple then discussed with each other, and told him, "If you got the best score in your grade at the next exam, you will buy it for you". And, the boy did get the best score. This means that he met the condition required by his parents, and got the gaming console he wanted. If he came the second or worse, he wouldn't have got it.

Although this is a story of this world, we can also enter the kingdom of heaven if we met the "condition" required by our Heavenly Father. So, we would like to follow the "condition" written in the Bible, because if we don't, we may not be able to enter "the kingdom of God" in the same way the boy may have not got the gaming console if he didn't become the number one. We need to make sure that we will live worthy to inherit the kingdom of heaven.

May glory and honor be given to God who always reveals to us important lessons.

Amen