

Give Ye Them to Eat--2

by Bakht Singh

The sermon emphasizes the importance of seeking God's blessing and making the best use of our time to feed the hungry and needy, and to effectively communicate God's message to others.

Scripture: 1 Kings 17:1, Matthew 14:13, Matthew 14:20, John 6:11, Ephesians 5:15

Topics: "Divine Provision", "Spiritual Nourishment"

Description

Bakht Singh preaches about God's ability to meet urgent needs even when we feel overwhelmed and unaware of His plans, using the story of Elijah and Elisha as an example of God's divine knowledge and provision. He emphasizes the importance of seeking God's blessing in all aspects of life, including food and words spoken, highlighting how God can multiply and bless even the smallest offerings. Bakht Singh encourages believers to trust in God's provision and to be willing vessels for Him to use in satisfying the spiritual hunger of others, drawing parallels between the disciples distributing food to the multitude and believers sharing the blessed Word of God.

Transcript

There was an urgent need to give God's message to His people during the reign of the wicked king Ahab, but even the mighty man Elijah did not know how God was going to meet that need. Though Elijah did not know, God knew through whom He was going to meet that need. He sent Elijah to Elisha because He knew all about Elisha before Elijah knew anything about him. Elijah had been saying, "Take my life away. When there is sin everywhere, what is the use of one man struggling on alone?" But God showed Elijah that unknown to him He had already been working.

I do not care what kind of food is given to me; I have decided never to murmur or grumble. I believe from my heart that the Lord blesses the food for me. and it becomes tasty; so I enjoy it whatever it may be. It is quite true that the Lord does bless the food when you ask Him. Here were a few barely loaves and a few small fishes, but He blessed them, and multiplied them, and because He blessed them they must have tasted good. Whenever you do something for the Lord, seek His blessing upon it and you will find that it will be blessed and made to bear fruit.

Sometimes you may be frightened to talk to someone because you think he is highly educated and you are not. You may say, "I am an illiterate person and he won't believe me," or, "I cannot speak because I have no understanding or knowledge. I don't know anything properly". But if you claim God's blessing, He will bless the broken words, which you may utter. Broken words have power behind them. I know it by

experience. I have asked myself, "How can these broken words convince any one But afterwards I have discovered that every word was a blessing.

If the Lord can bless the loaves, surely He can bless the words we speak. Put God to test, and you will find it is true in your case also. If you want your neighbours and co-workers to be blessed through you, do not be afraid to say to the Lord, 'Touch my tongue and bless the words which I speak in Thy Name". We know that men are in misery and sorrow and they want God's message, and if you are willing, God will use you to satisfy their spiritual hunger. Even though the loaves and fishes were blessed by the Lord Jesus Christ, the disciples had to go and distribute to the multitude.

He did not seek sturdy and strong men to do that work. There was a great crowd of 5,000 men, besides women and children. There might have been at least 10,000 people, and the disciples could have said: "Lord, we are only twelve in number, how can we distribute food to so many people? Can we select from this multitude strong men to serve?" There is no mention of such a thing here. The disciples did the serving. Others could not be co-workers of the Lord Jesus Christ. Only the disciples had that privilege.

Only those who are truly born again and follow the Lord, can be His co-workers. The disciples were serving the food, which was blessed by the Lord Jesus Christ. In the same way, the Word, which is blessed by the Lord alone, will satisfy people. Many have knowledge and can argue very effectively. They have so many books that it would take many years to go through them all, but when they speak, they do not minister life. Others may say only a few words, but you find strength and inspiration by those broken words, because every word, which is being spoken, is blessed by the Lord Jesus Christ.

It is quite true that through faith, the words which you utter in His Name will be blessed But you must pray every morning; "Lord, anoint my lips, my tongue and my throat today I acknowledge my Lord, help me to give the right word for the people whom I meet", and then you will find that throughout the day someone is given the bread of life through you. Even a few words are sufficient to answer a question, provided, the Lord Jesus blesses them.

"They did all eat, and were filled"(Matt.14:20). There was no need for them to go hungry. When there is a big crowd, those who supervise the serving of food will advise the servers to serve a little saying, "Be careful, lest we run short of the food". In fact, they dilute the sambar with water to make it sufficient for the crowd. No wonder the disciples said: "Five thousand people, and how can we serve so many?" - yet the five thousand ate and were full. They were given as much as they wanted. In the same way, whenever a hungry soul comes to you, seek to satisfy his hunger with the bread of life. There are some who come with small problems and some with big and many problems, but we must be prepared to meet their need. Have patience to hear their story, however long it maybe; Do not be impatient because to you the trouble may not be serious, but to them it is serious. We must have some word of counsel and encouragement to give for all their problems, and by faith they will be satisfied.

"They did all eat and were filled and they took up of the fragments that remained twelve baskets". Our Lord does not like wastage. There is a simple lesson here. If we as disciples of the Lord Jesus have to satisfy the hunger of the multitudes then there should not be any wastage in our life. Alas! We waste so many things. We waste our time, we waste our energy, we waste our food, and we go on wasting many things and that is why we cannot satisfy the hungry. These fragments were not thrown away, they were gathered purposely, because the Lord wanted to teach an important lesson to the disciples. God does not like wastage. Can we say sincerely that our time is being profitably spent, or do we waste time in ordinary

conversation, or on things of low value? How do you spend your time? Supposing you have one or two hours to wait somewhere for the train, or for the bus. How do you spend that time? Do you spend it by reading magazines or books, or by looking at the walls, or the people going by? Can you say you make the best use of your time? Whether on the railway platform or bus stand, our time must be spent profitably either in reading the Bible, or in giving our testimony or in some other useful way. We must make the best use of every second, because we have to feed the hungry and the needy people.

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