

Word Processer

Mat.4:4

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Mat.4:4 But he answered, "It is written, "'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"

And what do we live by? What do you think Jesus is really communicating here? These are not new words, neither is this a new saying. (Deut.8:3) Jesus was not just talking to the devil when He spoke these words of truth; He was speaking to us too. (There is nothing recorded in God's Word that was unintended or useless.)

David reflects on Moses' days in Psalm 78 to bring to point that God is *GOD* and we are not. Verse 23 "...Yet He commanded..." God tested the Israelites back then and those who failed died and those who passed lived. So what was the deciding factor? The deciding factor was the matter of their heart. They all, presumably ate but they did not all believe.

Ps.78:29 says that God gave them what they "craved". And while the food was still in their mouths God's anger rose against them. (Ps.78:30) Jesus' words are so true that out of the heart flows evil. (Mat.15:19; Lk.6:45) It is our hearts that

God sees the same as He saw theirs. (1Sam.16:7; Jer.11:20)

Paul in speaking of these same events concludes that they were an example for us (1Cor.10:6) so that we would not desire evil as they did. Paul continues this line of thinking saying that they were written down for our instruction. (1Cor.10:11)

So what is the point of this lesson? God's Word was not written because He was vain. Yes the Bible still holds the record for book sales but that was not and is not His point. Jesus knew that He could not isolate one notion or idea of God's to the exclusion of others and still maintain His righteousness. The whole council of God should be sought after. (Acts 20:27)

Since God is the "Heart Searcher" then to what end should we be searching God's word? God tested the Israelites to see if they believed Him. Our study and reading and listening is 'faith food'. God's Word should nourish the heart for belief towards God so that in times of testing we will not fail but pass and in passing, live.

John wrote concerning Jesus saying that what he wrote was for us to be able to believe. This is not just true about John's writing but about all of Scripture. (Jn.20:30-31; Rm.10:17) Have you dined on the Word of God lately? Seek His whole counsel.