

Day 17

- Okay, so far in this short series, we have seen why God doesn't override His laws set in motion, and we have seen some proof that He doesn't. Now, let's go a little deeper. I want to continue on how intricate God's redemption is. He is always showing us that He never leaves one detail undone. It's a good thing He is in charge of the wedding supper of the Lamb of God, Jesus, and His Bride, us...we know it will be perfect. The greatest wedding and wedding supper of all time!
- So, the last two days, I have read Jesus' response to Satan in the first temptation of Christ. So let's look at what Satan says to Jesus.
 - Note what the Bible calls Satan in this passage. "Now when the **tempter** came to Him [Jesus], he said, "If You are the Son of God, command that these stones become bread."
 - Now, we have just learned something about Adam we may not have known before...Adam could turn stones into bread, which means that he had dominion and authority over the earth. How do we know Adam could do that? First, Satan knew the first son of God, Adam, so he knew if the first son of God could do it, this man, Jesus, who Satan heard God say, "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased." Matthew 3:16, this Son of God could surely turn a stone into bread.
 - Okay, how do I know this for sure? Well, how could it be a temptation for Jesus to obey Satan by turning a stone into bread if Jesus could not do it? Right? Satan wouldn't have known to ask the question if he hadn't already witnessed the first Adam doing it before.
 - We learn something else very important from this first encounter with the tempter. When Satan tempted Jesus with this first challenge, Jesus responded with SCRIPTURE — did you catch it? What did Jesus use as a WEAPON against the enemy of His soul, Satan? He used the Word of God, which the awesome irony is, Jesus is the Word! I love God's intricacy!! So, what are we to use against the tempter? The Word of God!
 - Now, as I stated in previous posts, the first temptation had to be food because Adam was tempted with eating of the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil — of which brought sin and death into the world because it was Adam's seed. Jesus had to take that "land" back. Why? Jesus is our recompense, recovering everything that was stolen from all mankind in the Garden of Eden. He is our Redeemer! "For I know that my Redeemer lives, and He shall stand at last on the earth." Job 19:25.
- Side note: I have been showing how God is intricate, how He doesn't leave one aspect of His plan left undone. So, we must look at the 40 going backwards from Jesus — Jesus was tempted 40 days by the devil in the wilderness. (Matthew 4:1; Luke 4:1; Mark 1:13). The Israelites were in the wilderness for 40 years after being brought out of Egypt by Moses (Deuteronomy 29:5; Amos 5:25); It rained 40 days and 40 nights in the flood of Noah's time (Genesis 7:12) — So, it is highly likely that Satan tempted Adam for 40 days before Adam chose to eat of the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil. Remember, God shows things in times, seasons, and cycles. If Jesus is the FULL completion, and we know He is, of the fall of mankind, it would be completed perfectly and totally. So, there fore, if Jesus was tempted for 40 days, Adam was most likely tempted for 40 days as well.
- Now, the bread represents Jesus seed; His birthright. How do we know?

- “Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me has everlasting life. **I am the bread of life.** Your fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, and are dead. This is the bread which comes down from heaven, that one may eat of it and not die. I am the LIVING bread which came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever; and the bread that I shall give is My flesh, which I shall give for the life of the world.” John 6:47-51.
- Jesus, restored eternal life through His death — through His seed — Before Adam sinned by eating of the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil (His seed tree), he had eternal life in the Garden of Eden. When he ate of that tree, sin and death entered the world. Jesus had to restore eternal life to mankind, so that God could, once again, be with His children forever.
- Furthermore, we know Jesus being the Bread of Life was foretold in scripture through the priests offering the Bread of Presence to the LORD or showbread in the temple. (Exodus 29:23; 1 Samuel 21:6). We, after we come to salvation in Christ Jesus are called the Temple of God. (1 Corinthians 3:16). Once we eat of the Bread of Life, Jesus, He dwells within us...His temple.
- Jesus saying, “This is the bread which comes down from heaven, that one may eat of it and not die.” He is telling us that once we eat of Him, our perfect Seed, we will be given eternal life, and His body, His seed will never be able to be taken from us.
- “Most assuredly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the ground and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it produces much grain.” John 12:24.
- We become like Him through accepting salvation through His death — fulfilling John 12:24. That is why at the Lord’s Supper, which we now know as communion, “Jesus took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to the disciples and said, “Take, eat; this is My body.” Matthew 26:26.
 - Beautiful note here — do you see the two 26’s there — 26 is the numerical value of Yahweh in Hebrew, which we probably know more familiarly as Jehovah. 26 means beloved. It is connected to the messianic bloodlines and King David. David means beloved — only David and Jesus were called beloved in the Bible. There are 26 generations between King David and Christ Jesus. And David even ate the showbread in the temple when he was very hungry and on the run from King Saul (1 Samuel 21) — a coincidence? Absolutely not! See how intricate God is — again, He leaves nothing undone. (Numbers that Preach, Troy A. Brewer).
 - In a sense, you could say He was leaving “bread crumbs” for us to find our way back to Him.
- I will leave you with all of this meat, or bread actually, to chew on. I encourage you to pull up the hard copy of today’s post on my website, heidijolopez.com and look up all the scriptural references listed. Dig through the accounts in the scripture yourself. Ask Holy Spirit to open your eyes to see all He wants you to see.
- Be blessed and encouraged, for our God is truly amazing! He is so in love with us! He is longing for each one of us to know just how much.