

## Video Sharing-Chew on My Flesh & Drink My Blood

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### Text

[All Scriptural references are from KJV or MKJV; other texts may be used for clarity of translation but only when they are in accord with KJV or MKJV]

**MKJV Joh 6:48** I am the Bread of life.

Joh 6:49 Your fathers ate the manna in the wilderness and died.

Joh 6:50 This is the Bread which comes down from Heaven, so that a man may eat of it and not die.

Joh 6:51 I am the Living Bread which came down from Heaven. **If anyone eats of this Bread, he shall live forever. And truly the bread that I will give is My flesh, which I will give for the life of the world.**

Joh 6:52 Then the Jews argued with one another, saying, how can this man give us his flesh to eat?

Joh 6:53 Then Jesus says to them, **Truly, truly, I say to you, Unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man, and drink His blood, you do not have life in yourselves.**

Joh 6:54 **Whoever partakes of My flesh and drinks My blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day.**

Joh 6:55 **For My flesh is food indeed, and My blood is drink indeed.**

Joh 6:56 **He who partakes of My flesh and drinks My blood dwells in Me, and I in him.**

Joh 6:57 As the living Father has sent Me, and I live through the Father, so he who partakes of Me, even he shall live by Me.

Joh 6:58 This is the Bread which came down from Heaven, not as your fathers ate the manna, and died; **he who partakes of this Bread shall live forever.**

### I. **Theme of Food & Eating in the Garden of Eden**

**Gen 2:9** And out of the ground **Jehovah God caused to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight, and good for food. The tree of life also was in the middle of the garden, and the tree of knowledge of good and evil.**

- a. Every tree in the Garden of Eden was pleasant to the sight and good for food
- b. This included the Tree of Life & the Tree of Knowledge of Good & Evil
- c. Death would result upon eating the fruit of the Tree of Knowledge of Good & Evil:

**Gen 2:16** And Jehovah God commanded the man, saying, you may freely eat of every tree in the garden,

**Gen 2:17** but **you shall not eat of the tree of knowledge of good and evil. For in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die.**

- d. Eating the right fruit [food] gave life; eating the wrong [forbidden] fruit brought death [temporal & eternal]

## II. OT: Eating the Word of YAHWEH

*Jer 15:16 **Your Words were found, and I ate them**; and Your Word was to me the joy and gladness of my heart; for I am called by Your name, O Jehovah, the God of Hosts.*

*Psa 119:103 **How sweet are Your Words to my taste! More than honey to my mouth!***

**Note:** the Hebrew word for “eat” is H398 “akal” which is equivalent to the Greek words “esthio” G2068 and “phago” G5315. The meaning is to eat, feed, devour.

## III. OT: The Torah is Spiritual Food

*Psa 19:7 The Law of Jehovah is perfect, converting the soul; the testimony of Jehovah is sure, making the simple wise.*

*Psa 19:8 The Precepts of Jehovah are right, rejoicing the heart; the Commandments of Jehovah are pure, giving light to the eyes.*

*Psa 19:9 The fear of Jehovah is clean, enduring forever; the judgments of Jehovah are true and righteous altogether,*

*Psa 19:10 more to be desired than gold, even much fine gold; **sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb.***

*Psa 19:11 And Your servant is warned by them; in keeping them there is great reward.*

*Psa 119:97 MEM. **O how love I thy law! it is my meditation all the day.***

*Psa 119:98 Thou through thy commandments hast made me wiser than mine enemies: for they are ever with me.*

*Psa 119:99 I have more understanding than all my teachers: for thy testimonies are my meditation.*

*Psa 119:100 I understand more than the ancients, because I keep thy precepts.*

*Psa 119:101 I have refrained my feet from every evil way, that I might keep thy word.*

*Psa 119:102 I have not departed from thy judgments: for thou hast taught me.*

*Psa 119:103 **How sweet are thy words unto my taste! yea, sweeter than honey to my mouth!***

*Psa 119:104 Through thy precepts I get understanding: therefore I hate every false way.*

*Job 23:12 Neither have I gone back from the **commandment of his lips; I have esteemed the words of his mouth more than my necessary food.***

## IV. OT: Eating the Roll [Scroll]

*Eze 3:1 And He said to me, Son of man, eat what you find. **Eat this roll and go speak to the house of Israel.***

*Eze 3:2 So I opened my mouth, and He caused me to eat that roll.*

Eze 3:3 And He said to me, Son of man, cause your belly to eat, and fill your belly with this roll that I give you. **Then I ate it; and in my mouth it was like honey for sweetness.**

#### V. **NT: Eating the Little Book [Scroll]**

**Rev 10:8** And the voice which I heard from Heaven spoke to me again, and said, Go, take the little book which is open in the hand of the angel who stands on the sea and on the earth.

Rev 10:9 And I went to the angel and said to him, Give me the little book. And he said to me, take it and eat it up, and it will make your belly bitter, but it will be sweet as honey in your mouth.

Rev 10:10 And **I took the little book out of the angel's hand and ate it up.** And it was sweet as **honey in my mouth,** and as soon as I had eaten it, **my belly was made bitter.**

Rev 10:11 And he said to me, you must prophesy again before many peoples and nations and tongues and kings.

**Note:** the Greek word used for eat in this passage is “phago” G5315 and “katesthio” G2719 which means to eat, devour, eat it down [completely]

#### VI. **Not by Bread Alone**

**Deu 8:1** **All the commandments which I command you this day shall you be careful to do, that you may live and multiply and go in and possess the land which Jehovah swore to your fathers.**

Deu 8:2 And you shall remember all the way which Jehovah your God led you these forty years in the wilderness in order to humble you, to prove you, to know what is in your heart, whether you would keep His commandments or not.

Deu 8:3 And He humbled you and allowed you to hunger, and then He fed you with manna, which you did not know, neither did your fathers know it, so that He might make you know that **man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes out of the mouth of Jehovah man shall live.**

Mat 4:4 But He answered and said, it is written, "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God."

**Caution:** Luke 4:4 is truncated in most versions to “Man shall not live by bread alone”

#### VII. **Doing His Will**

**Joh 4:31** In the meantime His disciples were asking Him, saying, Master, eat.

Joh 4:32 But He said to them, I have food to eat which you do not know.

Joh 4:33 Therefore the disciples said to one another, No one brought Him anything to eat?

Joh 4:34 Jesus said to them, **My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me and to finish His work.**

#### VIII. **NT: Eating The Hidden Manna**

**Rev 2:17** He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To him who overcomes **I will give to eat of the hidden manna**, and will give to him a white stone, and in the stone a new name written, which no man knows except he who receives it.

#### **IX. Eating the Fruit of the Tree of Life**

**Rev 2:7** He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To him who overcomes **I will give to eat of the Tree of Life**, which is in the midst of the paradise of God.

#### **X. Milk & Solid Food**

*1Pe 2:1 Therefore laying aside all malice and all guile and hypocrisies and envying, and all evil speaking,*

*1Pe 2:2 desire the sincere milk of the Word, as new-born babes, so that you may grow by it*

*1Pe 2:3 if truly you have tasted that the Lord is gracious.*

*Heb 5:12 For indeed because of the time, you ought to be teachers, you have need that one teach you again what are the first principles of the oracles of God. And you have become in need of milk, and not of solid food.*

*Heb 5:13 For everyone partaking of milk is unskillful in the Word of Righteousness, for he is an infant.*

*Heb 5:14 But solid food belongs to those who are of full age, even those who because of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.*

*1Co 3:1 And I, brethren, could not speak unto you as unto spiritual, but as unto carnal, even as unto babes in Christ.*

*1Co 3:2 I have fed you with milk, and not with meat: for hitherto ye were not able to bear it, neither yet now are ye able.*

*1Co 3:3 For ye are yet carnal: for whereas there is among you envying, and strife, and divisions, are ye not carnal, and walk as men?*

- a. Baby Christians begin with the milk of the Word [e.g. the basics of salvation]**
- b. Christians who can only accept the milk of the Word are carnal [walking in the flesh]**
- c. Interestingly a cow eats grass and produces milk and meat**
- d. If we simply swallow the Word without much meditation, we can only get milk. To produce meat, we have to ruminate like the cow.**

#### **XI. Eating the Flesh of Yeshua**

*Joh 6:53 Then Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, **except ye eat the flesh of the Son of man, and drink his blood, ye have no life in you.***

*Joh 6:54 **Whoso eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, hath eternal life;** and I will raise him up at the last day.*

*Joh 6:55 For my flesh is meat indeed, and my blood is drink indeed.*

Joh 6:56 He that **eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood**, dwelleth in me, and I in him.

Joh 6:57 As the living Father hath sent me, and I live by the Father: so **he that eateth me, even he shall live by me.**

- a. Yeshua used 2 Greek words for “eat”: “phago” G5315 in v.53 and “trogo” G5176 in v.54,56 & 57.
- b. Phago means to eat, devour, feed
- c. Trogo means to gnaw, chew
- d. The word for flesh in Greek is “sarx” and not “soma”. Sarx means flesh or nature while soma means body
- e. The key to understanding what Yeshua meant is in:

**Joh 1:14** And **the Word was made flesh**, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.

**So Yeshua meant for us to feed on His Word, devour it, eat it down, gnaw or chew it!**

- f. Chewing the Word means to **meditate, ruminates like a cow**

## **XII. Meditation**

### **a. On Torah**

Several verses exhort us to meditate on Torah:

**Jos 1:8** This **book of the law** shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt **meditate therein day and night**, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success.

**See also:** Ps 1:2; 119:15,23,48 & 78

### **b. On YAHWEH**

**Psa 63:5** My soul shall be satisfied as with marrow and fatness; and my mouth shall praise thee with joyful lips:

**Psa 63:6** When I remember thee upon my bed and **meditate on thee in the night watches.**

### **c. On YAHWEH's Works**

**Psa 77:11** I will remember the **works of the LORD**: surely, I will remember thy wonders of old.

**Psa 77:12** **I will meditate also of all thy work and talk of thy doings.**

### **d. On His Word, Doctrine, Teachings, Gifts**

**Psa 119:148** Mine eyes prevent the night watches, that I might **meditate in thy word.**

**1Ti 4:13** Till I come, give attendance to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine.

**1Ti 4:14** Neglect not the gift that is in thee, which was given thee by prophecy, with the laying on of the hands of the presbytery.

**1Ti 4:15** **Meditate upon these things;** give thyself wholly to them; that thy profiting may appear to all.

**Note:** the Hebrew word for meditate “hagah” H1897 means to ponder, study, mutter. The Greek word is “melatao: G3191 means to take care of, to revolve around the mind.

### **XIII. NT: Drinking His Blood**

**Joh 6:53** Then Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except ye eat the flesh of the Son of man, and **drink his blood, ye have no life in you.**

**Joh 6:54** Whoso eateth my flesh, and **drinketh my blood, hath eternal life; and I will raise him up at the last day.**

**Joh 6:55** For my flesh is meat indeed, and my blood is drink indeed.

**Joh 6:56** He that eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, **dwelleth in me, and I in him.**

- a. The Jewish hearers of Yeshua recoiled in horror when Yeshua said we are to eat His flesh and drink His Blood.
- b. Humans are unclean meat
- c. Torah forbids drinking of animal blood:

**Lev 17:10** And **whatsoever man there be of the house of Israel, or of the strangers that sojourn among you, that eateth any manner of blood; I will even set my face against that soul that eateth blood, and will cut him off from among his people.**

**Lev 17:11** For **the life of the flesh is in the blood;** and I have given it to you upon the altar to make an atonement for your souls: for it is **the blood that maketh an atonement for the soul.**

**Lev 17:12** Therefore I said unto the children of Israel, no soul of you shall eat blood, neither shall any stranger that sojourneth among you eat blood.

#### **d. Imbibing His Life**

The key to understanding what Yeshua meant by drinking His Blood is to note that there is life in the blood. He is really telling us to imbibe His Life which is available to us because of His Blood shed for the remission of sins.

Paul showed us clearly in:

**1Co 10:1** Moreover, brethren, I would not that ye should be ignorant, how that all our fathers were under the cloud, and all passed through the sea;

**1Co 10:2** And were all baptized unto Moses in the cloud and in the sea;

**1Co 10:3** **And did all eat the same spiritual meat;**

1Co 10:4 And **did all drink the same spiritual drink: for they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them: and that Rock was Christ.**

The meat was the Torah/Word of YAHWEH. The drink [water from the rock] was of Christ.

#### XIV. **Taste and See**

**Psa 34:8 Taste and see that Jehovah is good; blessed is the man who trusts in Him.**

*Psa 34:9 O fear Jehovah, His holy ones; for there is nothing lacking to those who fear Him.*

*Psa 34:10 The young lions lack and suffer hunger; but those who seek Jehovah shall not lack any good thing.*

#### XV. **Eat & Drink What is Good Without Paying**

**Isa 55:1 Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and he who has no money, come, buy and eat. Yea, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.**

*Isa 55:2 Why do you weigh silver for what is not bread? and your labor for what never satisfies? **Listen carefully to Me, and eat what is good, and let your soul delight itself in fatness.***

*Isa 55:3 Bow down your ear, and come to Me; hear, and your soul shall live; and I will make an everlasting covenant with you, even the sure mercies of David.*