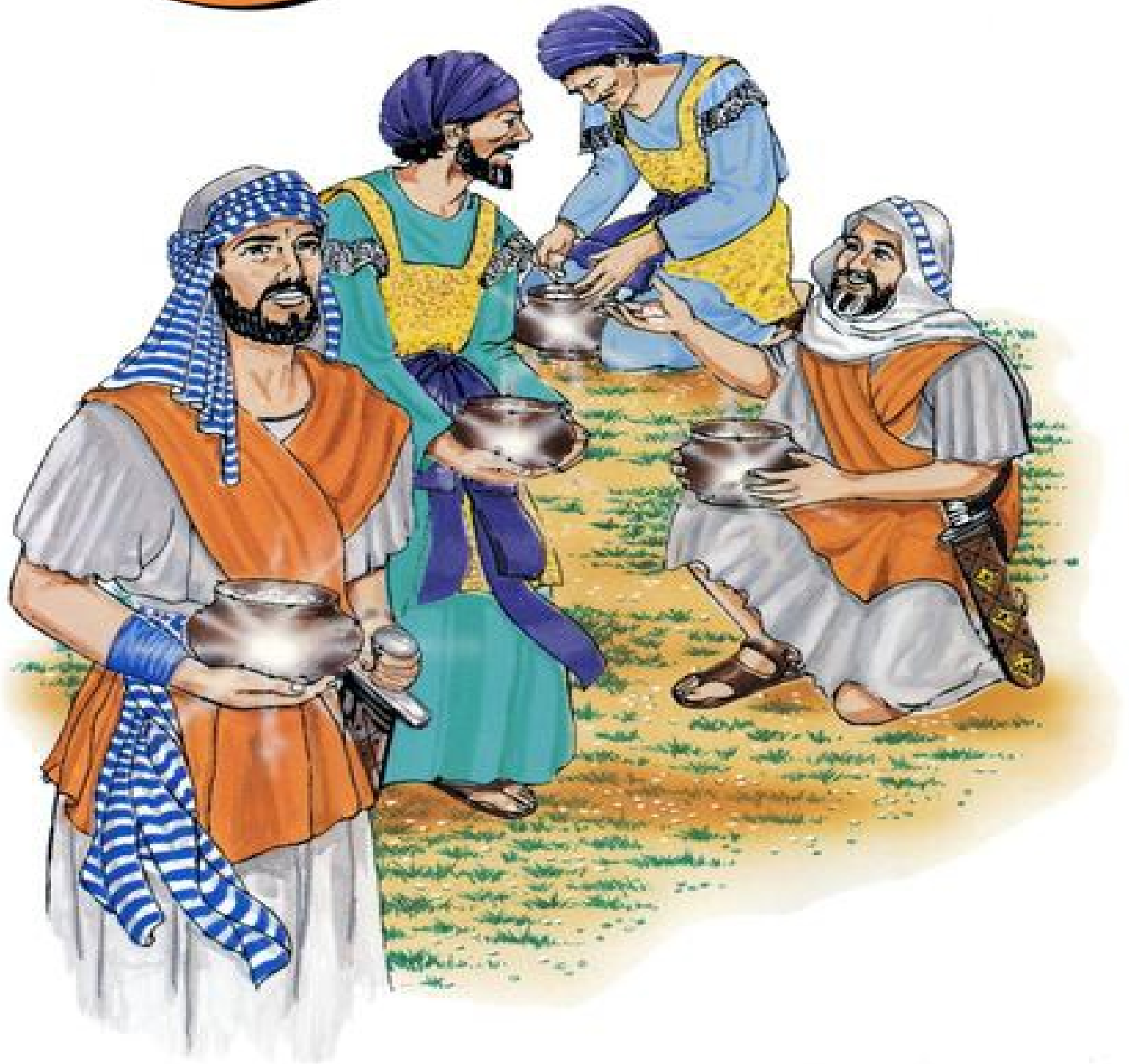


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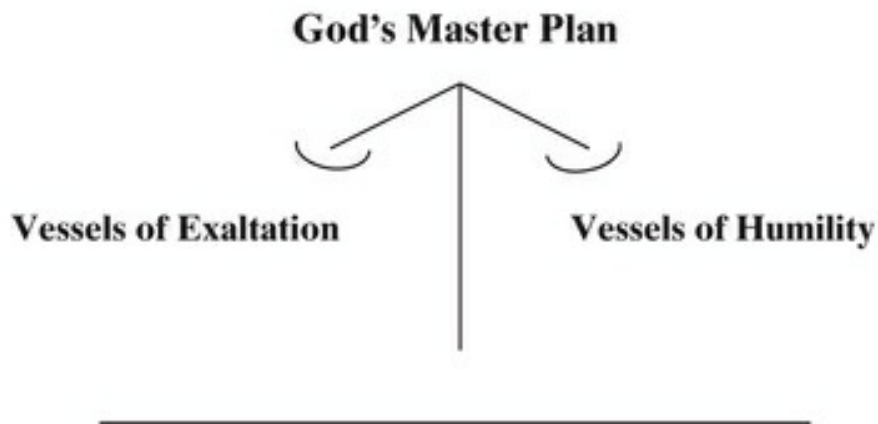
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Introduction

In Psalm sixty-eight, David recalled God's triumphant march in front of Israel as He led her out from the lowly place of slavery and servitude in which she lived in Egypt. In recounting Israel's journey, the Psalmist revealed that God's Master Plan was for His people to become vessels (pots) of humility as well as vessels (pots) of exaltation.

In fact, all believers must become vessels of humility before they can be exalted vessels. If the believer learns to surrender to Christ's Headship in the circumstances of his life which are humiliating and painful and becomes a pot or receptacle for Christ's Humility, then the LORD will fill the surrendered believer's humility pot with His Living, Exalted Bread or Word.



Israel's experiences as a humility vessel and as an exalted vessel are pictures of what God wants to do and to work in the believer's heart and life. God's irrevocable Law is that humility must precede honour or exaltation.

The fear of the LORD is the instruction of wisdom; and **before honour is humility** (Proverbs 15:33).

A humble vessel learns to fear the LORD. Holy fear always precedes the honour or exaltation that is given to one who is instructed in Wisdom.

The Israelites learned to be humble vessels in Egypt while they worked at making earthen pots. They used these pots in Egypt and during their passage through the wilderness. From the earliest time of their settlement in Canaan's Land, they were involved in the work of making earthen pots. In Jerusalem, there was a royal establishment of potters from which the potters' field received its name (I Chronicles 4:23). These vessels or pots were used for humble purposes and for exalted, beautifying purposes.

Whether a pot was selected for a common use in the low place or an exalted use in the high place was determined by the owner because the owner had both the power and the right to say where his vessels would serve him.

Likewise, the LORD God, the Potter, the Owner, and the Master, desires to form believers into vessels that can serve either in the low place or in the high place, according to *His Purposive Will*.

This was God's desire for Israel. He took the Israelites to Egypt, placing them in the low place so that they could be fashioned into a humble vessel or pot. Then, He took them to Canaan's Land where He turned them into a vessel or pot fit for honour and exaltation.

All Christians encounter "pots" of some kind of mental or physical suffering in this world. However, the believer must choose how he reacts to these trying situations. Will he lay hold of a Spiritual Humility Pot of Christ's Submission and Surrender in which he can gather new Bread of Truth from God's Word while he is feeding on the Bread of Affliction in the midst of his suffering? Will he be willing to rest in pleasurable satisfaction with his new humility pot and become perpetually joined to it? Will he say, "LORD, I know that this humility pot holds Your

Bread of Truth; therefore, I will esteem it of great value, and I will not part with it regardless of the proud temptations of places, people, and things”?

Christians may come to church, bringing notebooks with them in which they write down the LORD’s Messages of Truth verbatim; however, if their hearts have not been made into invisible pots of humility, they will not be able to gather the Life of the Truth with which they can feed their spirits and souls. Hence, they never will know the sweetness of the Truth and the Omnipresent Life of the Truth.

A believer easily can discern when his heart has become an invisible pot of humility because he very joyfully and gratefully will be sharing his fantastic Manna-Bread with others. A person who is spiritually hungry will reach out and quickly take possession of the LORD’s Life-giving Bread of Truth which is shared with him. Glory be to God!

Christ’s Principle of Humility Pots works, and the believer does not have to have a large portion of it working in his heart before it starts producing a change in him. If believers will allow Jesus Christ to introduce their hearts to the Surrender and Submissiveness of His Precious Humility in the midst of their sufferings and afflictions, they can begin to gather Christ’s Living Bread of Truth, which will enable them to eat and grow in the Spiritual Stature of the LORD Jesus Christ. Then, if believers will allow Jesus Christ to be the Dispenser of the Bread, He will create situations in their moral development in which they can share the Bread of Truth that they have received. One crumb of Christ’s Bread of Truth from a believer’s little humility pot feeds his own soul and the souls of others, if it is shared according to God’s Purposive Will.

God’s Purposive Will does not allow believers to push Christ’s Bread of Truth forcefully into another person’s mouth. Christ’s Living Bread of Truth is Omnipresent; therefore, “whosoever will” may come and eat freely if he allows Christ to convert and transform his old heart into a humility pot so that he can gather the Manna-Bread of Truth.

However, if believers try to teach and preach something they have taken from the dead letters in their notebooks, it will not bring Life-giving Strength to the souls of others, nor will it give Illuminating Light to the spirits of others.

Christ’s Living Bread of Truth is sweet! Christ’s Bread of Truth provides a life-giving feast to the hungry soul. It is a spiritual, intellectual, and moral treat.

Christ’s Bread of Truth also is oiled! It has Omnipresent Power; therefore, it is able to empower the soul and spirit with authority over all powers of darkness in every situation of life. Hence, if the believer will minister, not out of his lifeless notebook, but out of his invisible, spiritual pot, where there is Living Bread, he will see hearts revived and increased in the Wisdom, Understanding, and Knowledge of the LORD Jesus Christ.

Remember, God said, “Though ye have lien among the pots, yet shall ye be as the wings of a dove covered with silver, and her feathers with yellow gold.” Although the Israelites had lien among the humility pots of servitude in Egypt, in a low, mean state, God clothed them with the silver feathers of His Redemptive Blood, Fire, and Water and brought them out of the house of bondage. He then clothed Israel’s pinion feathers with His Golden Wisdom so that they could soar into the isolating heights of His *Torah*-Truth.

God clothed Israel with the Stature of His Dove’s feathers in order to help her progress in her spiritual education and in her moral development. However, God first gave the Israelites their humility pots in Egypt; then, afterward, He gave Israel humility pots in the wilderness. He clothed her with His Dove’s Wings of Silver and Gold so that she could feed on the Manna-Bread that she gathered in her humility pots; and, later, she fed on the *Torah*-Truth in the Ark of the Covenant in the high place. This Truth is fabulous!

When Israel crossed over into Canaan’s Land, she was privileged to eat new kinds of Bread from the heights of Heaven, the Manna and the *Torah*-Truth, which were a picture of the Resurrected Christ.

The Bread of Affliction that Israel ate in Egypt represented the Unleavened Bread of the Crucified Christ. The Bread of Satisfaction and Joyful Delight that Israel ate in the wilderness represented the Bread of the Resurrected Christ. The Corn in Canaan’s Land represented the Bread of the Father.

Israel’s experience in God is a monument of invincible faith and of inextinguishable hope to all who commit themselves to the LORD and allow Him to make them into vessels to serve Him in the low place and in the high place, according to His Holy Purposive Will.

My prayer is that the humility Principles of Truth set forth in this study will inspire readers to submit, in a new way, to the Potter’s Hand so that they may be made into vessels of honour that will bring great Glory and Honour unto God, both now and in the unending ages of Eternity.

— The Author

Chapter One

What It Means to Lie (*Shaw-kab*) Among the Pots of Humility Suffering

The subject of *pots* is far too extensive for its depths to be plumbed in one short study, but in covering just a small part of the Truth about *pots*, we can learn some important Principles that will further our spiritual education and help us in our moral development.

In Egypt, Israel had lien among *pots* of slavery, despised as rubbish or broken vessels; yet, through it all, God had formed invisible, spiritual pots of humility in the hearts of those who had used their humility pots to gather the LORD's Spiritual Bread.

Through the Truth that God gave to David when he wrote Psalm sixty-eight, God revealed some marvelous Truths about pots.

O God, when thou wentest forth before thy people, when thou didst march through the wilderness; Selah: The earth shook, the heavens also dropped at the presence of God: *even Sinai itself was moved* at the presence of God, the God of Israel. Thou, O God, didst send a plentiful rain, whereby thou didst confirm thine inheritance, when it was weary. Thy congregation hath dwelt therein: thou, O God, hast prepared of thy goodness for the poor. The Lord gave the word: *great was the company of those that published it*. Kings of armies did flee apace: and she that tarried at home divided the spoil. **Though ye have lien among the pots, yet shall ye be as the wings of a dove covered with silver, and her feathers with yellow gold.** When the Almighty scattered kings in it, it was *white* as snow in Salmon. The hill of God *is* as the hill of Bashan; an high hill as the hill of Bashan. Why leap ye, ye high hills? *this is the hill which God desireth to dwell in*; yea, the LORD will dwell *in it* for ever. The chariots of God *are* twenty thousand, *even thousands of angels*: the Lord *is* among them, *as in Sinai*, in the holy *place*. Thou hast ascended on high, thou hast led captivity captive: thou hast received gifts for men; yea, *for the rebellious also*, that the LORD God might dwell *among them*. Blessed *be* the Lord, *who* daily loadeth us *with benefits*, *even the God of our salvation*. Selah (Psalm 68:7-19).

The Hebrew word for *lien*, *shaw-kab*, has four principle meanings: (1) to lie down to rest; (2) to lie down for physical union; (3) to lie down in the grave, and (4) to overlay oneself.

First, let us consider the aspect of Israel's *lying down to rest*.

I. Lien, *shaw-kab* in Hebrew, Means to Lie Down to Rest.

When Jacob was traveling to Padan-aram in obedience to his father and mother's request that he take a wife from among their blood relatives, he came to a place in which he lay down to rest for the night.

And **he lighted upon a certain place**, and tarried there all night, because the sun was set; and he took of the stones of that place, and put *them for* his pillows, **and lay down in that place to sleep** (Genesis 28:11).

The Hebrew word for *lighted* is *paw-gah*, meaning to impinge on another, to entreat, and to intercede. Thus, the word *paw-gah* reveals that Jacob, while on his way to his blood relatives, lighted or interceded in prayer to God for Divine Strength, Support, and Safety. He was making his journey in submissiveness and surrender to his parents, depending upon God to help him arrive safely at his destination.

After interceding to God, Jacob lay down among his pots of humility and surrender. Through the wonderful dream that God gave Jacob, He filled Jacob's pots, as it were, with the Bread of Truth.

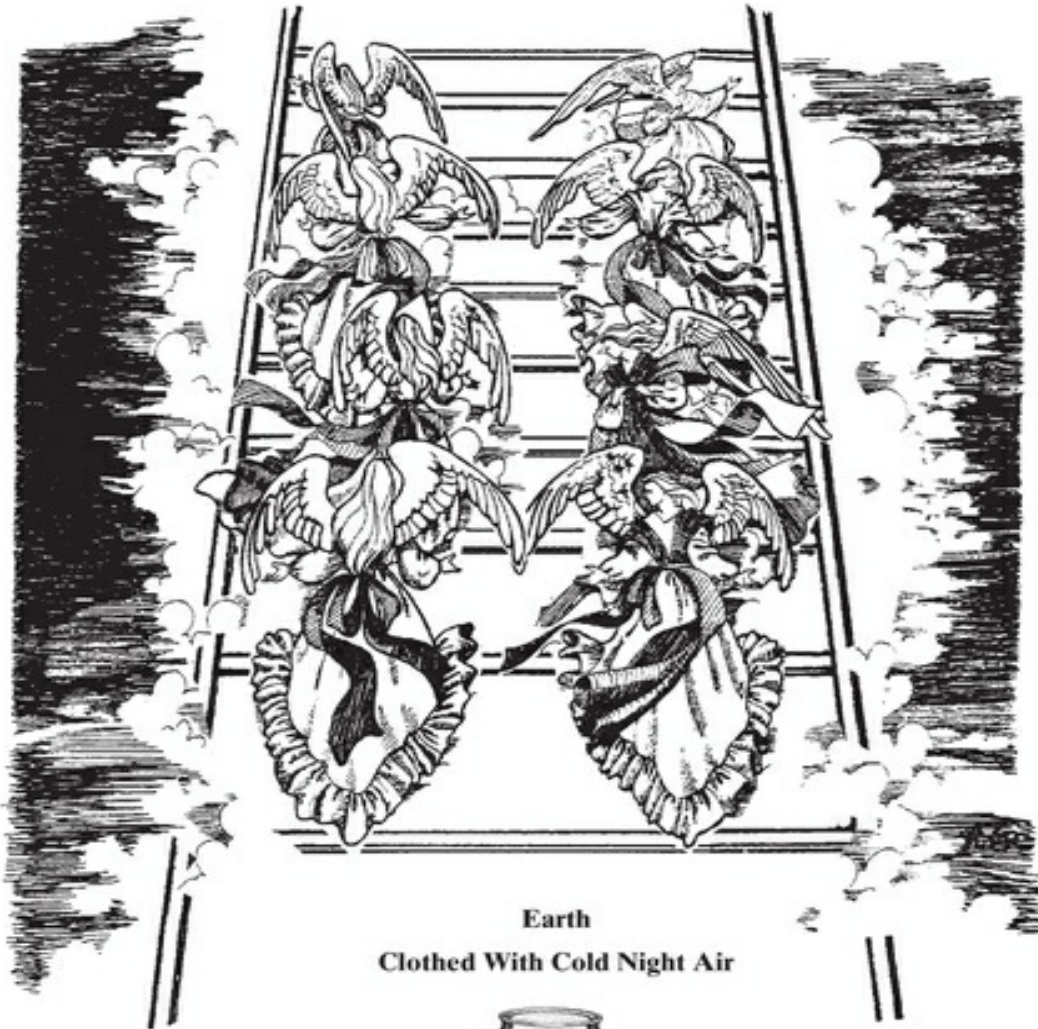
Jacob saw a ladder let down from Heaven, which was a picture of Jesus Christ, Who is the Mediator, the provided Way or Bridge between Heaven and Earth. Jacob saw the LORD God standing above the ladder, and he heard the LORD's Words of Truth promising him the land of Canaan for a possession, with the further promise of an abundance of seed who would be as plentiful as the dust of the Earth. The LORD also promised that He would be

with Jacob and that He would bring him again to this place.

Jacob received all this glorious Truth as he lay among the humility pots because, outwardly, he lay upon the cold ground; he had cold stones for his pillow; and he was clothed with the cold night air. However, spiritually, in the midst of this cold, dark, solitary place, Jacob lay in the midst of his humility pots of surrender, submission, and obedience to his earthly parents.

Let us look at the picture of that memorable night.

Heaven
LORD God

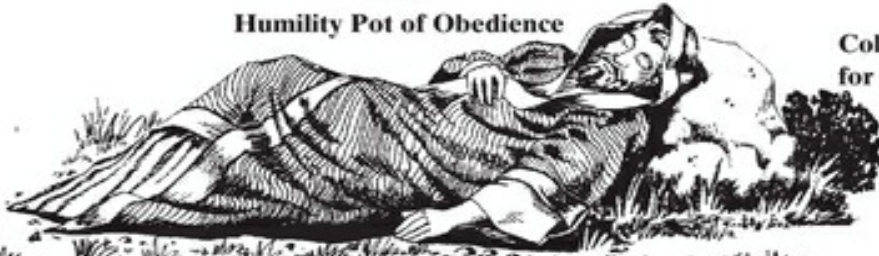


Earth
Clothed With Cold Night Air



Humility Pot of Obedience

Cold Stones
for a Pillow



Humility Pot
of Submission

Cold Ground



Humility Pot of Surrender

If Jacob had been angry, bitter, and rebellious, he never would have received the LORD's Bread of Truth because he would not have had spiritual pots in which to gather the Bread. But, Jacob, in his solitary, apprehensive condition, took his humility pots and lighted or interceded while on this cold, dark ground; and, then, he lay himself down to rest in that place—the situation in which he found himself. When the LORD God saw Jacob resting in the midst of his humility pots, He revealed to him the ascending and descending Ladder of Jesus Christ; and He rained down His Divine Promises, His Bread of Truth, to Jacob.

Jacob's experience teaches us that if we are carrying our humility pots with us, and if we "light upon" or intercede in prayer, we can find Truth-Bread in the midst of the coldest and darkest of situations.

God also promised Jacob's descendants that if they would keep themselves free from idolatry, by surrendering to worship and serve the only one True God; and if they would keep His Sabbaths by being submissive to His *Torah*-Truth and by ceasing to do their own works on the Sabbath Day; and if they would reverence His Sanctuary on the Sabbath Day by obediently coming to His House with praise and thanksgiving; and if they obediently walked in, kept, and did His Statutes and Commandments, He would give them rain, fruit, bread, and protection in their land.

Ye shall **make you no idols nor graven image**, neither rear you up a standing image, neither shall ye set up *any* image of stone in your land, to bow down unto it: for *I am* the LORD your God. **Ye shall keep my sabbaths**, and **reverence my sanctuary**: *I am* the LORD. If ye **walk in my statutes, and keep my commandments**, and do them; Then **I will give you rain** in due season, and **the land shall yield her increase**, and the **trees of the field shall yield their fruit**. And your threshing shall reach unto the vintage, and the vintage shall reach unto the sowing time: and ye shall eat your bread to the full, and dwell in your land safely. And **I will give peace in the land, and ye shall lie down, and none shall make you afraid**: and I will rid evil beasts out of the land, neither shall the sword go through your land (Leviticus 26:1-6).

God gave Israel both positive and negative Commands with which to fill her humility pots so that she could lie down in peace and safety among her humility pots of surrender, submissiveness, and obedience.

Let us consider the negative and positive Words in the LORD's Command to Israel.

**God's Positive and Negative Words
Were Given to Israel for Her Peace and Safety.**

B. Positive Words:

- 1. Keep God's Word.**
 - a. God's Sabbath
 - b. God's Commandments
- 2. Reverence God's Sanctuary.**
- 3. Walk in God's Statutes.**
- 4. Do God's Commandments.**

A. Negative Word:
**Do Not Make
Graven Images.**

A. God's Negative Words of Command—Do Not Make Graven Images—Were Given to Israel to Preserve Her Peace and Safety While She Was Lying Down.

Man's heathen gods or graven images originate in man's proud pots of disobedience, and they become a nesting place for all kinds of hostile spirits and powers whose aim is to destroy the happiness, well-being, and peace of mankind. God's Altars are for the purpose of bringing man into a closer proximity to God and of lifting man up into the moral heights of His *Torah*-Truth. But, idolatrous images and altars are used by Lucifer to cause man to defect and to depart from Almighty God, which plunges man into the immoral depths of deceit and error.

Hence, we must obey God's negative Word, and we must allow God to form His humility pots of surrender, submission, and obedience in our heart in the midst of our cold dark situations if we expect to receive God's Blessings.

B. God's Positive Words of Command Were Given, Too.

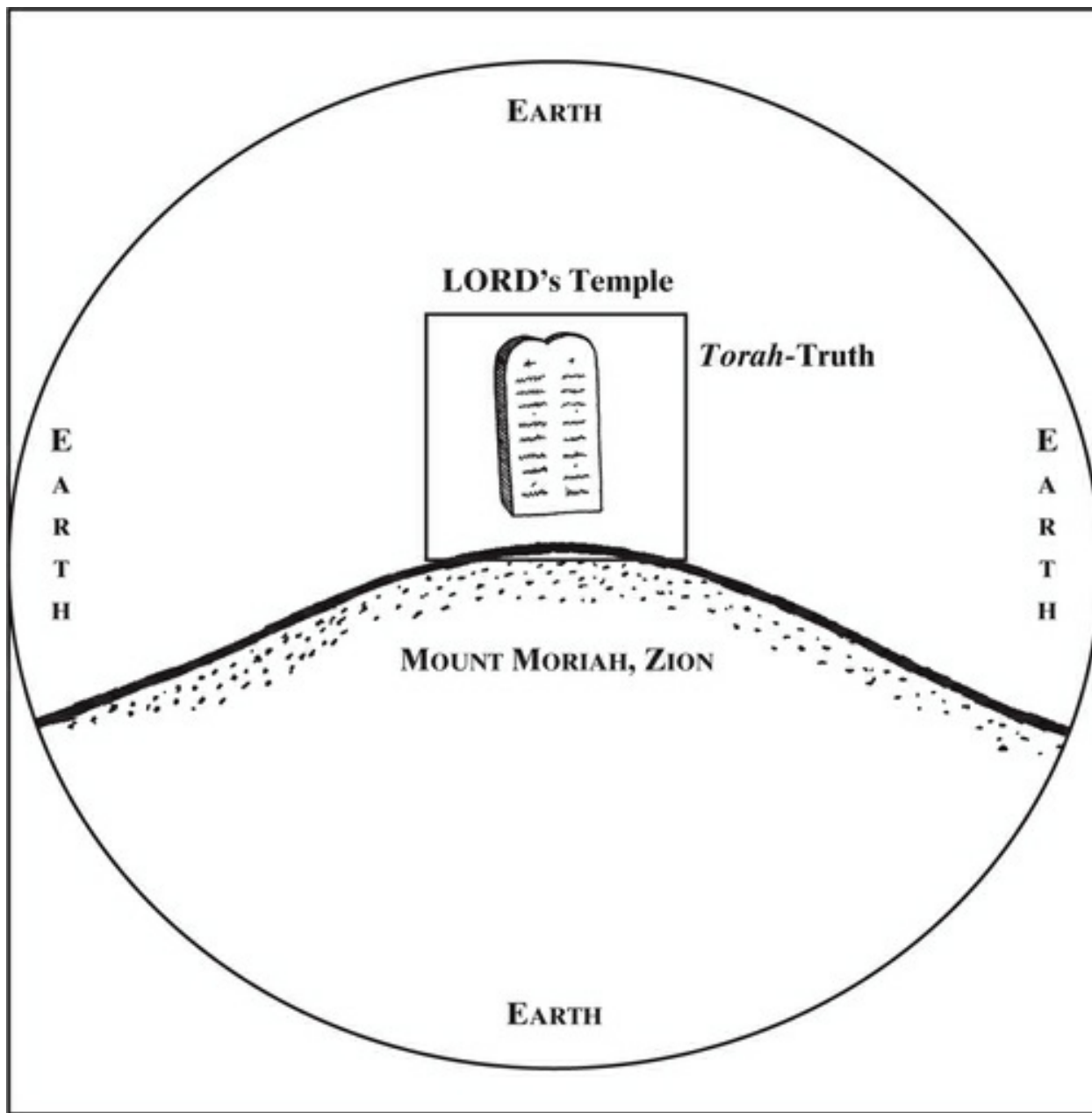
God provided Israel with positive Commands that, if obeyed, would assure her of God's Divine Protection, Abundant Blessings, and Holy Bread.

1. Keep God's Word.

God's Positive Word demands that we keep His Word in these ways: by beholding it—by looking upon it and staring upon it with due regard so that we will not forget it; by laying hold of it and not turning it loose until it becomes one with our heart and will; and by watching out for it so that we can observe the prescribed acts of God's Word. God always is ready to forgive the person who has failed if the person is penitent; and God will restore him, renew him, and grant him a fresh future with Him. If we keep His Commandments, the LORD will rain down His Blessings and Bread upon us.

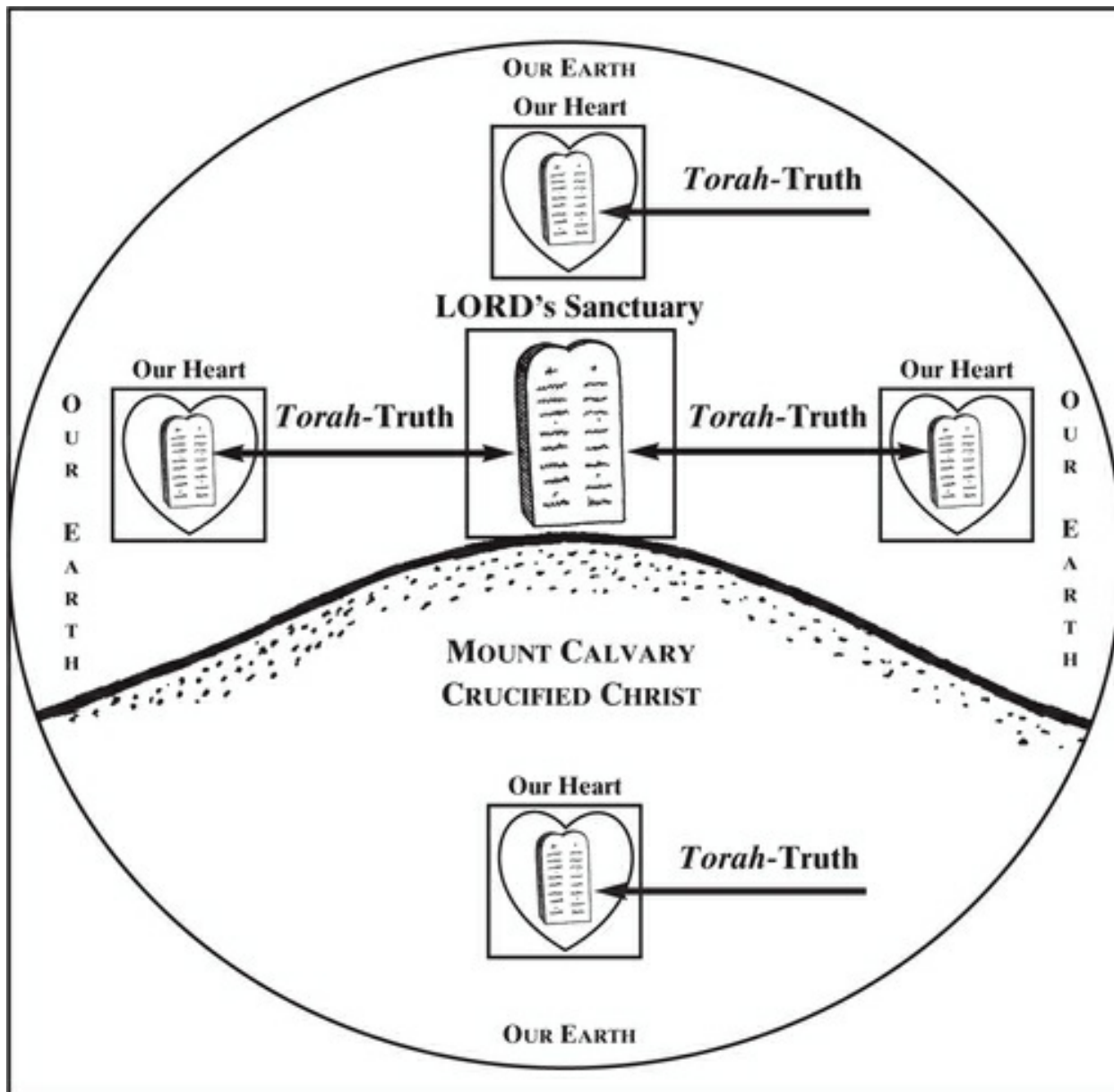
2. Reverence God's Sanctuary.

If we will prostrate our will in fervent devotion to God on His Sabbath Day, He will form the humility pots of surrender, submission, and obedience in our heart and will; and, then, He will fill our humility pots with the Bread of His *Torah*-Truth. God's Sabbath Day is a special day for breaking the Bread of His *Torah*-Truth. In the Millennial Reign of Christ, God will set His *Torah*-Truth in the center of the whole Earth, on Mount Moriah, Zion.



In that day, the LORD's *Torah-Truth* will be the radiating center of the whole Earth, and it will keep hearts and lives Holy so that in both private and public life the Bread of the *Torah-Truth* might go forth, ever drawing hearts and minds into the isolating heights of God's Moral Truth and into a closer Holy Union with the LORD Jesus Christ and God the Father.

Likewise, in our heart and life, God intends that His Sabbath Day and His Sanctuary be the central point from which He rains down the Bread of His *Torah-Truth*.



If we, too, keep God's Sabbath of Rest by going to His Sanctuary and feeding on His Holy Bread of Truth and by keeping His Commandments to love Him with all our heart, mind, soul, and strength, and our neighbor as ourself, God will pour out His Blessings and let us dwell safely, and we shall not be afraid.

3. Walk in God's Statutes.

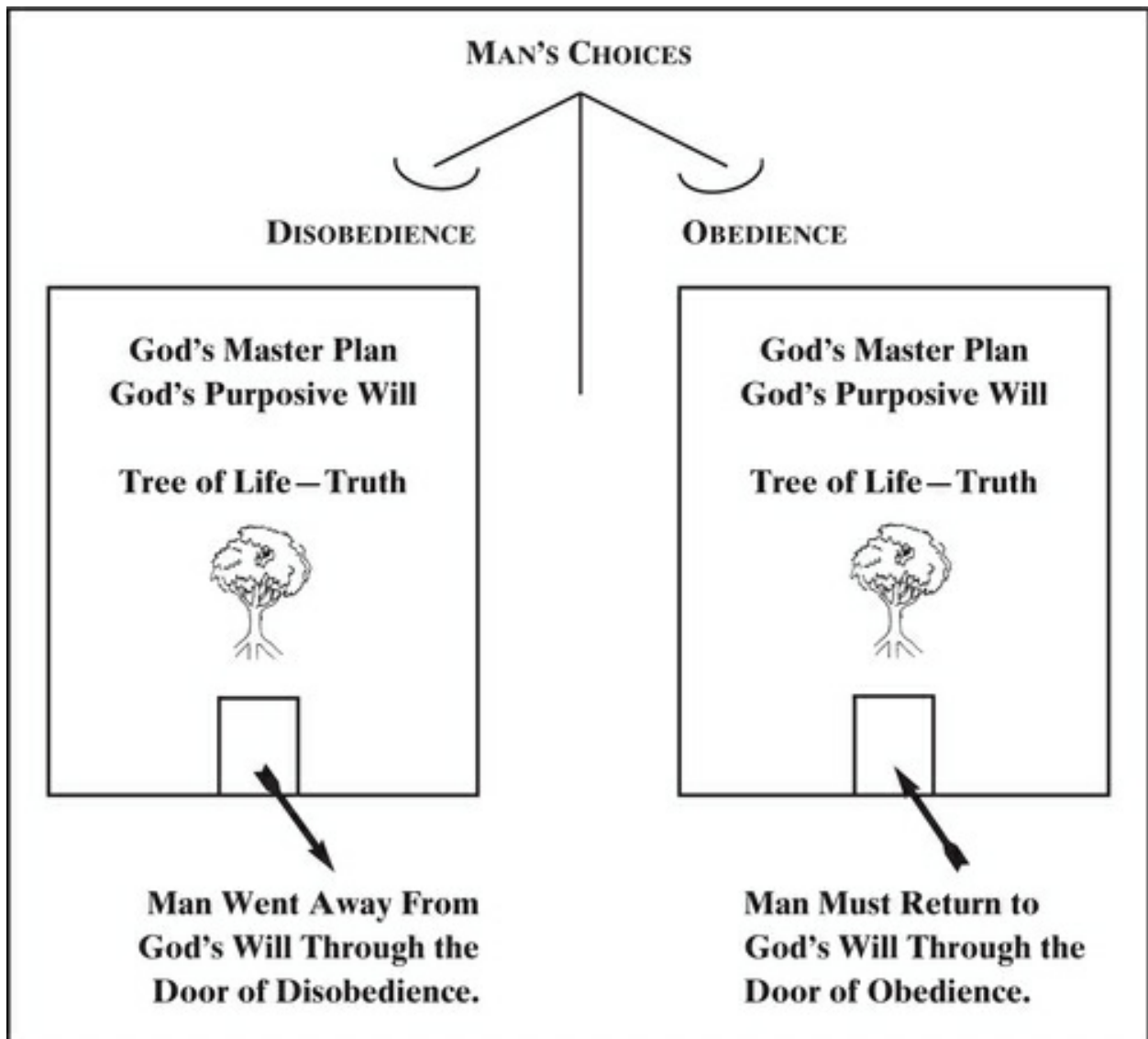
God pictures, in bold strokes on His Canvas of Truth, the spiritual blessing, the happiness, and the prosperity that are ours if we walk or move forward toward the goal of God's *Torah-Truth*. If we satisfy God's Purposive Will for us by walking in the Way of His *Torah-Truth*, we will attain and enjoy both our moral High Calling and the material High Calling that the LORD has ordained for us. However, if we defect from the Way of Truth by jumping over the restraining fence of God's Moral Law, we will lose our moral integrity, our purity of well-being, and our desire to perform faithfully our spiritual duties of praying and studying God's Holy Word. But, if we keep our spiritual pots of surrender, submission, and obedience ever renewed, God will strengthen and satisfy our moral nature with His Bread of Truth, and He continually will help us stride forward in our spiritual education and in our moral

development.

4. Do God's Commandments.

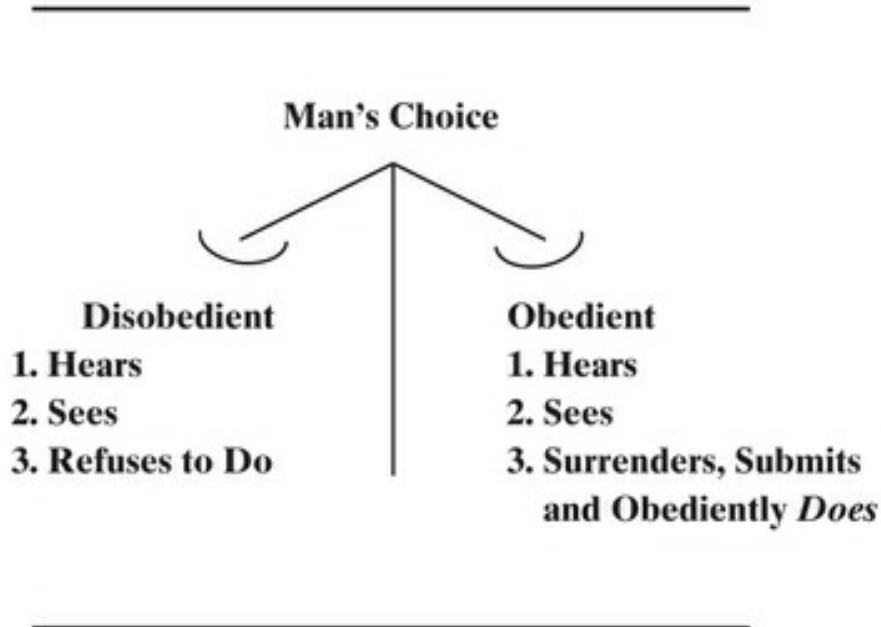
If we traverse the paths of God's Moral Truth by hiding His Word in our heart, we will become pure in heart and in desire to do the LORD's Holy Will. Blessed are the pure in heart! When our heart is filled with the LORD's *Torah-Truth*, we will have intellectually clear thinking, and we consciously will be aware of our duty to perform God's Holy, Highest Will in all things. Then, the LORD's Spirit will lift us above the fleshly dilemmas of other human beings, and He will set us in the Heavens with Christ Jesus where we can enjoy a harmonious concord with the Father's Master Plan and the Son's Purposive Will. Hence, the strength we receive from the Bread of Truth out of our humility pots helps us stand fast against all opposition, and it uses all things to work together to further our spiritual progress.

God's Master Plan for the world and for humanity was disturbed when man *forsook the Way of Truth by his disobedience* to God's Holy Purposive Will as it was revealed in the Tree of Life. Consequently, he can *regain the privilege* of feeding on the Tree of Life only *by reentering the door of obedience* to God and becoming a doer of His Word.



When we passively and actively do God's Will and do His Commandments, we will be privileged to fill our humility pots with Fruits from the Tree of Life.

The Book written by the Apostle James teaches us that if we are only hearers of God's Word and not doers, we deceive ourself. If we do not surrender and submit to God's Word and make the right use of it, we will miss the whole Purpose of His Word which is to hear, to see, and to do the Truth.



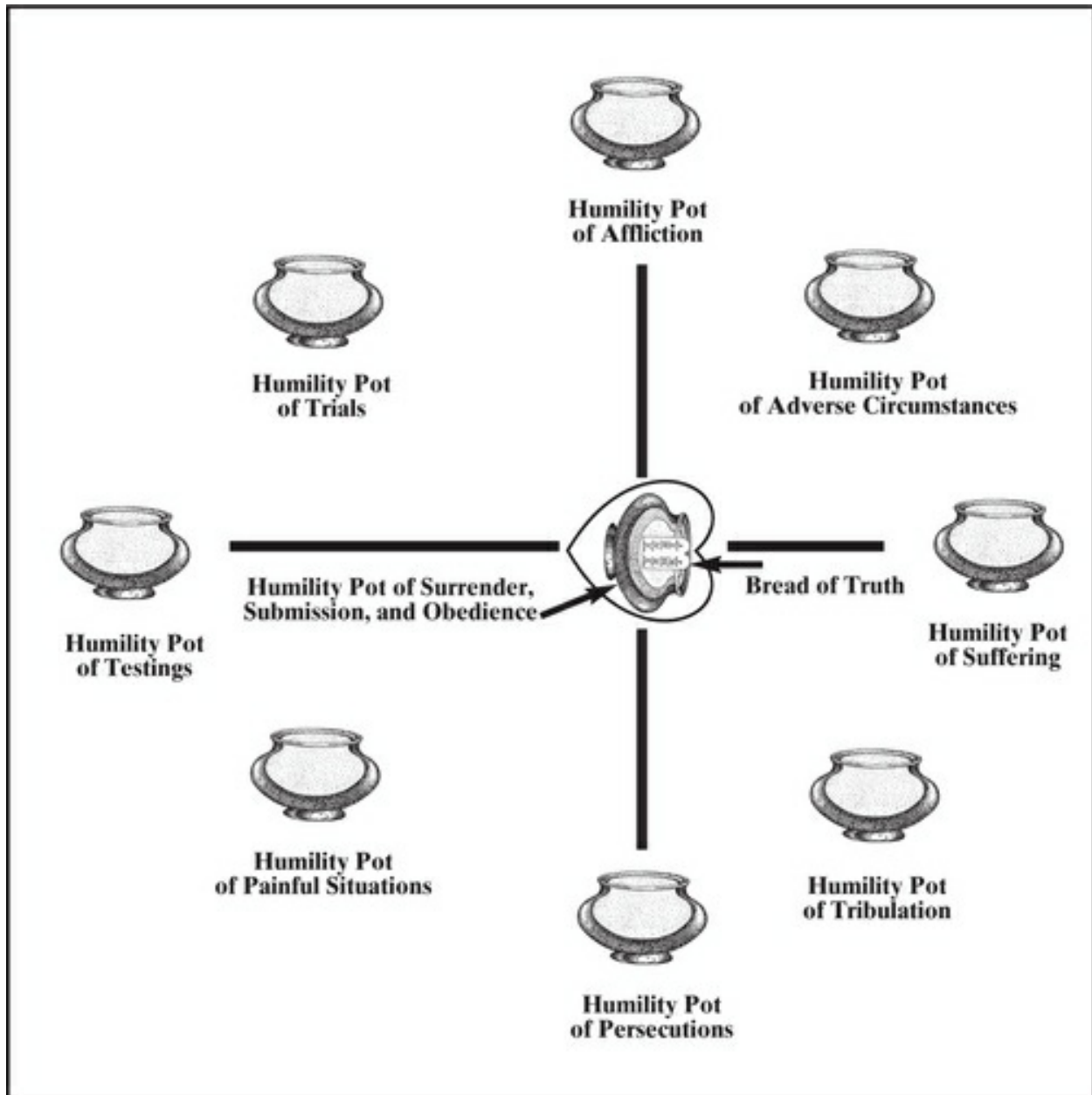
If we rightly use God's Word as a mirror to show the spots and blemishes that we have, then we can remedy our problems by repenting of them. When we have repented of our faults and failures and have allowed the Blood of Jesus and the Waters of His Name, Death, and Life to wash them away, we will experience God's Forgiveness, Pardon, and Renewing of our heart and soul.

God's Mirror of Truth does not flatter us; it reveals the corruptions of our old nature and the disorders of our old heart. However, hearing about our spiritual deformities and seeing where we are morally amiss in our life is not enough; we must *do* what is necessary to rectify our condition.

When we are cleansed afresh and anew, we are morally whole; then, we can go forth demonstrating, to the whole world, our love to God and to one another. Thus, we become an obedient *doer* of the Word of Truth. However, if we only *hear* and *see* the evil misery of our sinful, hateful attitudes and never repent, and if we continue on in our own self-willed way, we soon will forget the image of our corruptions that we saw in God's Mirror of Truth, His Word. We will forget the Spirit's convictions upon our soul, and we will forget our good feelings and intentions to be a doer of God's Word. We will forget to do away with our sins and to clothe our soul with Christ's sparkling, shining Garments of Righteousness and Peace.

How sad it is for those who turn from the door of obedience and walk away from God's Tree of Life because they never have allowed God to form the humility pots of surrender, submission, and obedience in their hearts.

How beautiful is the clean heart that is able to lie down in restful surrender among the humility pots of adverse circumstances, situations, and grievous sufferings. And, how blessed is the heart, the humility pot, that is filled with Christ's Bread of Living Truth.

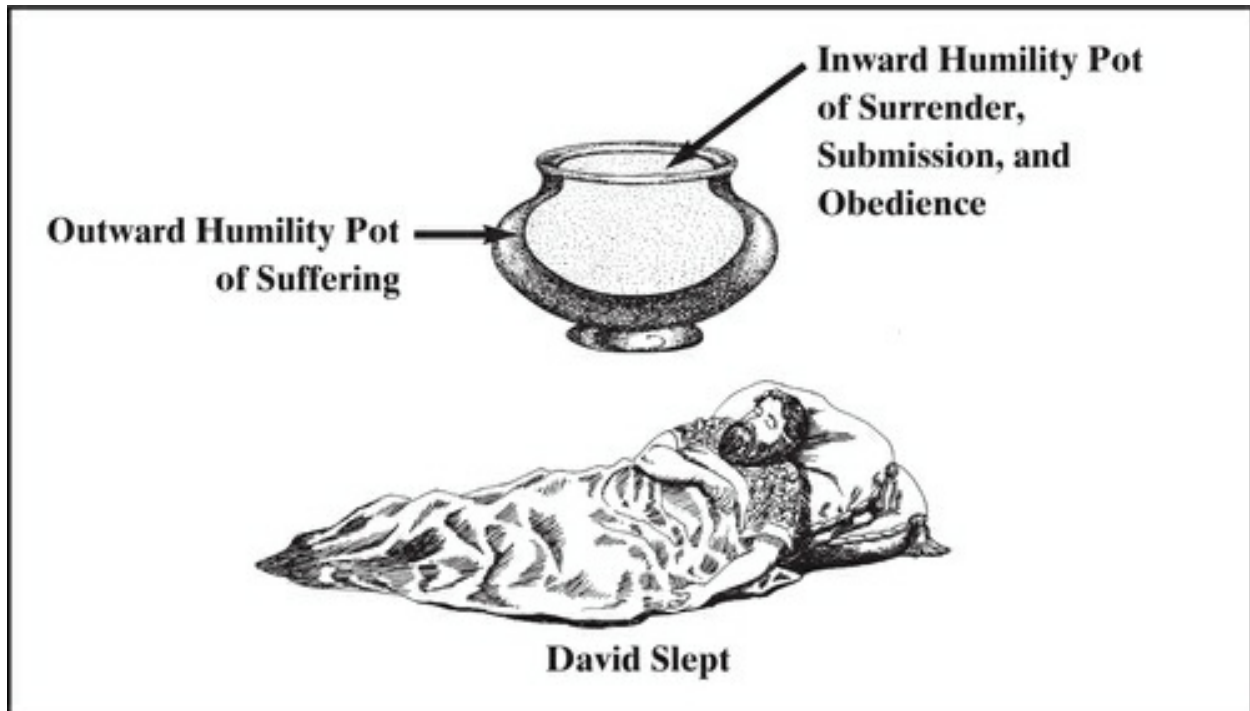


To lie down peacefully among the visible humility pots and let the LORD form an invisible humility pot out of our heart and, then, fill it with His Bread of Truth is completely spiritually satisfying.

King David had this type of spiritual experience when he fled from Absalom, his own son, who had usurped David's throne.

LORD, how are they increased that trouble me! many *are* they that rise up against me. Many *there be* which say of my soul, *There is no help for him in God.* Selah. But thou, O LORD, *art* a shield for me; my glory, and the lifter up of mine head. I cried unto the LORD with my voice, and he heard me out of his holy hill. Selah. ***I laid me down and slept; I awaked; for the LORD sustained me*** (Psalm 3:1-5).

In the midst of all the visible humility pots of David's sufferings on this occasion, David's heart was a surrendered, submissive, obedient humility pot, filled with the LORD's Bread of Truth which allowed him to lie down and rest among the pots. David knew that, since God was the Bestower of his regal, royal dignity, no person could deprive him of it—not even his son.



Although David bowed down among the pots of humiliation, he knew that God would exalt his head again. His surrendered, submissive heart knew that God was his Shield; therefore, he lay down among the pots of humiliation and peacefully slept.

When a heart is humble and submissive before God, it relies upon God in the time of trouble, and the LORD's tranquility possesses it.

Samuel the Prophet had the same glorious experience of having God put His Bread of Truth in the humility pot of his heart.

After Samuel had been weaned, his mother took him to the Temple and gave him to the LORD for His service. Samuel lay down among the vile, corrupt pots of Eli and his sons. Eli's heart was so corrupt that he disobediently refused to restrain his wicked sons in their practice of immorality. He did not use the strong force and authority of his position as High Priest to prevent and control the sinful deeds that his sons brazenly performed before God's Face and in His House.

However, God filled Samuel's humility pot (his surrendered, submissive heart) with His prophetic Bread of Truth as he lay among these humiliating pots.

And he ran unto Eli, and said, Here *am* I; for thou calledst me. And he said, I called not; lie down again. And he went and lay down. And the LORD called yet again, Samuel. And Samuel arose and went to Eli, and said, Here *am* I; for thou didst call me. And he answered, I called not, my son; lie down again. Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, neither was the word of the LORD yet revealed unto him. And the LORD called Samuel again the third time. And he arose and went to Eli, and said, Here *am* I; for thou didst call me. And Eli perceived that the LORD had called the child. Therefore Eli said unto Samuel, Go, lie down: and it shall be, if he call thee, that thou shalt say, Speak, LORD; for thy servant heareth. **So Samuel went and lay down in his place....** And Samuel lay until the morning, and opened the doors of the house of the LORD. **And Samuel feared to shew Eli the vision.... And Samuel told him every whit, and hid nothing from him.** And he said, It is the LORD: let him do what seemeth him good. (1 Samuel 3:5-9,15,18.)

After Samuel had received God's prophetic Bread of Truth, he obediently shared it with Eli, although the Truth foretold the destruction of Eli and his sons, the corrupt pots among whom Samuel lay.

Thus, we have seen the first meaning of the Hebrew word *shawkab*, which is *to lie down for rest*.

We also have seen how Jacob and his seed and how King David and the Prophet Samuel experienced the *shawkab* rest after they had allowed God to make humility pots out of their hearts. God then filled their hearts with His Bread of Truth.

The second meaning of the Hebrew Word *shaw-kab* is *lying down in matrimonial union for the purpose of the*

conception of seed.

II. Lien, *shaw-kab* in Hebrew, Means to Lie Down in Matrimonial Union for the Conception of Seed.

In the story of Jacob and his wives, we find that Jacob had worked seven years for his Uncle Laban in order to obtain the beloved Rachel for his wife. When Jacob's wedding night finally came, Uncle Laban deceived him; and instead of giving Rachel to Jacob as he had bargained, Uncle Laban gave him Leah. Later, Jacob had to work another seven years in order to pay for the privilege of obtaining Rachel as his wife, although it was she whom he had paid for originally. As a result of her father's deceit in dealing with Jacob, Leah had to lie among the humility pots of rejection and suffering because she always had to take second place in Jacob's heart and in his household.

One day, Leah's firstborn son went into a field and found some mandrakes or "love apples." These were called "love apples" because they were aids in helping one to conceive seed. The "love apple" is the size of a large plum; it is round, yellow, and full of soft pulp.

And **Reuben** went in the days of wheat harvest, and **found mandrakes in the field, and brought them unto his mother Leah**. Then Rachel said to Leah, Give me, I pray thee, of thy son's mandrakes. And she said unto her, *Is it a small matter that thou hast taken my husband?* and wouldst thou take away my son's mandrakes also? And Rachel said, Therefore he shall lie with thee to night for thy son's mandrakes. And Jacob came out of the field in the evening, and Leah went out to meet him, and said, Thou must come in unto me; for surely I have hired thee with my son's mandrakes. And he lay with her that night. And God hearkened unto Leah, and she conceived, and bare Jacob the fifth son (Genesis 30:14-17).

In the midst of Leah's humility pots, the LORD allowed her to lie down (*shaw-kab*) for the purpose of conceiving seed, which increased the number of the tribes of Israel. At the time just mentioned, Leah begot a new life whom she called Issachar because she was surrendered, submissive, and obedient to stay in the humble place in which God had appointed her to dwell.

God always puts new life into our humility pots of surrender, submission, and obedience when we are willing to abide in His appointed place for us.

The third meaning of the Hebrew word *shaw-kab* is *lying down in death*.

III. Lien, *shaw-kab* in Hebrew, Means to Lie Down in Death.

When King David died, he was buried (*shaw-kab*) in the grave.

So **David slept** with his fathers, **and was buried** in the city of David (1 Kings 2:10).

David was laid down in a grave, a humiliating pot, where he remained until he was resurrected along with other Old Testament overcomers at the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. It was the Bread of Truth in his surrendered, submissive heart that gave him faith and hope that he would be brought up from among the humiliating pots of death in God's appointed time.

We also find this same Spiritual Principle revealed in the Book of Psalms.

O LORD God of my salvation, I have cried day *and* night before thee: Let my prayer come before thee: incline thine ear unto my cry; For my soul is full of troubles: and **my life draweth nigh unto the grave**. I am counted with them that go down into the pit: I am as a man *that hath* no strength: Free among the dead, like the slain that lie in the grave, whom thou rememberest no more: and they are cut off from thy hand. **Thou hast laid me in the lowest pit**, in darkness, in the deeps. Thy wrath lieth hard upon me, and thou hast afflicted *me* with all thy waves. Selah (Psalm 88:1-7).

With God's chastising Wrath lying hard upon him and God's purging Waves pressing down upon him, the Psalmist was enshrouded in gloom as he lay in the pit of spiritual death.

The Psalmist lay among bitter humility pots of personal sufferings and isolations as he wrote his cry of pain with his very blood out of the inkwell of his heart. But, in spite of his humiliating, painful state, his surrendered, submissive heart cried unto the LORD.

Our LORD Jesus Christ is the perfect example of a humble, surrendered, and submissive heart that has lain down among the humility pots of death. He was and is the Living Bread of Truth, which He manifested through His perfect Faith and Hope in His Heavenly Father.

For David speaketh concerning him, I foresaw the Lord always before my face, for he is on my right hand, that I should not be moved: Therefore did my heart rejoice, and my tongue was glad; **moreover also my flesh shall rest in hope: Because thou wilt not leave my soul in hell, neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption.** Thou hast made known to me the ways of life; thou shalt make me full of joy with thy countenance (Acts 2:25-28).

The LORD Jesus Christ always foresaw His Father and His Glory before His Face, as His humble, surrendered, submissive Heart *lay* among the humility pots of Death. He saw that His sufferings in the low place among the humiliating pots of Death would redound abundantly to His Father's Glory and Honour. He carried the Bread of Truth in the Humility Pot of His Heart which assured Him that His Father's Holy Nature could be trusted not to leave His Soul in Hell. Christ's Tongue or Glory rejoiced in His Father's Purposive Will. He sang a hymn of praise to His Father when He was just entering into His Sufferings.

Jesus' Body rested in hope in the grave while He was waiting for the Unbegotten Resurrection Glory of the Father to raise Him from Death and Hell. Matthew's Gospel is a witness that in the very place where Jesus *lay* (*shaw-kab*) in Death, He left a glowing, shining imprint of His Stature on the stone. The women saw the place where He had lain.

And the angel answered and said unto the women, Fear not ye: for I know that ye seek Jesus, which was crucified. He is not here: for he is risen, as he said. Come, **see the place where the Lord lay** (Matthew 28:5,6).

If we, too, come up out of the grave of our experiences of spiritual death with our heart full of the Bread of Truth from the Son of God and with the Unbegotten, Resurrection Glory of the Father, we can leave a glowing imprint on others of the reality of knowing Christ Jesus' Surrender and Submission, both in His Crucifixion and in His Resurrection Power.

The LORD God always brings us up from the humility pots of suffering and death when He sees our heart has been formed into a surrendered, submissive, obedient pot!

The fourth meaning of the Hebrew word *shaw-kab* is to *overlay oneself*.

IV. Lien, *shaw-kab* in Hebrew, Means to Lie Down to Overlay Oneself.

When Naomi and Ruth returned to Israel from the land of Moab, they were both widows. Ruth was childless. The Levirate Law in Israel said that when a man died without leaving a son to bear his name, then the nearest kinsman was obligated to marry the widow of the deceased and raise up a new name for the deceased husband. Through God's Divine Guidance and Governance of Ruth, and with the instructive help of Naomi, her mother-in-law, Ruth was led to a near kinsman, Boaz, who married her.

First, though, Ruth had to lie, as a poor stranger, among the humility pots of servitude in Boaz's field. Ruth surrendered, submissively and obediently, to glean in Boaz's field. Ruth's Holy behavior was a witness to all that she was a virtuous woman (Ruth 3:11).

Naomi's wise, instructive commands sent Ruth to Boaz's threshingfloor where she was to lie down (*shaw-kab*) at Boaz's feet in a Holy demonstration that displayed her desire to be clothed with his skirt or mantle, a symbol of a marriage contract.

Then Naomi her mother in law said unto her, My daughter, shall I not seek rest for thee, that it may be well with thee? And now *is* not Boaz of our kindred, with whose maidens thou wast? Behold, he winnoweth barley to night in the threshingfloor. Wash thyself therefore, and anoint thee, and put thy raiment upon thee, and get thee down to the floor: *but* make not thyself known unto the man, until he shall have done eating and drinking. And it shall be, when he lieth down, that thou shalt mark the place where he shall lie, and thou shalt go in, and uncover his feet, and lay thee down; and he will tell thee what thou shalt do. And she said unto her, All that thou sayest unto me I will do. And she went down unto the floor, and did according to all that her mother in law bade her. And when Boaz had eaten and drunk, and his heart was merry, he went to lie down at the end of the heap of corn: **and she came softly, and uncovered his feet, and laid her down.** And it came to pass at midnight, that the man was afraid, and turned himself: and, behold, a woman lay at his feet. And he said, Who *art* thou? And she answered, I *am* Ruth thine handmaid: **spread therefore thy skirt over thine handmaid; for thou art a near kinsman** (Ruth 3:1-9).

Because Ruth had allowed the LORD to form her heart into a humility pot, she willingly obeyed the command of her mother-in-law Naomi. Although the threshingfloor was not a place for women, Ruth was willing to give up her reputation in order to fulfill the Levirate Law (Leviticus 25:25) and raise up a name in Israel for her deceased

husband.

Ruth, in holiness and purity, as a humility pot, approached Boaz solely for the purpose of reminding him of his obligation as a near kinsman. Boaz graciously accepted his responsibility and spread his espousal skirt over Ruth. In the morning, Boaz, the espoused bridegroom, filled Ruth's veil with bread or barley grain which she took home and shared with her mother-in-law. Afterward, Boaz and Ruth became the progenitors of King David and Jesus, the Messiah, according to the flesh.

This scene is a beautiful analogy of the Marriage of Jesus Christ, the Bridegroom, and His Bride. If we are willing to be a humility pot, Jesus will spread His Espousal Skirt over us and fill our veil with His Bread of Truth which will strengthen and sustain us until we can become Married to Him, spiritually, and be His Eternal Bride.

Chapter Two

Israel's Humility Pots

God always has taught Truth to His people by using instructive examples, similitudes, metaphors, and types. Therefore, the Israelites' experiences are instructive examples to educate us spiritually and to give us spiritual knowledge and information about our spiritual growth into the Stature of Jesus Christ so that we can become His Bride.

For example, Israel's Mosaic Tabernacle was a picture of Christ's Spiritual Stature, which He fulfilled during His time on this Earth and which He left as a pattern of spiritual growth for us now. All of Israel's experiences, as she traveled from Egypt to Canaan's Land, show the way of humility and exaltation to take in order to be the Bride of Jesus Christ because Israel attained the stature of the Bride once she had entered Canaan's Land or "Married Land."

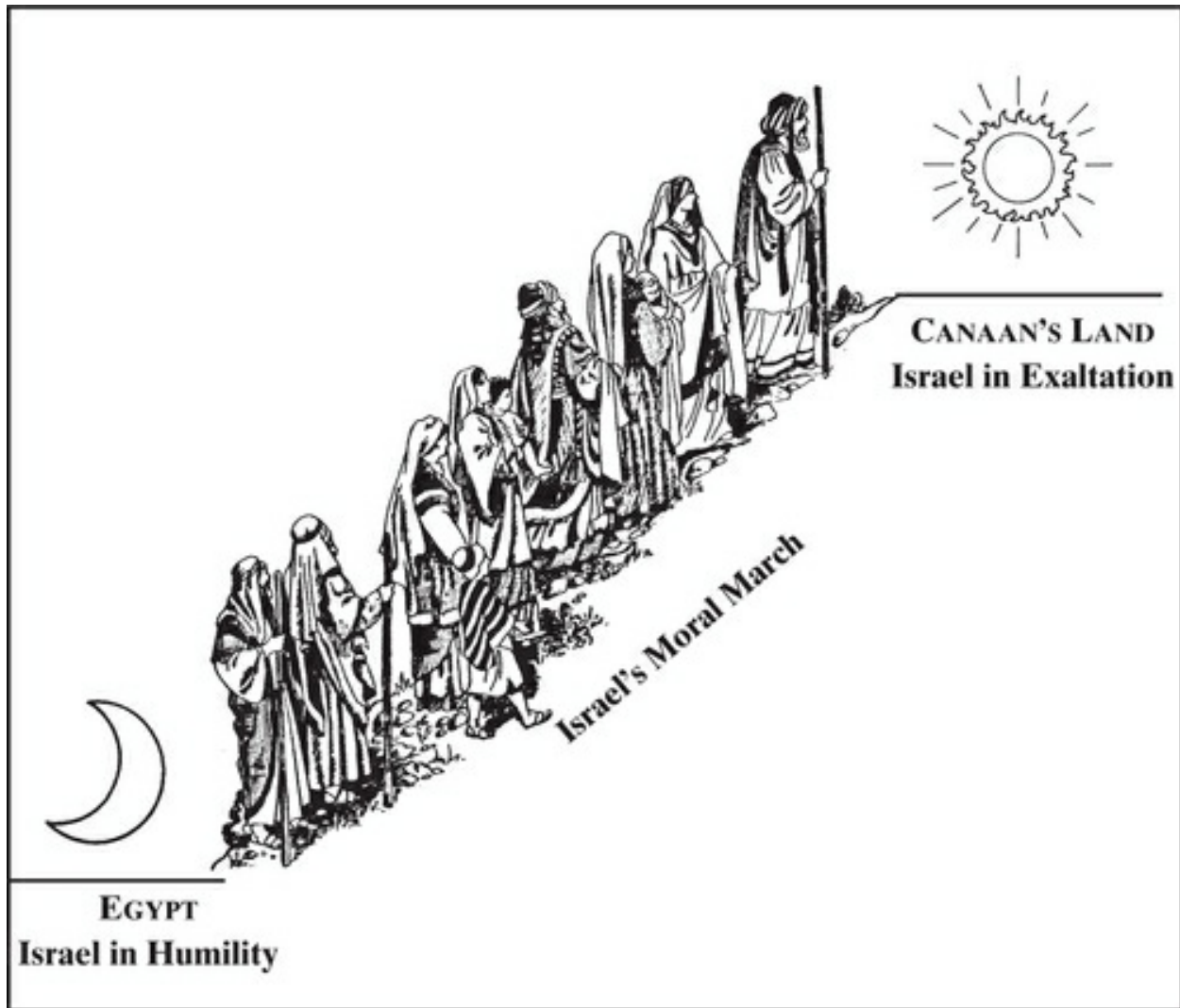
Hence, we know that Israel's experiences in acquiring natural and spiritual humility pots, which were filled with natural bread and Spiritual Bread, are instructive examples for our spiritual growth.

When the proper time arrived in the life of the Israelites, which was after they had acquired sufficient humility pots in the natural realm and had had sufficient opportunity to lay hold of their spiritual humility pots, God delivered them from Egypt.

I removed his shoulder from the burden: **his hands were delivered from the pots** (Psalm 81:6).

God removed the shoulders of the toiling Israelites from being bent low under their burden among the pots. God removed the Jewish slaves from the humble, menial work they were forced to do for their Egyptian taskmasters. He removed their shoulder from the burden of oppression under which they were sinking, and He exalted and honoured them in Canaan's Land, making them a glorious nation. God advanced them to honour, giving them a kingdom which rose to glorious splendor and prosperity during the time of Solomon. In the beauty of her exaltation, Israel, like a peaceful dove, was clothed with gold and silver.

Psalm sixty-eight graphically relates Israel's moral march from her humility in Egypt to her exaltation in Canaan's Land.



God was the Owner, Master, and Guide Who went before His people as Israel made her moral march to Canaan's Land. God wrapped the souls of Israel in blackness and darkness at Sinai so that He could flash the lightning of His *Torah*-Truth upon their consciences and so that He could roll the thunder of His *Torah*-Truth upon their spirits until they cried out, "All that You have said, we will do." God, as Israel's Sovereign Guide, supplied all her needs, and He discomfited all her enemies.

Neither can we make moral progress in our journey to Spiritual Canaan's Land and the New City unless we allow God to be the Sovereign Guide Who will meet all our needs and strike down all our foes, both within and without.

Every stage in Israel's moral march brought her to higher privileges in God. Although Israel's moral march out of Egypt brought her to the trials and inconveniences of the wilderness, she received many privileges: she saw the Light and heard the Sound of God's *Torah*-Truth. She received a Tabernacle that was a picture of the Stature of Jesus Christ and was privileged to drink Water from the Rock which was Christ. She also ate Angel's Food from Heaven. Then, God led Israel into Canaan's Land where she was privileged to know the LORD God as her Husbandman.

In Israel's moral march, God led her from the pots of humble servitude up to the freedom of His Dove-Spirit so that she could ascend into the isolating heights of God's *Torah*-Truth as an Espoused Bride in the wilderness, which prepared her to be the LORD's Bride in Canaan's Land.

This was God's Promise to Israel: "Though ye have lain among the pots [or the dirt and the soot], yet shall ye be as the wings of a dove covered with silver, and her feathers with yellow gold." In olden days, pots were used primarily by servants to prepare food. Therefore, pots speak of humility, servitude, and suffering.

Because Israel had lain among the humble pots of Egypt, God promised to clothe her with the Redemptive Silver

Wings of His Dove-Spirit and to give her the Golden Pinion Feathers of His Dove-Spirit that would keep her airborne in the isolating heights of His Moral *Torah*-Truth. Thus, she could continue her spiritual education and moral development, which her humility pots provided, and proceed on her moral march toward Canaan's Land, the Goal and Destiny of God's Master Plan for her.

God allowed Israel to remain in Egypt until He had formed a humility pot out of her heart so that He could feed her with the Bread of His *Torah*-Truth.

Some people cannot feed on God's Spiritual Moral Truth because they have not allowed God to make humility pots out of their hearts. If we allow God to make a humility pot out of our heart, He certainly will be faithful to put His Bread of Truth in it.

The expression "lien among the pots" refers to those who have humbly rested in their souls, having allowed Christ to form His humility in their heart while they have been faithfully working among the *pots* (the humiliating, suffering circumstances of their lives). This kind of heart is considered a desirable vessel into which Christ's Bread of Truth can be put.

There are three kinds of Spiritual Bread that we must gather in the pot of our heart and feed upon if we want to climb up the hill of Mount Zion in our moral march to the New City.

God puts His children in situations that are like humility pots because He desires to change their *proud hearts* into *humility pots* that will receive His Bread of Truth. However, if we want to, we can refuse to accept the humble situations in our life as being humility pots, directed by Christ's Headship to teach us humble dependence on Him, and we can say, "Oh, I don't like these pots. I am not going to have these pots—these old ugly situations—as part of God's Will in my life. I don't have to accept these ugly things in order to go on for God." Consequently, our heart will remain proud and obstinate toward our LORD, the Owner, Master, Potter, and Guide, and we will be left with our proud independence that cannot effect lasting changes in our circumstances.

However, if we humble our proud, stubborn heart in the midst of our pots or ugly situations, we will come forth as a Dove, with the Spirit's beautiful Redemptive Silver Wings and the Golden Pinion Feathers of Christ's Wisdom that will keep us spiritually airborne so that we can soar into the isolating heights of the LORD's *Torah*-Truth.

I have received the Message of Christ Jesus, the Bridegroom, and of His Bride because I have been faithful to accept all the humble pots of suffering, persecution, and servitude that my Heavenly Father has presented to me. In the midst of these ugly pots, I have allowed my LORD to humble my proud, obstinate heart, making it a fit pot for His Bread of Truth.

If there is one thing we need to learn experientially, it is this: We cannot progress in our moral march with God without a foundation of humility! The pots the Israelites used in the *wilderness* were the ones that they had obtained down in *Egypt*; and in those pots, they had received *unleavened* bread! The people went out of Egypt with their pots filled with unleavened bread. Israel had obtained her cooking pots in Egypt by forming and fashioning them on the potter's wheel in the midst of sufferings, afflictions, and humiliations. In the wilderness, they used these pots to gather Manna or Heavenly Bread.

The pots already had been formed and already had been given to Israel *before* they went out of Egypt into the wilderness. When it was time for Israel to go out of the house of bondage, the LORD said to her, "You must keep the Passover with unleavened bread." Since God commanded Israel to eat unleavened bread for seven days, it was necessary for them to put it in pots and carry it with them.

This is powerful! They had eaten the lamb and some of the unleavened bread on the night of the Passover, but they also took their pots with them which held some of this very powerful unleavened bread. We know that this bread was very powerful because in Psalm 105, verse thirty-seven, the writer said that when Israel went up out of Egypt there was not one feeble one among them. Yes, the unleavened bread in those pots was powerful!

God said to the Israelites, in so many words, "Because you have lien among the pots, because you have rested there, and because you have gotten 'married' to the pots and to the humility bread in the pots, I will make you like a dove covered with silver and gold." God could not have put unleavened bread in their pots if they already had not obtained their pots through humble servitude in Egypt. Therefore, because they possessed these humble pots, God filled their pots with Humility Bread which gave them supernatural strength to walk in God's Purposive Will toward Canaan's Land.

The Humility Unleavened Bread of Truth, which filled the Israelites' humility pots, imparted such strength to the Israelites that there was not a feeble one among them when they came up out of Egypt.

This is the way our life is today. We can choose to accept God's humble pots of servitude and allow Him to fill them with the Bread of the Crucified Christ and go to Canaan's Land, or we can choose to refuse the pots of Christ's Humility with His Crucified Bread and, consequently, not go anywhere with God. However, God does not permit us

to choose the size, shape, or design of the humility pots He presents to us; nor does He allow us to choose the particular Crucified Bread He desires to put in the pots. Instead, He forms the pots and gives the Bread for our highest good and for His Highest Glory, according to His Purposive Will.

God puts us in sufferings and humiliations in order to form a pot of Christ's Humility in us which will be a Holy Receptacle for Christ's Humility Bread. The LORD wants us to have a humility vessel into which He can put His Humility Bread that will make us strong to grow and strong to go in His appointed Way to Canaan's Land.

The Humility Bread that Christ has given to me in His Humility Pots has made me spiritually strong to stride forward and upward in my spiritual education and in my moral development. From the beginning of my walk with my precious LORD, there never has been anyone to give me any "Bread" of encouragement; there never has been anyone to say, "Oh, please don't give up. Please go on for God." Nevertheless, Christ has given me some of His Humility Pots and has put some of His Bread in them, and I have accepted both the Pots and the Bread. I have reached into the pots of humility pain in the most hellish sufferings; and there I have found Christ's Humility Bread of Truth; and I have eaten; and I have been made strong to grow and to go. The Truth I am sharing in this lesson is Truth I have known both theoretically and experientially. Hence, I know its reality! I know the reality of Christ's Pots of Humility.

If we rest in peaceful surrender between our humility pots and if we get "married" to them or joined to them because we know that they are visible demonstrations of God's Will, we can be sure that God will fill our pots with His Holy, Humility Bread. Praise His Holy Name!

God's Unleavened Bread will make us spiritually strong. It will take the carnal weakness and the finite feebleness out of us, as it did with the Israelites. It will heal us of our feeble-mindedness, our weak-mindedness that doubts that God's Holy Headship is in control of our painful circumstances and situations of life. His Truth will heal us of our murmuring and complaining against God's Governance and Guidance of our life. Glory be to God!

I never have been so spiritually strong in my entire life! And, it is because I have lain among Christ's Humility Pots of Servitude; and I have eaten His Humility Unleavened Bread that has made me spiritually strong in my mind so that I have been able to learn His Master Plan for me. Christ's Humility Unleavened Bread has strengthened my will so that I have been able to do God's Purposive Will in my walk through this life. I know what I want, and I know what I do not want. I know where I want to go, and I know where I do not want to go. I also know the One, the Bridegroom, Jesus Christ, Who is going to help me reach my chosen goal and destination, which is the New City, the Bride.

I pray that the readers who sincerely want to be in Christ's Bride will be persuaded by the Truths in this book to make the choice to accept the humility pots which Christ's Headship places in each of their lives so that they will have a fit place in which Christ can place His Strengthening Bread; and, thus, they can make it all the way to the New City.

Chapter Three

God's Faithfulness to Provide Bread for Israel's Humility Pots as She Journeyed from Egypt to Canaan's Land

God always has been a faithful Father, and He always has provided natural and Spiritual Bread for His children. The Psalmist bore witness to the LORD's Faithfulness in providing bread.

I have been young, and *now* am old; yet **have I not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging bread** (Psalm 37:25).

Although the LORD leads His people through painful circumstances, He never forsakes them; and in His Infinite Bountifulness He always supplies them with bread.

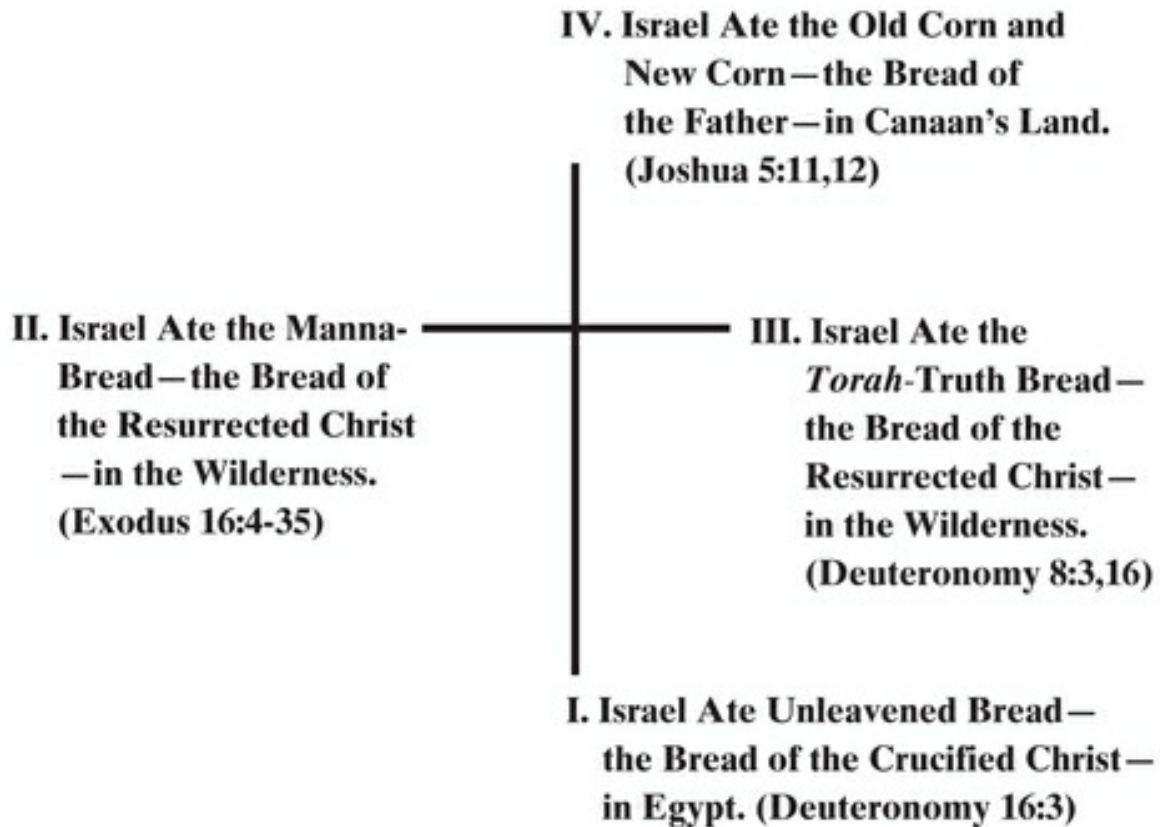
God promised always to satisfy Israel with bread.

I will abundantly bless her provision: **I will satisfy her poor with bread** (Psalm 132:15).

The LORD's Presence among His people guarantees them abundant blessings and satisfying bread.

In His steadfast adherence to Israel and in His faithful performance of His vows to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, God gave Israel a full stature of sustaining bread for her journey from Egypt to Canaan's Land. Israel ate unleavened Humility Bread of the Crucified Christ when she began her departure out of Egypt and when she began her entrance into Canaan's Land. She ate Manna-Bread in the wilderness as she progressed in her journey; and she also ate the Spiritual Bread of the *Torah*-Truth in the wilderness. In Canaan's Land, she ate the old and new Corn.

**Israel's Bread from God
Which She Ate on Her Journey
from Egypt to Canaan's Land**



I. Israel Ate Unleavened Bread—the Bread of the Crucified Christ—in Egypt.

During the entire time that Israel served as slaves in Egypt, their taskmasters did not allow them time to bake proper bread. Consequently, they ate unleavened bread of affliction during their servitude.

When the time came for Israel to leave Egypt, God gave them laws concerning the Passover. In His instructions, He commanded Israel to eat unleavened bread or the bread of affliction at this time, too, although they were leaving the land of slavery and going to a new land as free men.

Thou shalt eat no leavened bread with it; seven days shalt thou eat unleavened bread therewith, *even* the bread of affliction; for thou camest forth out of the land of Egypt in haste: that thou mayest remember the day when thou camest forth out of the land of Egypt all the days of thy life (Deuteronomy 16:3).

Christ's first goal for believers always is to lead them to grow in Grace and Knowledge of Him as they feed on the unleavened Bread of His Humility Surrender and Subjection to His Heavenly Father.

And this day shall be unto you for a memorial; and ye shall keep it a feast to the LORD throughout your generations; ye shall keep it a feast by an ordinance for ever. **Seven days shall ye eat unleavened bread;** even the first day ye shall put away leaven out of your houses: for whosoever eateth leavened bread from the first day until the seventh day, that soul shall be cut off from Israel (Exodus 12:14,15).

Israel's feeding on the bread of affliction, daily, because she was driven by hard taskmasters, is a picture of how mankind feeds on the bread of affliction because he is driven by the hard taskmasters called Sin and Satan.

Israel's feeding on the bread of affliction or unleavened bread as she ate of the Passover lamb is a picture of the Crucified Christ Who became the broken Bread of affliction at Calvary's Cross.

I am the living bread which came down from heaven: if any man eat of this bread, he shall live for ever: and the bread that I will give is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world.... **This is that bread which came down from heaven:** not as your fathers did eat manna, and are dead: he that eateth of this bread shall live for ever (John 6:51,58).

Believing souls must feed upon the Bread of Christ Jesus' Surrender, Submission, and Sacrifice in order to live and maintain their lives. Christ's supreme Sacrifice is both meat and drink to our dependent soul.

Unleavened bread of affliction was Israel's meat, both naturally and spiritually, during her stay in Egypt. However, when the LORD God brought Israel, with her humility pots, into the wilderness, He changed the bread, both naturally and spiritually, that went into her humility pots.

II. & III. Israel Ate the Manna-Bread and the *Torah*- Truth Bread—the Bread of the Resurrected Christ—in the Wilderness.

As slaves in Egypt, the Israelites had to work by the sweat of their brows in order to earn their unleavened bread of affliction. Likewise, Jesus Christ worked by the bloody sweat of His Body in order to obtain the broken Bread of His Holy Body so that we can have meat for our spirit and soul.

However, in the wilderness, the LORD God provided Meat in the form of Manna from Heaven and Supernatural Water from the Rock, which meant that Israel did not have to labour in order to have meat and drink. (Their Water came from the Rock, Who was Christ.)

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; And were all baptized unto Moses in the cloud and in the sea; **And did all eat the same spiritual meat; And did all drink the same spiritual drink: for they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them: and that Rock was Christ** (I Corinthians 10:1-4).

The Manna-Meat that was dispersed so freely round about the camp was a picture of the Omnipresent, Resurrected Body of the LORD Jesus Christ that is dispersed so freely among His people as Manna-Meat from Heaven.

Then said **the LORD unto Moses, Behold, I will rain bread from heaven for you;** and the people shall go out and gather a certain rate every day, that I may prove them, whether they will walk in my law, or no.... And Moses said, *This shall be*, when the LORD shall give you in the evening flesh to eat, and in the morning bread to the full; for that the LORD heareth your murmurings which ye murmur against him: and what *are we?* your murmurings *are* not against us, but against the LORD.... I have heard the murmurings of the children of Israel: speak unto them, saying, At even ye shall eat flesh, and in the morning ye shall be filled with bread; and ye shall know that I *am* the LORD your God.... And when the children of Israel saw *it*, they said one to another, *It is manna:* for they wist not what it was. And Moses said unto them, *This is the bread which the LORD hath given you to eat....* And Moses said, *This is the thing which the LORD commandeth,* Fill an omer of it to be kept for your generations; that they may see the bread wherewith I have fed you in the wilderness, when I brought you forth from the land of Egypt. And Moses said unto Aaron, **Take a pot, and put an omer full of manna therein, and lay it up before the LORD,** to be kept for your generations. As the LORD commanded Moses, so Aaron laid it up before the Testimony, to be kept. **And the children of Israel did eat manna forty years,** until they came to a land inhabited; they did eat manna, until they came unto the borders of the land of Canaan (Exodus 16:4,8,12,15,32-35). And he humbled thee, and suffered thee to hunger, and fed thee with manna, which thou knewest not, neither did thy fathers know; that he might make thee know that man doth not live by bread only, but by every *word* that proceedeth out of the mouth of the LORD doth man live.... Who led thee through that great and terrible wilderness, *wherein were* fiery serpents, and scorpions, and drought, where *there was* no water; who brought thee forth water out of the rock of flint; (Deuteronomy 8:3,15).

Christ's second Goal is for believers to feed on His Resurrected Flesh and, therefore, become partakers of the

Almighty, Resurrected Power that is from His Father. Then, we, too, as believers, can be doers of the LORD's Purposive Will.

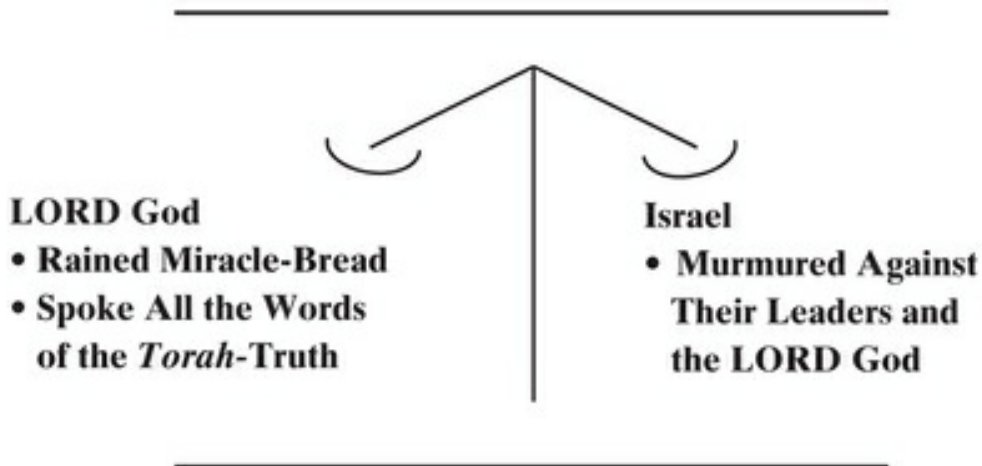
And when the dew that lay was gone up, behold, **upon the face of the wilderness there lay a small round thing**, as small as the hoar frost on the ground. And when the children of Israel saw *it*, they said one to another, **It is manna**: for they wist not what it was. And Moses said unto them, **This is the bread which the LORD hath given you to eat** (Exodus 16:14,15).

While the faithful Israelites were down in Egypt, they scoured and carefully polished their humility pots, both the visible and the invisible ones. Therefore, God gave them unleavened bread for both their visible and invisible humility pots. This bread was to give them sufficient strength to journey until they reached God's next appointed place. Here they would receive God's natural and Spiritual Manna-Bread.

The Israelites lived for a long time after they had come out of Egypt by eating the natural and Spiritual Bread that they had received while they were down in Egypt among the humility pots.

Because some of the people did not have an inner pot of humility, they did not have the Invisible Bread of Christ to strengthen their spirits with faith and to support their spirits with hope when their supply of bread finally was exhausted in the wilderness. When Israel's natural pots became empty of natural bread, and before they were truly hungry, they began to complain and murmur against God and His leaders, saying, "We are going to starve to death in this wilderness." Then, God said, "No, you are not going to starve. I already have prepared a new supply of fresh Manna-Bread to fill up the humility pots you obtained as bondslaves while you were in Egypt."

Although the Israelites murmured against Moses and Aaron when they saw that their humility pots were empty, the LORD God already had prepared to meet the need of their hunger. As the Divine Decider, He already had chosen what Israel's meat and drink would be in the wilderness, both naturally and spiritually. In contrast to their hard-earned bread in Egypt, the LORD rained down Manna-Meat from Heaven which Israel did not have to obtain by the sweat of her brow. Although Israel murmured, God provided Miracle-Bread daily.



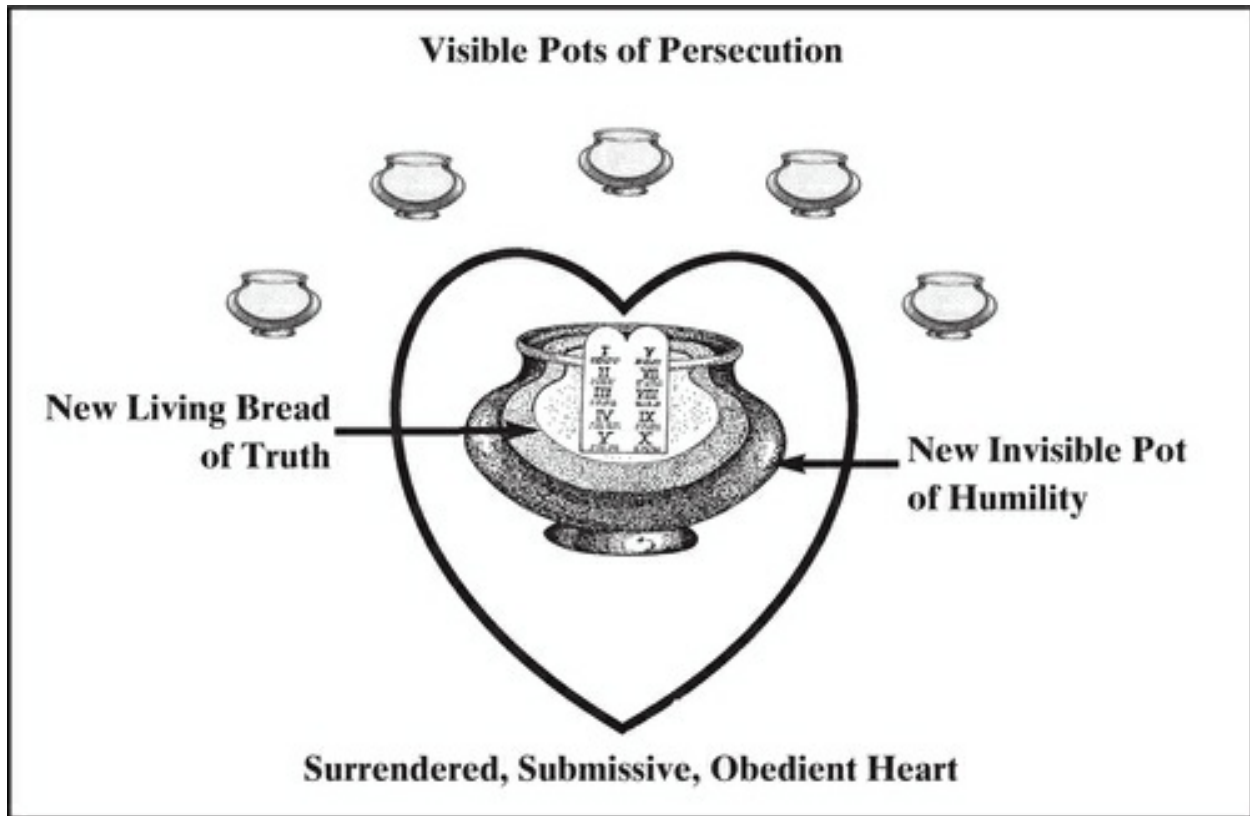
How foolish was Israel's complaining and murmuring in the wilderness! God, the Divine Decider, already had written Israel's menu in His Master Plan; therefore, He performed His Purposive Will according to His Master Plan.

As a result of God's provision of Manna-Meat, Israel was free from the responsibility of earning a livelihood. Israel had plenty of free time to meditate and feed upon the LORD's *Torah*-Truth in her heart.

However, because many Israelites had not allowed the LORD God to convert their hearts into humility pots in Egypt and because they had not fed, by faith, on Christ's Humility Bread of Surrender and Submission, they murmured *before* they received the Manna-Bread, and they murmured *after* they had received the Manna-Bread for their natural food. They also rejected their spiritual food, the *Torah*-Truth, and made a golden calf.

God, in His manifold Mercies and in His great Grace, gave them natural bread for their natural humility pots, although many did not have spiritual humility pots in which to gather the spiritual counterpart of the Manna-Bread.

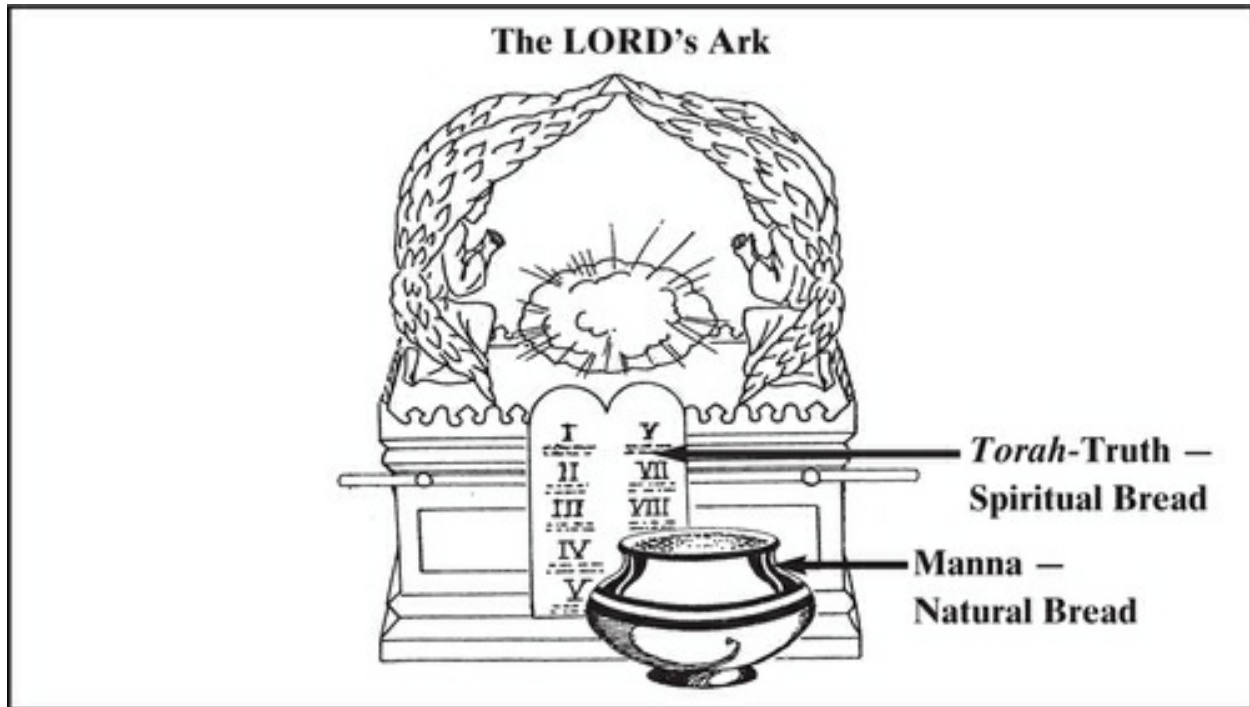
Christ's third Goal is for believers to feed on the Faith and Strength of His Flesh, the Resurrected Bread. If we do not have some of Christ's Humility Pots of Surrender, Submission, and Obedience formed in our heart, we will not have anything in which to hold a new, fresh supply of Spiritual Bread.



Although all the Israelites received the visible Manna-Bread, many of them did not receive the Invisible Spiritual Bread. Consequently, their souls and spirits always were in a state of discontent and dissatisfaction with God's Master Plan. They always were filled with an insatiable longing for something more and different than what God's Miraculous Manna-Bread provided. They were completely blind to the Truth that it was God's Invisible Bread of Truth in a Spiritual Humility Pot within the heart that changes the soul and spirit and gives happy contentment and joyful satisfaction to the heart.

This Truth teaches believers that if they fail to allow the LORD to convert their old hearts into Humility Pots, and if they fail to eat of Christ's Humility Broken Bread of Surrender and Submission as they begin their experience with the LORD, they always will be ungrateful for God's Bountifulness to them, both in the natural realm and in the spiritual realm.

While Israel was in the wilderness, God commanded them to put an omer of Manna in a Golden Pot; and, then, they were to put it in the Ark with His *Torah*. God's Purpose in doing this was to teach believers, first of all, that God in His great faithfulness fed Israel throughout her wilderness journey; and, second, it was to teach believers that God's natural bread always is joined to His Spiritual Bread of Truth.



Many in Israel ate the Manna-Bread, but they failed to lay hold of its counterpart, the *Torah-Truth*, the Spiritual Bread. If we fail to lay hold, by faith, of the counterpart of our daily bread, we have missed the whole purpose of our existence upon this earth.

King David testified from experience about the sweetness of Christ's Resurrected Bread of His *Torah-Truth*.

More to be desired *are they* than gold, yea, than much fine gold: **sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb**. Moreover by them is thy servant warned: *and* in keeping of them *there is* great reward (Psalm 19:10,11).

God's Spiritual Bread of Truth is superior to material wealth, and it is the only means whereby anyone can obtain true happiness, Eternal joy, and sweet satisfaction.

God's Living Bread of Truth warms and strengthens us so that we do not fall into sin by yielding to temptation. The rewards received from God's Bread of Truth are Eternal and Everlasting.

David expressed his empirical knowledge of the sweetness of God's *Torah-Truth* more than once. David found God's Living Bread of Truth to be sweet or smooth to his heart and mind.

How sweet are thy words unto my taste! yea, sweeter than honey to my mouth!...Thy testimonies have I taken as an heritage for ever: for they *are* the rejoicing of my heart (Psalm 119:103,111).

Jeremiah also experienced joyful strength from feeding on the *Torah-Truth* Bread.

Thy words were found, and I did eat them; and thy word was unto me the joy and rejoicing of mine heart: for I am called by thy name, O LORD God of hosts (Jeremiah 15:16).

When God fed the Prophet Jeremiah with His precious prophetic Bread of Truth, Jeremiah ate these words, and he found them pleasurable and joyful to his taste.

Some Christians are like King David and the Prophet Jeremiah, but others are like the Israelites who never learned their lessons. They spend their lives among the pots, but they never rest among them; they never lie down among them. They never allow their wills to be married to the LORD's Holy Will. They never lie down and die to their flesh in the midst of the humility pots. Consequently, they never experience having the Bridegroom cover them with His Espousal Skirt or Mantle.

IV. Israel Ate the Old Corn and the New Corn—the Bread of the Father—in Canaan's Land.

God supplied Israel's need for new bread when she arrived in Canaan's Land. Israel's Unleavened Bread of the Crucified Christ in Egypt and the Manna-Bread from the Resurrected Christ in the wilderness were joined to the Old Corn in Canaan's Land. The Old Corn represented the Unbegotten Strength of God the Father. This was "new" Bread for Israel.

And they did eat of the old corn of the land on the morrow after the passover, unleavened cakes, and parched corn in the selfsame day.

And the manna ceased on the morrow after they had eaten of the old corn of the land; **neither had the children of Israel manna any more**; but they did eat of the fruit of the land of Canaan that year (Joshua 5:11,12).

Christ's fourth Goal is for believers to feed on His old and new Truths which reveal His Son and His Faith.

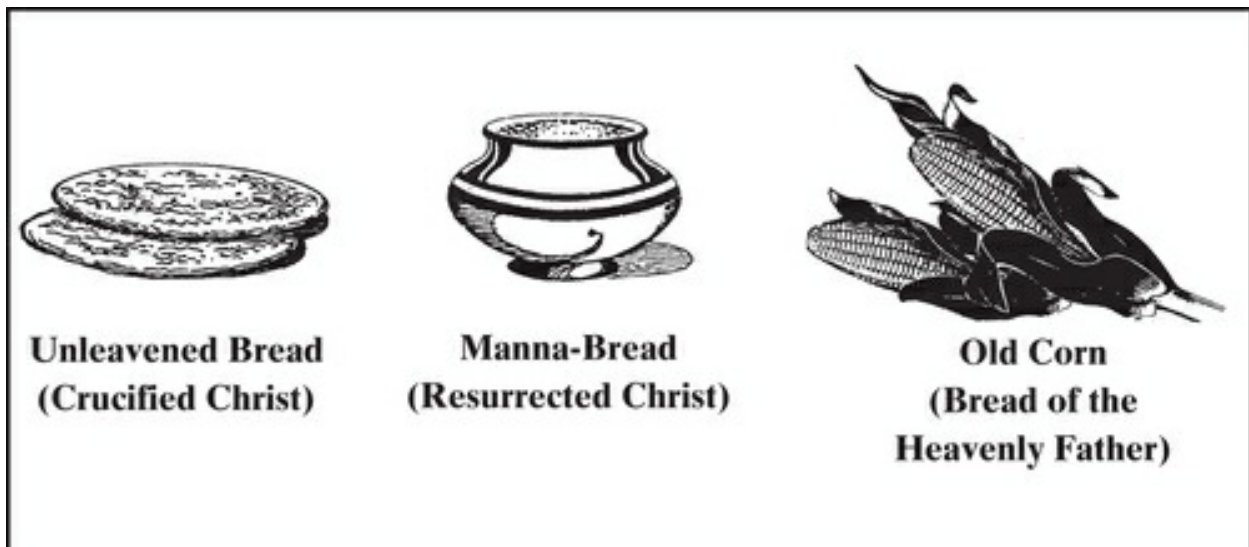
Jesus said, "...Therefore every scribe which is instructed unto the kingdom of heaven is like unto a man that is an householder, which bringeth forth out of his treasure things new and old" (Matthew 13:52). We already have learned that unleavened bread gives strength. The eating of unleavened bread by the Israelites in Egypt, in the wilderness, and in Canaan's Land reveals our need to begin every new experience with the old pots of Christ's Humility, if we expect to gain new bread. Israel ate of the old and new corn because she needed fresh, new strength to make the long walk around Jericho—once a day for six days, and then seven times on the seventh day, which together make a total of thirteen trips around the city.

God provided a full stature of bread to impart strength to the hearts and bodies of the Israelites so that they could fulfill His Master Plan and Purposive Will by possessing the land of which Jericho was a part.

The Israelites ate unleavened bread in Egypt, in the wilderness, and in Canaan's Land; they ate Manna-Bread which fell in the wilderness and again in Canaan's Land; and they ate the new and old corn in Canaan's Land. Thus, the Bread of the Son and the Bread of the Father became One in Canaan's Land. The Manna fell in the same place in which the corn grew. Under the shadow and type, God pictured how the Crucified Christ and the Resurrected Christ always will lead us to the Father when we have prepared our Humility Pots properly.

God allowed the enemies to prepare new and old corn for His people. The Psalmist said, "Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies:..." (Psalm 23:5). Just as God already had prepared the Manna-Corn from above, in Heaven, before Israel had arrived in the wilderness, He also caused the enemies to prepare new and old corn below, in Earth, before Israel had arrived in Canaan's Land.

The LORD God of Heaven, Who is the Owner and Master of His Master Plan, always makes provision in advance for His believing people just as He already had prepared the corn, new and old, which Israel subsequently ate. Then, God shut up Israel's enemies in Jericho so that they only looked on while the children of Israel ate their new and old bread and the Manna-Bread.



It always is the goal of both the Crucified Christ and the Resurrected Christ to lead a believing soul to the Heavenly Father.

All things are delivered unto me of my Father: and no man knoweth the Son, but the Father; **neither knoweth any man the Father, save the**

Son, and he to whomsoever the Son will reveal him (Matthew 11:27).

Jesus Christ has had all Power and Authority delivered to Him by His Father so that the Son, in turn, can lead the apostate world back to the Father. Jesus Christ has given the Living Bread of His Flesh and the Living Drink of His Blood so that sinful man can be cleansed and strengthened to stride forward in his moral march back to the Father; then man can become a partaker of God's Eternal Corn in the Heavenly Canaan's Land.

The Son is the only One Who has a personal intimacy with the Father. Therefore, He is the only One capable of revealing the Father's Bread of Truth.

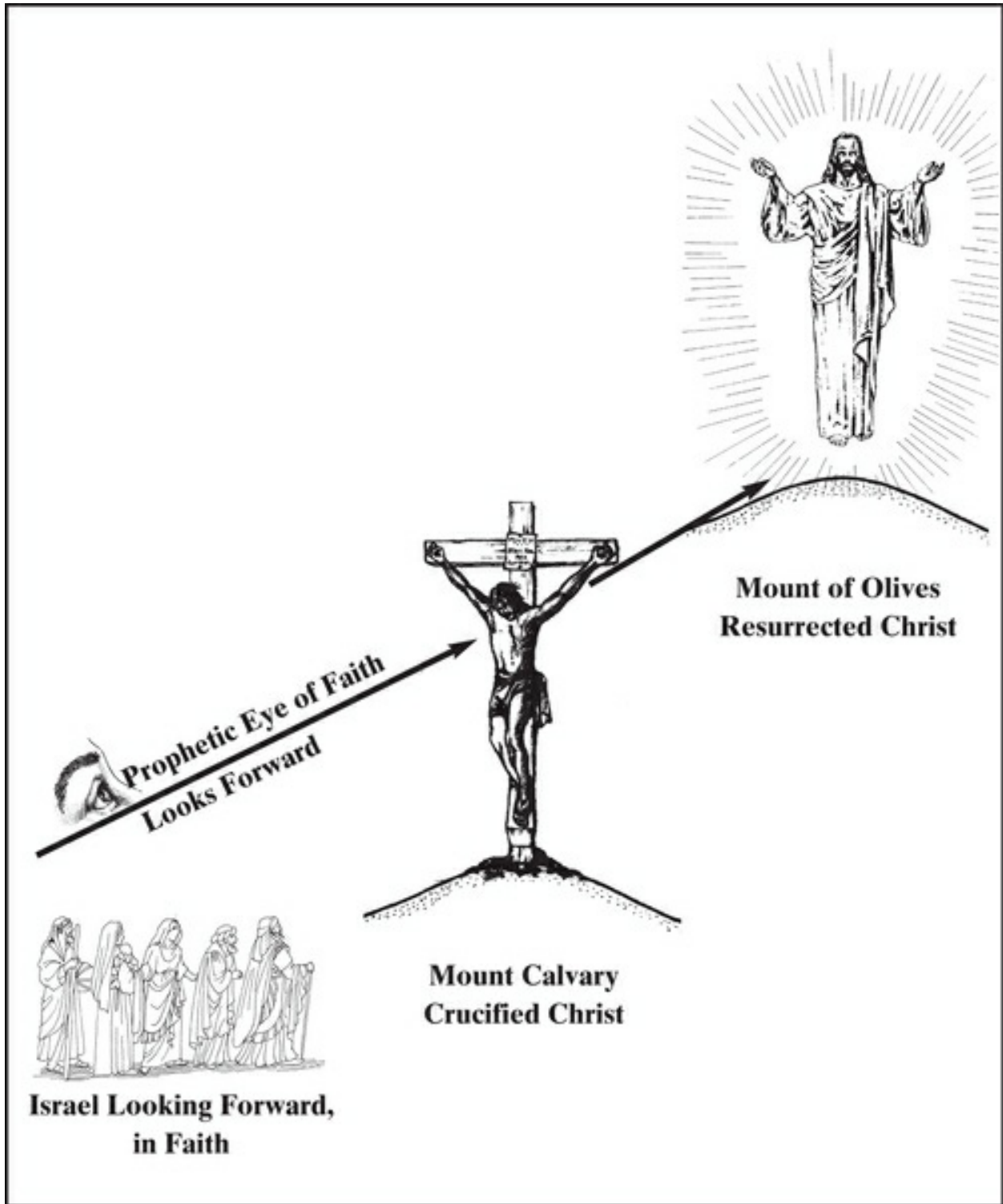
God clearly established the Truth that the corn of Canaan's Land was His Corn.

For she did not know that **I gave her corn**, and wine, and oil, and multiplied her silver and gold, *which* they prepared for Baal. **Therefore will I return, and take away my corn** in the time thereof, and my wine in the season thereof, and will recover my wool and my flax *given* to cover her nakedness (Hosea 2:8,9).

God, the Divine Husbandman, provided Israel, as His Spouse, with Corn in Canaan's Land, but Israel played the spiritual harlot by worshipping and serving the false gods of her idolatrous neighbors. Ultimately, God sent a famine in the land, and He sent Israel into exile.

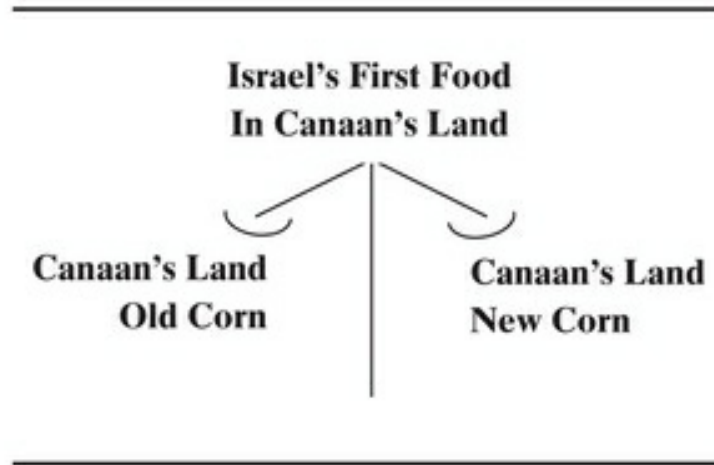
Those Israelites who crossed over the River Jordan, as overcomers, had Unleavened Truth of the Crucified Christ; and, by faith, they had Manna-Truth of the Resurrected Christ in the Spiritual Pots of their hearts. They had laid hold of the Sweetness, the Oil, the Faith, the Strength, and the Power of the Manna which had enabled them to fulfill God's Purposive Will in their moral march to Canaan's Land.

Before Christ's Crucifixion, Israel looked forward, by faith, to the Crucified Christ and to the Resurrected Christ. Since Christ's Crucifixion, believers look backward, by faith, to the Crucifixion and Resurrection of Jesus Christ. God's Purposive Will always has been for the just to live by faith, both in the Old Testament and in the New Testament.



On the first day after the first Passover in Canaan's Land, the Israelites ate unleavened bread made from the Manna. On the second day after the Passover, they made their unleavened bread from the old corn of the land, and they also ate the parched corn.

The corn Israel gathered in her humility pots in Canaan's Land was a new bread. She ate both old corn and new corn.



Old corn is not parched; only new corn is tender enough to be parched. Israel took the fresh, tender green ears of corn in Canaan's Land, roasted them by the fire, and then ate them. They also ground up the old corn and made it into unleavened bread which they ate.

Thus, through their eating, they joined the old bread and the new bread as one bread, which is a picture of the Oneness of Relationship that exists between the Son and the Father.

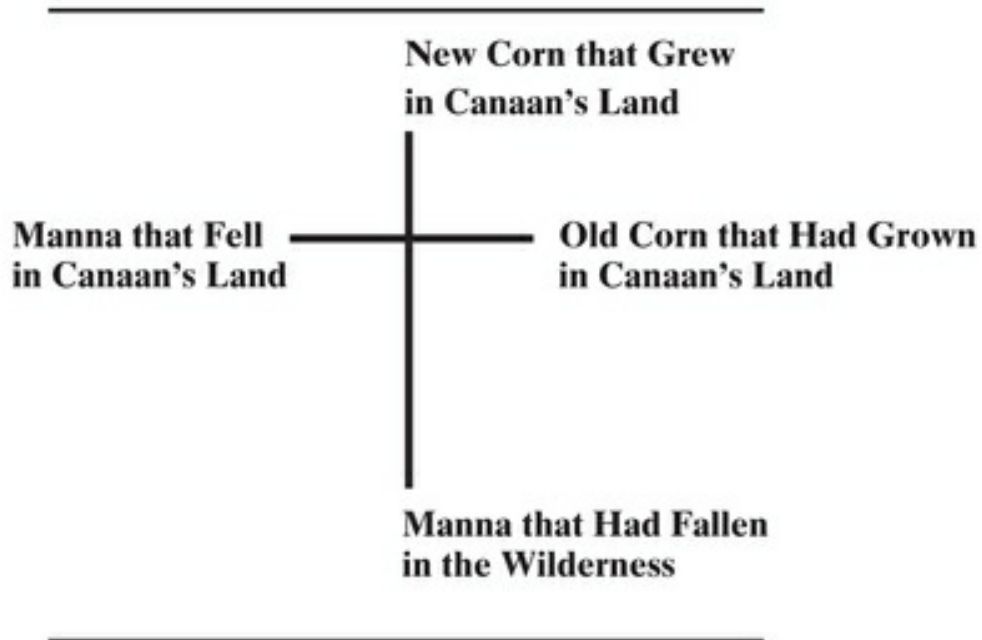
After the Israelites had crossed Jordan's River, they began to fulfill God's Master Plan by possessing the land. As Israel began moving toward the city of Jericho, the people there began to feel the Strength and Power of the Living *Torah*-Truth in the Humility Pots of the Israelites. Thus, they said, in so many words, "Come, let us hurry into the city, and let us quickly shut the gates. Let us lock the gates against the Israelites." The people of Jericho were very bold and courageous after they were behind their wall and their gates. They falsely imagined that they could prevent Israel from possessing the land. However, when God's people are implementing His Master Plan, God locks, and no man opens; and He opens, and no man can lock. In this case, God just removed the wall and the gates. He did not need a key!

While the inhabitants of the city were inside their wall and gates, the Israelites began to take the people's corn, both the new and the old corn. Israel already had obtained pots in Egypt in which to put their new and old corn.

This Truth is to teach believers that it is imperative for God's children to allow Him to fashion their hearts into Pots of Humility in the "Egypt" of this present, evil world if they expect to go to the New City in the Heavenly Canaan's Land.

V. Israel Ate a Full Stature of Bread After She Was in Canaan's Land.

God fed Israel a full Stature or four kinds of Bread in her journey from Egypt into Canaan's Land. Then, God gave Israel a special Stature of Bread after she was in Canaan's Land.



Israel's humility pots served her in Egypt, in the wilderness, and in Canaan's Land, making it possible for her to lay hold of the four kinds of bread that the LORD had appointed for her to eat.

Israel had the Prophetic, Resurrection Strength of Christ that came from the Manna that had fallen in the wilderness. They also had Christ's Prophetic, Resurrection Life and Power on the Manna that fell in Canaan's Land.

Without the Resurrection Power found in the Bread of Jesus Christ's Flesh, we never could make it to the New City. The Bread of Christ's Flesh strengthens us to do God's Purposive Will. The Bread of Christ's Flesh feeds the Seed of God's Word, born in us when we receive Jesus Christ as our Saviour, until that Seed grows up unto the measure of the Stature of the Fullness of Jesus Christ, Who does perform God's Holy Purposive Will.

Also, Israel ate the new corn and the old corn in Canaan's Land, which represented areas of Truth of the Father's Master Plan.

Likewise, when we get into Spiritual Canaan's Land, we can use Christ's Humility Pots of Surrender, Submission, and Obedience to gather the Heavenly Father's Bread throughout Eternity. Remember, we cannot make it to the New City without our Humility Pots and the kinds of Bread that Jesus provides for His Humility Pots.

The Truth of the Father's Master Plan reveals His Divine Plan for all the Old Testament Saints and Prophets and for His only Begotten Son. The Truth of the Father's Master Plan also reveals the new personal plan for each of us from day to day.

In our journey through the "Egypt" of this world, may we eat of all the Bread that Jesus Christ and His Father has provided for us so that we will be strengthened to make it all the way to the New City, Spiritual Canaan's Land.

Chapter Four

God's Faithfulness to Provide Spiritual Bread for Israel's Humility Pots as She Journeyed from Egypt to Canaan's Land

Because she had lain among the humility pots, God promised Israel that He would dress her up with the Gold and the Silver Wings of the Dove. What the LORD was promising Israel was to clothe her with the Feathers of the Fiery Dove of the Holy Ghost.

The Hebrew word for *feathers* is *eb-raw*, from the Hebrew root word *aw-bar*, meaning to soar or to fly. Specifically, it refers to the pinion feathers at the end of the wings which keep the bird airborne and which also enable it to guide and turn itself. In other words, the LORD said to Israel, "I will clothe you with the Silver Feathers of my Redemptive Will and with the Golden Wisdom of the Pinion Feathers of my Dove-Spirit. I will possess you. I will rescue you and fulfill my Promise to you, and I will guide you and turn you in my Narrow Way in your moral march toward the Prize, the Spouse-relationship in Canaan's Land.

God's Will of Redemption (the Silver) and His Will of Revelation (the Gold) clothed Israel as though they were feathers.

The Psalmist revealed that the one who faithfully abides under the LORD's Headship enjoys this same ministry of God's Pinion Feathers.

He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the LORD, *He is my refuge and my fortress: my God; in him will I trust.* Surely he shall deliver thee from the snare of the fowler, *and from the noisome pestilence.* **He shall cover thee with his feathers, and under his wings shalt thou trust:** his truth *shall be thy shield and buckler* (Psalm 91:1-4).

The Tables of Stone that had the *Torah*-Truth written upon them were placed in the Ark after Moses had had the Ark constructed. Then, he covered the Ark with the Mercy Seat. On the Mercy Seat were the overshadowing Cherubims, which sheltered and protected the *Torah*-Truth within the Ark, as a mother bird would protect the treasures of life within her nest.

Likewise, when we allow God to make an Ark out of our heart and, then, allow Him to place His *Torah*-Truth in our Ark-heart, His Spirit, like a Mother Bird with Redemptive Silver Wings, will shelter and protect the *Torah*-Truth in our Ark-heart. With Her Golden Pinion Feathers, the Holy Spirit will cause our spirit and soul to become airborne, and She will carry us to the solitary heights where we can be seated in the Heavens with Christ Jesus, and there we will receive greater revelation of His *Torah*-Truth.

Because the Israelites had prepared their humility pots in Egypt, they were able to fill them with humility bread which they took with them as they left Egypt. The Bible tells us that their troughs or pots were bound up in their clothes.

And the people took their dough before it was leavened, **their kneadingtroughs being bound up in their clothes** upon their shoulders (Exodus 12:34).

A trough was a long, narrow type of vessel or pot for holding water or food or for washing. Jewish history tells us that they had a special garment which they tied around their necks, and it hung down their backs. In this garment, they tied their troughs or pots and pans that were filled with unleavened bread.

They were able to walk a long way into the wilderness because they fed on the unleavened bread that they had carried out of Egypt in their humility pots. When they had eaten the last bit of bread in their pots, but before they had had time to become truly hungry, they began to complain against Moses and Aaron.

When they discovered that their humility pots were empty of the unleavened bread or the humility bread, they lusted and longed for the flesh pots of Egypt. They accused their leaders of being the ones who had brought them up out of Egypt for the purpose of killing them with hunger in the wilderness.

Their accusations were an unspeakable insult to God's Glorious Majesty and Almighty Power that had borne the

sole responsibility for bringing them this far on their moral march toward Canaan's Land.

Israel's example teaches believers that when their humility pots are empty of Christ's Humility Bread, they will be tempted to accuse their God-given leaders; and, by doing so, they will bring injury to God's Majesty. In a similar situation, believers today will be tempted to attack God's Glory, foolishly, and to behave scornfully and insolently toward God's Almighty Power.

However, the LORD God, in His Manifold Mercies, did not judge Israel according to her corrupt complaining; instead, He told Moses that His *Kaw-bode* Glory would appear in the cloud in the morning and that He would show Moses what to do.

So, God's *Kaw-bode* Glory appeared, and God said, in so many words, "I already am prepared to give you new bread from above. You have eaten Crucifixion Bread or Humility Bread of Suffering which has given you strength. It has healed you and pushed back the powers of the enemy. When I led you into the desert, I, as your Espoused Bridegroom, already had decided to provide you with food. My Decisive Purpose in providing Manna for you is part of my Master Plan in saving you and justifying you as the bearers of my Glory and of my *Torah*-Truth. This Miracle-Bread or Manna which I am going to give you is to teach you that I will provide the requisite substance for your strength so that you can finish your moral march to Canaan's Land."

If we willingly eat Christ's Crucifixion Bread, below, it will cause us to fall in love with God's Purposive Will concerning the way to Canaan's Land. It does not matter what we have to do or what route of suffering we have to take; we still will say, "Feed me, LORD. Feed me. I *must* continue my moral march to Canaan's Land."

If the Israelites had eaten the spiritual counterpart of their unleavened bread, they would have been trustful and grateful to God. They never would have accused their leaders and scorned God's Glory and Power before experiencing true hunger. Their prideful, vain imaginations caused them to create images of death when they were not yet hungry.

However, when we feed in faith upon Christ's Crucifixion Bread, it gives us strength and confidence to trust God's Plan and Purpose in leading us through deserts and wildernesses in our moral march toward the New City. We will understand and know that He brings us to places in which there is neither water nor bread so that He can give us Spiritual Drink and Bread from above. We will know that God's Holy Nature is to lead us on to a higher form of Life, not to kill us in the places through which we are just passing.

Once we truly have eaten enough of Christ's Crucifixion Bread, our vain, foolish imagination with its false images of distrust can neither stop us from moving forward in our moral march nor shake our trust in God's Holy Name or Nature.

Eating Christ's Crucifixion Bread will strengthen us and set us free from tormenting, vexing spirits of doubt and unbelief, just as it did with the Syrophenician woman. But, we must have our humility pots in which to carry our Humility Bread until God is ready to give us Manna from above. Remember, it is impossible to go anywhere spiritually without Christ's Pots of Humility which hold life-giving Bread.

Israel had come into the wilderness and had run out of the unleavened bread which they had carried out of Egypt; therefore, since their humility pots were empty, God, in His Mercy, sent His Manna and filled their empty pots so that they could eat a higher form of bread.

The LORD told them to go out every morning and gather Manna to put in their pots. These humility pots were the same ones in which they had carried their unleavened bread out of Egypt. These pots of Manna were such great witnesses of God's miraculous Power which faithfully fed Israel, His Espoused Wife, that He commanded Moses to put a pot of Manna in the Ark to be kept as a witness of His Faithfulness to Israel in her moral march to Canaan's Land.

And Moses said, This *is* the thing which the LORD commandeth, **Fill an omer of it to be kept for your generations; that they may see the bread wherewith I have fed you in the wilderness**, when I brought you forth from the land of Egypt. And Moses said unto Aaron, **Take a pot, and put an omer full of manna therein, and lay it up before the LORD**, to be kept for your generations. As the LORD commanded Moses, so Aaron laid it up before the Testimony, to be kept (Exodus 16:32-34).

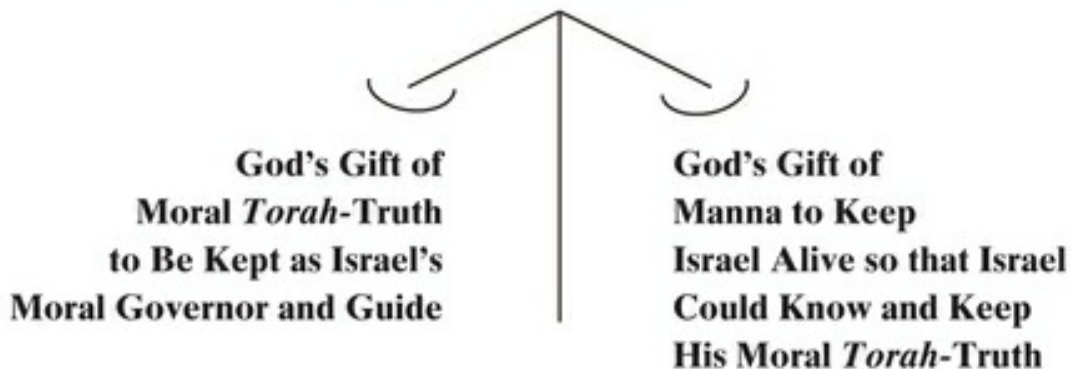
The pot of Manna in the Ark was for a twofold witness: to tell Israel that she would one day reach the good destination at the end of her moral march and to be a witness to future descendants of God's Faithfulness toward Israel in the past.

Pot of Manna as a Future and Past Prophetic Witness



God gave Israel the Gift of the *Torah*-Truth, which was to be her moral Governor and Guide; and, He gave the Gift of the Manna, which was to keep Israel alive so that she could keep the moral *Torah*-Truth. God wanted Israel ever to be conscious of these two facts.

Israel Had to Remember:



God put Israel to the test with her humility pots. He also will put us to the test to prove whether or not we personally possess these Humility Pots.

I am a living witness of God's Faithfulness to test His people. If God put Israel to the test, and if He has put me to the test, then if He does not put you to the test, He is not a Just God. The Truth is, however, that God is Just, so He tests us all. It is impossible for persons to stay in Christ's Way of Humility over a period of years without God putting them to the test and without God making them acknowledge whether or not they desire Christ's Humility Pots.

If, of our free will, we submissively lie down among the pots, as it were, and become joined to Christ Jesus' Humility, which the pots represent, God will do the same for us as He did for Israel. He will clothe us with the Silver and Gold of the Stature of the Holy Ghost Dove, and He will bring us to our moral destination in the New

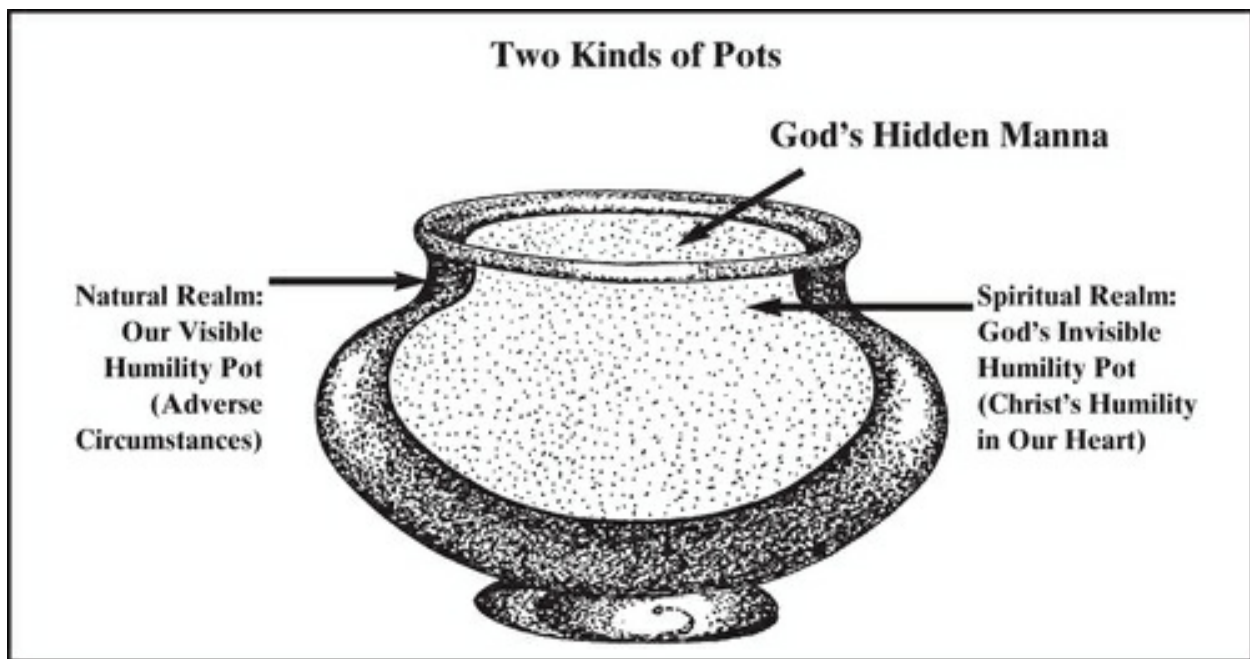
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Many people desire to accept Christ as their Finisher when they have not accepted Him as their Author. If we accept Jesus Christ as our Author, our Creator, our Beginner, He will see to it that we have these Humility Pots at the beginning of our moral march to Canaan's Land. He will do the same for us as He did for Israel. But, if we try to begin our moral march without Christ's Humility Pot and Unleavened Bread, we will not have enough spiritual strength to make it into the wilderness part of our journey.

If we could make it to the wilderness without Jesus taking us through adverse circumstances, we never would have a Humility Pot in which to put the LORD's Manna from above. The wilderness has its adversities, too, but if we have learned to trust God's Headship, we will have Bread or the Truth of Christ's Surrender and Submission to His Father's Will (because the Father also led His Son through pain and suffering) to fill our Pots and provide us with overcoming strength. Then, when we have eaten all the Crucified Bread of the Christ that is in His Purposive Will and Master Plan for us, He will fill our Pots with Resurrected Bread or Exalted Truth!

Many of God's people are trying to gather Manna from above when they have nothing which can hold it because they have rejected Christ's humility situations from the beginning of their walk with God. Accepting the adverse circumstances in their lives would have formed Humility Pots out of their proud hearts if they had been willing to humble themselves and acknowledge God's Headship over all things.

There are two kinds of Pots: one is visible and one is Invisible. Christ forms the Invisible one through the working of His Invisible, Spiritual Humility in our heart.



Some Israelites had natural pots, which they had fashioned, but they did not have the LORD's Invisible, Spiritual Pots of Humility to go along with their visible pots. Consequently, when they arrived in the wilderness and went out to gather the LORD's miraculous Manna, they could gather and eat only the visible part of it. Thus, their bodies were fed, but their souls were not fed; and they were left empty and unsatisfied.

God declared that most of the fathers who came out of Egypt knew not the sweet, spiritual nature of the Manna.

And **he humbled thee**, and suffered thee to hunger, **and fed thee with manna, which thou knewest not, neither did thy fathers know**; that he might make thee know that man doth not live by bread only, but by every *word* that proceedeth out of the mouth of the LORD doth man live (Deuteronomy 8:3).

Natural bread, a necessity for continuing natural life, is produced by man's intelligence and by the sweat of his brow. Therefore, if man's existence on Earth is to continue, he must use his own creative ability to provide bread for himself and his family by attempting to master the forces of nature. Hence, the production of bread or food is man's greatest concern. For this reason, God led Israel into the desert and wilderness to teach her that He is the great

Provider of Bread for His Espoused Bride, both in the natural realm and in the spiritual realm.

Because of unbelief, many in Israel never knew the spiritual side of the Manna. As a result, their souls were left empty and unsatisfied and were barren of spiritual strength. Hence, their souls loathed the Manna.

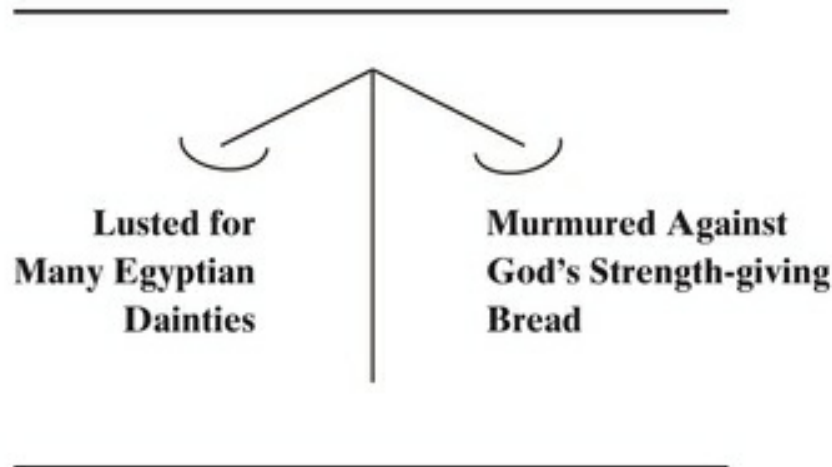
And the mixt multitude that was among them fell a lusting; and the children of Israel also wept again, and said, Who shall give us flesh to eat? We remember the fish, which we did eat in Egypt freely; the cucumbers, and the melons, and the leeks, and the onions, and the garlick: But now **our soul is dried away: there is nothing at all, beside this manna, before our eyes** (Numbers 11:4-6).

And the people spake against God, and against Moses, Wherefore have ye brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? for *there is no bread, neither is there any water; and our soul loatheth this light bread* (Numbers 21:5).

Many of the Israelites confessed that their souls were parched, empty, and dry. They thought that the problem was in the Manna because their unbelief made them think that it was insufficient in substance to satisfy their souls. Therefore, they were discontented with God's Provision of Bread and with His Guidance of their moral march. They were blindly ignorant of the spiritual nature of the Manna.

Hardly any of the Israelites had Christ's Spiritual Pots of Humility formed in their hearts, so they were unable to gather the Spiritual Truth of the Manna into their hearts. Had they been able to gather the Truth, they could have eaten and lived by the sweet, satisfying nature of the Manna. They ate of God's Miracle-Bread; yet, how unspeakably sad that they knew not the *Nature* of the Bread!

Because they did not have the LORD's Invisible Humility Pot, they could not gather the spiritual counterpart of the Manna. As a result, they became dissatisfied and discontented with the LORD's Manna-Bread and lusted and murmured against God and their leaders.



In their lust and ingratitude, they forgot the burning brick kilns, the cruel taskmasters, the afflicting oppression, and the sting of the cutting whip. In Egypt, they had cried and sighed by reason of their heavy burdens. The slavery and the brutal bondage had made their lives painfully bitter. But, in their lust and murmuring, they forgot the painful price that they had paid for all the Egyptians' dainties. Now they spoke as though the Egyptians had treated them like princes and as though God were treating them like slaves in the wilderness. Without Christ's Humility in their hearts to help them believe in the Life-giving Strength of the Miracle-Bread, they did not accept the Truth of God's Headship.

They were ungrateful for the Bread of the Christ Who was willing to come down from Heaven to Earth to be Life-giving Bread for mankind.

Christ's Death and Resurrection give us Miracle, Resurrection Life. Ingratitude is a pernicious germ that fills the mind with a diseased perception of reality.

Because most of the Israelites failed to lay hold of the LORD's Pot of Humility and fill it with the Manna's spiritual counterpart, they highly esteemed and looked with longing upon their food back in Egypt, food which they had obtained by working as slaves. Meanwhile, in the wilderness, they scorned God's bountiful supply of food, which they obtained without expending any money, care, or labor.

Because the vast majority of Israelites had not laid hold of the LORD's Humility Pot with His Humility Bread, they scorned and loathed the LORD's visible Manna, which was absolutely substantial Bread because it nourished those who did eat it by faith.

God meant for the spirit, soul, and body of each Israelite to be nourished with the visible and the Invisible Manna. Because the Manna was Miracle-Bread, it represented Jesus Christ's Resurrection Bread.

The Manna-Bread had miraculous power to increase and to decrease. When the Israelites went out and gathered the Manna, they always came back with their pots full. God's Humility Bread always is willing to increase or to decrease, according to God's Purposive Will.

When they measured the Manna after they had come in, it was a shocking surprise to discover that everyone had *exactly* an omer. Those who had gathered much discovered that their Manna had decreased to exactly an omer. It became so compacted that it fit into the omer. Those who were slower and unable to gather as much discovered that their Manna had increased so that they, too, had a full omer.

While they were still in Egypt, God gave Israel a gift of unleavened bread. Although most of them did not have the LORD's Invisible Humility Pot, God still made them strong by allowing them to taste the spiritual strength of the unleavened bread which gave them natural strength to get out of Egypt.

Had the Israelites' hearts not been converted into Humility Pots, when they came into the wilderness, they could not have eaten of the spiritual counterpart of the Manna-Bread.

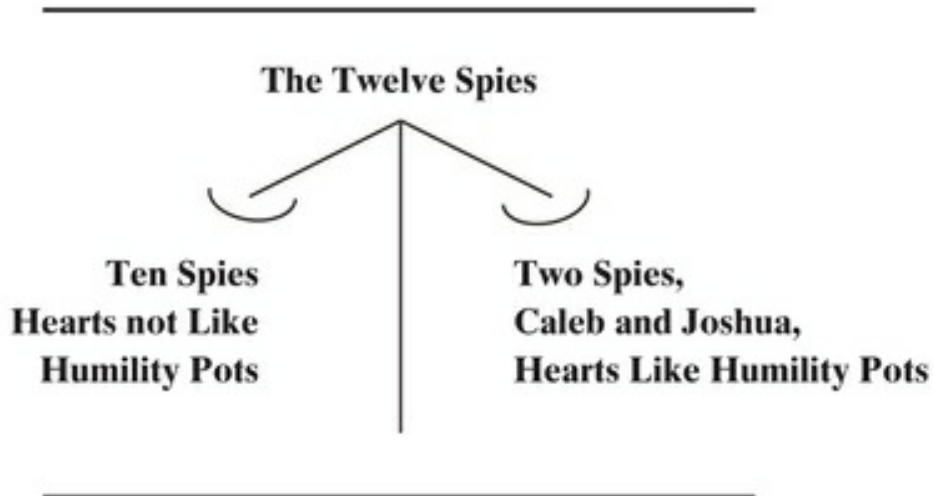
Likewise, God also gives us Humility Bread, by gift, that strengthens us to walk in our moral march toward Canaan's Land until we can lay hold of the LORD's Humility Bread by growth. The LORD is faithful to put us in painful, humiliating circumstances, deserts, and wildernesses, in order to force us to lay hold of the Bread of Humility by growth.

After Israel had crossed through the Red Sea into the wilderness, those who did not have their Invisible Humility Pots to go along with their visible pots could gather only the visible aspect of the Manna. They could not gather the spiritual side of the Manna since they did not possess Invisible Humility Pots. They could have humbled their proud hearts, and God would have converted their proud hearts into Humility Pots. Instead, they said, "Our soul loathes this light bread, this insufficient bread which neither strengthens nor satisfies us."

There were some, however, who had fed on both the visible and the Invisible Sides of the Manna-Bread; therefore, they could speak the Truth about it. They said, "The Manna tastes like sweet honey to me. It tastes like fresh oil. It is so smooth, and it is so delicious and delightful. I feel strong. I feel like I can make it in my moral march to Canaan's Land."

The reason that ten out of twelve of the spies who were sent to search out the land did not have the faith to go in and take the land was that they possessed only visible pots. Consequently, they were not strengthened in faith in their spirit, and they were not strengthened with a spiritual awareness of God's Power in their souls. They had not eaten the sweet honey of faith in the Manna; therefore, their inner eyes were unenlightened. When they returned, they said, "It is an evil land. The land is good, in one way. The milk and honey are there, but the evil land eats up the inhabitants. We never will be able to conquer it."

Nevertheless, because they possessed *hearts* that were like Humility Pots, two spies, namely, Caleb and Joshua, had Christ's Invisible Bread of Faith in their humble hearts that made them believe that it was possible to go in and possess the land.



Caleb and Joshua were full of spiritual strength and faith. They came back and said, “We are well able to go up and possess the land.” This proves that they possessed Invisible Pots of Humility which were filled with the sweet Spiritual Bread, the honey of faith.

God’s Spiritual Manna strengthens those who eat it. It opens believers’ eyes and allows them to see the Truth, and it fills their hearts with faith to do God’s Holy Will. In the Manna is Oil that lubricates believers’ inner spiritual gears so that they can be healed of their murmurings and complainings. Christ’s Manna-Bread gives believers faith.

Every person who goes into Spiritual Canaan’s Land must have an Invisible Pot of Humility in which to gather the Honey, the Oil, and the Strength of Christ’s Resurrection Bread. Each believer must have the Sweetness, the Satisfaction, and the soothing Oil of Christ’s Resurrection Bread in order to continue on his moral march to the Heavenly Canaan’s Land.

Chapter Five

The Kinds of Spiritual Bread that the LORD Provides for Believers' Humility Pots

The Principle of having Humility Pots formed in one's heart, in which to put the Life-giving Bread of the LORD, was revealed in the bodily Ministry of Jesus Christ as well as in the story of Israel's journey from Egypt, through the wilderness, and into Canaan's Land.

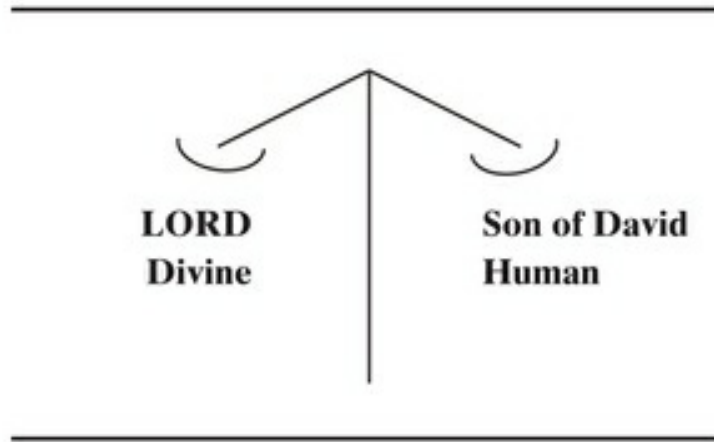
In the Book of Matthew, the Spirit recorded Jesus' ministering of three classes of natural bread, which is the New Testament fulfillment of the Old Testament type of unleavened bread that Israel ate in Egypt, of the Manna-Bread that she ate in the wilderness, and of the Bread of Corn that she ate in Canaan's Land. For instance, Jesus' Humility Bread, which He gave to the Gentile Syrophenician woman, was a fulfillment of the unleavened bread that Israel ate in Egypt, when they were in the low place.

I. Jesus' Humility Unleavened Bread, Given to the Syrophenician Woman, Was the Fulfillment of the Humility Unleavened Bread that Israel Ate in Egypt.

The great Power of the Unleavened Humility Bread of Truth was manifested by Jesus Christ. One time, when Jesus was in the borders of Tyre and Sidon, He met a Syrophenician woman who cried unto the LORD Jesus Christ for His Mercy because she desired healing for her daughter who was vexed with a devil.

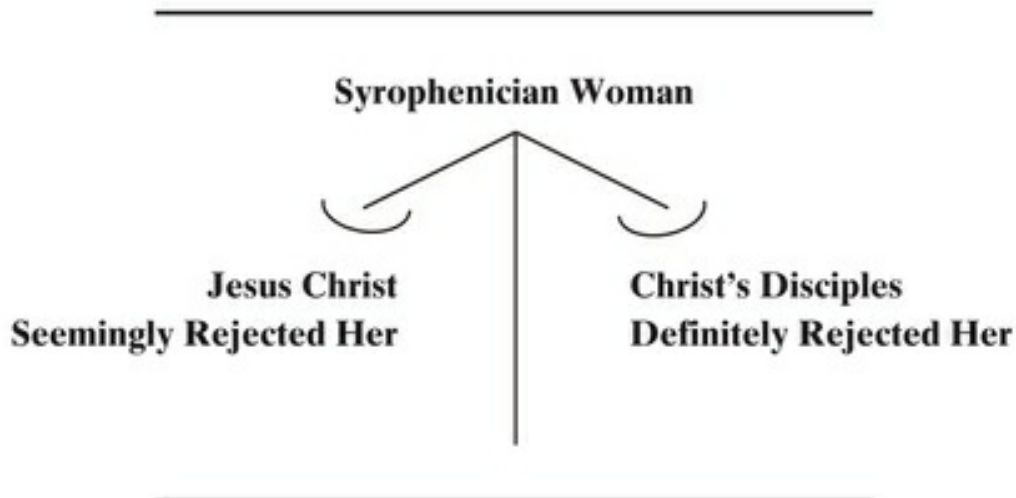
And, behold, **a woman of Canaan** came out of the same coasts, and **cried unto him, saying, Have mercy on me, O Lord, thou Son of David; my daughter is grievously vexed with a devil.** But he answered her not a word. And his disciples came and besought him, saying, Send her away; for she crieth after us. But he answered and said, I am not sent but unto the lost sheep of the house of Israel. Then came she and worshipped him, saying, Lord, help me. But he answered and said, It is not meet to take the children's bread, and to cast *it* to dogs. And she said, Truth, Lord: yet the dogs eat of the crumbs which fall from their masters' table. Then Jesus answered and said unto her, O woman, great is thy faith: be it unto thee even as thou wilt. And her daughter was made whole from that very hour (Matthew 15:22-28).

Momentarily, Jesus answered not a word to the grief-stricken woman because He wanted to test her humility and faith. This woman was a Gentile, a stranger to the commonwealth of Israel. Jesus purposely had gone into the coasts of Tyre and Sidon in order to share, mercifully, the Unleavened Humility Bread of the Crucified Christ. The woman did not absolve herself of her obligation to her daughter; rather, her daughter's distress drove her to Christ as she sought all the help she could find. Although she was a Gentile, when she cried out for help, her words indicated that she acknowledged Christ Jesus as the Messiah of Israel, the LORD, and as the Son of David.



This Gentile woman acknowledged that Jesus, as the Divine LORD, would have the Almighty Power to command deliverance for her daughter. Also, as the human Son of David, He would feel her pain and have mercy upon her.

She pled not her merit but Christ's Mercy. The Syrophenician woman first met with seeming rejection from the LORD; He answered not a word. In addition, she met with definite rejection from Christ's Disciples, who besought Him to send her away because, as a Gentile, she was bringing shame to them who were Jews.



The Disciples, in their blind ignorance, said, "Send her away; for she crieth after us." She was not crying after the Disciples. She was crying after the LORD Jesus Christ, the One Who had the Humility Bread, Who was indeed *the* Humility Bread!

After Jesus had treated the woman with utter silence, He seemed to reject her further by saying, in so many words, "It is not meet or fitting for Me to take the children's bread, all the unleavened bread of Israel, and give it to the dogs of the Gentiles."

Quickly, she assumed the humility position of a Gentile dog under the table and begged for the crumbs of Christ's Bread. Because she speedily accepted the humble position under the table with the dogs, allowing the LORD to bend her heart and will into a Humility Pot, she was able to hold up her Pot of Humility to the LORD for Him to put in His Powerful, Humility Bread of Truth that would heal, free, and strengthen her daughter.

The woman's answer to Jesus revealed her possession of His Humility Pot. A proud, unhumiliated will and heart never would have accepted the Truth of being a Gentile dog. However, she said, "Truth, LORD. I'm nothing but a Gentile dog."

A humble, believing heart and will that truly loves Christ will accept everything Jesus says and does and will put the best construction upon it.

The Syrophenician woman came and worshipped the LORD and prayed in faith, believing as she said, "LORD, help me." She still had faith in Jesus' Human Kindness, Tenderness, and Compassion. She believed that He could and would help her, so she continued with her persistent praying.

Humility always "Truths the Truth." By "Truthing the Truth," we form Pots of Humility! When we say, "God, You are the Head over all things, and whatever You say and do is what I deserve," we form Humility Pots which are fit vessels for God's Holy Bread of Truth.

The Syrophenician woman said, "Truth, LORD; I am nothing but a dog." She did not wait a day or two before she embraced the Truth Jesus spoke. She quickly allowed the LORD to form a Pot of Humility in her heart and caught the Truth as Jesus spoke it; and, then, she guarded it in her Humility Pot. First, she accepted the Truth by saying, "Truth, LORD. I'm nothing but a Gentile dog." Because she did not reject the Truth, but accepted it and guarded it, she could begin to feed on it, saying, "I am nothing but a dog. I do not deserve Bread from the LORD." Her humility acceptance of Jesus' Words of Truth made it possible for her to receive a new revelation of Truth—that dogs get the crumbs!

"Truth, LORD. I don't deserve anything but to be down under the table, with the smelly feet, and to be kicked around with the dogs. That is where I belong. I do not deserve anything more. Truth, LORD. Truth, LORD." She had caught the Truth from Jesus with her Pot of Humility. She had caught some Unleavened Humility Bread in the form of "crumbs under the table." While she was eating of the Truth, she had received the revelation that dogs are given the privilege of feasting on the leftover crumbs that fall from the Master's Table. The woman was saying in her heart and mind, "LORD, I know You are the Head, and I know what You say is true. I am nothing but a Gentile dog. I know that You are the Master, and I know that You are the Creator of dogs. Furthermore, I know, LORD, that even a Master feeds His Gentile dogs as well as He does Israel, His chosen ones." When Jesus saw the Syrophenician woman's Humility Pot, He joined His Humility Pot to hers; then, He filled it with humility crumbs from His Table.

Our Heavenly Master feeds with the Exalted Bread of Truth of the Resurrected Christ on the Table, and He feeds with the Humility Bread of the Crucified Christ under the Table. So it is supremely inconsequential where we eat spiritually, just as long as we are privileged to eat either the Humility Bread of the Crucified Christ under the Table or the Exalted Bread of the Resurrected Christ upon the Table. If we are really spiritually hungry, we will not care whether we are eating *on* the Table (above) or on the floor (*beneath* the Table) just as long as we are privileged to eat of Christ's Living Bread of Truth. If we are in love with the "above" position, we are not in love with the Bread of Truth itself.

People are not hungry who are too finicky to eat natural food because they do not like the way it is prepared or who are too fussy to eat if they do not have the right knife, the right fork, or the right china; they are simply ungrateful, sick souls!

When we are desperate to know Jesus Christ in the Power of His Resurrection and in the Fellowship of His Suffering and our soul is filled with hungry longing for the LORD, we will say, "LORD, take me in whatever painful ways You have to take me. Do whatever chastening, correcting, or circumcising You have to do in my heart and will. But, Jesus, please give me more of Your precious Bride's Bread. I must have Your Bread of Life. I must have Your Sincere Bread of Truth. I am sick with love for the True Bread which has come down from Heaven." A person who is spiritually hungry will pray in this way. (I know because this is how I pray.)

Remember, there is exalted food above, on the table, and there is humility food below, in the low place under the table. The LORD Jesus Christ feeds us both ways. When we are spiritually hungry for the LORD, we do not care whether we are eating of the Crucified Christ or of the Resurrected Christ as long as we are privileged to feed on Christ. The Bread of Truth is so sweet to our spiritual palate, and we are so absorbed with the pleasurable delights of it, that we forget all about the position in which we find ourself.

Anyone who has ever fasted several meals has felt the deep pangs of hunger. At this time, a person would be so delighted just to steal away under the table and have a good, humble meal. This is how it is when our soul is consumed with spiritual longing for the LORD's Bread of Truth.

After the Syrophenician woman had accepted the humble revelation that she was a Gentile dog and had humbled herself, and after she had allowed the LORD's Humble Word to form His Pot of Humility in her heart, she soon received Jesus' Life-giving, Unleavened Bread. She discovered the first bite of Jesus' Humility Bread had power to heal her feeble faith. She also discovered Jesus' Humility Bread was Omnipresent. She perceived it was not limited to her little Pot of Humility, for it reached to where her sick daughter was. And, when her sick daughter was touched by Jesus' Humility Bread of Truth, she was made well.

God's Master Plan and Purposive Will always reveal and command His Humility Bread to precede His Exalted

Bread.

Sometimes, God allows us to experience humiliating situations that put us in a low place, and we complain by saying, “God, I just do not understand why You are doing this to me. Look at my brother and sister. They are standing up so tall, and I know that I am just as good as either of them. In fact, I think I am a little better. I have seen them act worse than I do; yet, You are allowing all these painful things to happen to me. You are allowing me to be pushed down, and it is not fair. I do not understand it. In fact, I think I will just pout about it.”

If someone asks us why we are pouting, we say, through clinched teeth, “I’m not pouting. I’m not angry. How can you even think that anything is wrong with me? Can’t you see I’ve got the victory? Everything is fine. Just leave me alone.”

What a sorry sight we are! We are not resting or lying down among our Pots of Humility when we have this kind of attitude. We are sitting by visible humility pots, but we are unlike the Syrophenician woman. We are not allowing Christ to form His Invisible Humility Pot in our heart. Our complaining reveals that we are strangers to God’s Holy Nature, His Master Plan, and His Purposive Will.

We often miss the whole Divine Purpose of our being put in the low place, which is to humble ourself willingly under the mighty Hand of the LORD, the Divine Master Potter Who desires to mould and fashion a Spiritual Humility Pot in our heart which can hold His Humility Bread of Truth. The Syrophenician woman found all the Humility Bread she needed under the table with the dogs because she presented Jesus with her empty Humility Pot.

God allows us to sit in a low place until we learn what His Holy Purpose is: which is for us to rest in trustful confidence in His Holy Nature, to unite our will in Holy Matrimony with His Will, to plant us in Christ’s Death—so that our old heart can lose its unChrist-like image and so that we can be overlaid with the Espousal Skirt of Jesus Christ, the Heavenly Bridegroom.

If our attitude is right when the LORD sits us among the humility pots, we will have a diametrically different attitude from the reaction we have just described (when we have pouted over the trials that God has allowed us to experience). God puts us in situations that are humiliating and painful, surrounding us with visible pots of humility. He may say, “I want you to humble yourself. I want you to take the low place among these pots, willingly. I am going to allow you to be treated like the scum of the Earth, and I am going to allow people to kick you around.”

If we already have allowed the Master Potter to break our old heart and reshape it into a Humility Pot on the potter’s wheel of His Purposive Will, we will say, “Yes, LORD, I don’t even deserve to be here. LORD, this is better than I deserve. I deserve Hell; instead, I am receiving the privilege of polishing my Spiritual Humility Pot so that You can fill it with fresh, new Spiritual Bread of Truth. LORD, I would rather be beneath the table with the dogs where I can receive your miraculous Bread of Life than to be above the table without You and your Living Bread of Truth.”

Remember, our visible pots can be people abusing us, rejecting us, falsely accusing us, persecuting us, or calling us names. But, with a true Humility Pot in our heart, we will say, “Yes, LORD, I deserve it. Thank You for these visible pots of humility that You are using to help me obtain new, Invisible Pots of Humility in my heart that will hold the new, fresh Bread of Truth that You have prepared for me.”

When Jesus sees us willing to accept the pots He has placed around us, He will say, “Since you have humbled yourself and appreciated the humiliating pots that I have allowed to come your way, I have a new, Invisible Humility Pot that I will put inside your *visible* humility pot.”

Next, the Miracle-Bread that Jesus served in the desert and in the wilderness was a fulfillment of the type of bread that the LORD served Israel in her journey through the desert and the wilderness—the Manna-Bread.

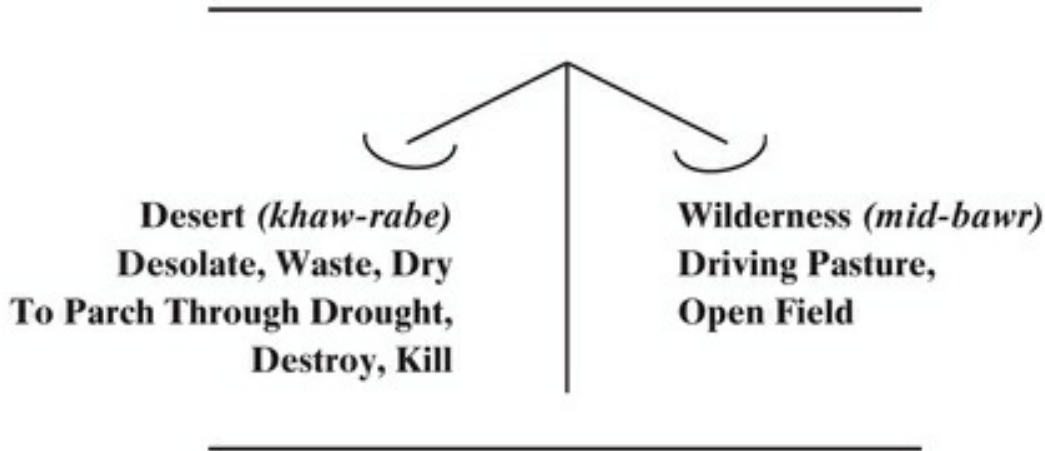
II. Jesus’ Exalted, Resurrected Bread, Given to the Multitude in the Desert and in the Wilderness, Was the Fulfillment of the Manna-Bread that Israel Ate in the Desert and in the Wilderness.

In the New Testament, Jesus gave His Miracle-Bread in two different places: a desert place and a wilderness place, just as God gave Israel Miracle-Bread in the wilderness and in the desert in the Old Testament.

And when it was evening, his disciples came to him, saying, **This is a desert place**, and the time is now past; send the multitude away, that they may go into the villages, and buy themselves victuals. But Jesus said unto them, They need not depart; give ye them to eat. And they say unto him, We have here but five loaves, and two fishes. He said, Bring them hither to me. And he commanded the multitude **to sit down on the grass**, and took the **fives loaves, and the two fishes**, and looking up to heaven, he blessed, and brake, and gave the loaves to *his* disciples, and the disciples to the multitude. **And they did all eat, and were filled:** and they took up of the fragments that remained twelve baskets full. And they

that had eaten were about five thousand men, beside women and children (Matthew 14:15-21).

When He fed Miracle-Bread to those who followed Him, Jesus purposely went into a desert place, a dry, waste place that was parched because of a drought. Then, He also fed the multitude in the wilderness, the place of unrestrained growth.



A. Jesus Gave Miracle-Bread to the Multitude in the Desert, a Dry, Parched Place.

First, Jesus' miraculous Word and Power created green grass upon which He commanded the multitude to sit (Mark 6:39). Then, the LORD, with His miraculous Word and Power, created Bread which He fed to the five thousand.

This teaches us that if we will sit down and rest in faith, believing on God's Living, "Green" Word, He will feed us with the Bread of His Truth.

Christ's Disciples received Bread from Christ's Hands, and then they passed it out to the multitude in the desert place. Christ's disciples, today, who are close to Him and who have clean, Holy hands always will be given Bread to share with those who are hungry around them.

In her wilderness journey, God gave Israel Bread in the desert, the dry, parched place, and in the wilderness, the place of unrestrained growth. Yet, Israel provoked Him in the wilderness and grieved Him in the desert.

How oft **did they provoke him in the wilderness, and grieve him in the desert!** Yea, they turned back and tempted God, and limited the Holy One of Israel (Psalm 78:40,41).

Israel provoked or rebelled against the LORD. They proudly demanded that He give them proof, according to their wills, that His Presence and Power were with them. They desired to dictate to the LORD what method and manner He should take in leading them and providing for them. They desired to limit Him to their time and their way. And, when He did not take heed to them, they murmured and complained against Him.

We blaspheme God's Wisdom and betray our Pride of Revelation, Redemption, and Satisfaction when we try to dictate to the LORD. Israel limited God in His supplying their future needs because they forgot His former Blessings from His Almighty Power and Presence.

They soon forgot his works; they waited not for his counsel: But lusted exceedingly in the wilderness, and tempted God in the desert. **And he gave them their request; but sent leanness into their soul** (Psalm 106:13-15).

The cause of Israel's sin against God's Bread in the desert and in the wilderness was that they forgot; they discarded God's Word and Works. They truly never had surrendered to God's Holy Headship. Israel expected to get to Canaan's Land quickly, but they did not, so they questioned whether they ever would reach their destination. Hence, they complained about the Bread in the desert and in the wilderness and about all the difficulties they had met within the Way. They forgot all about God's former Words and Works that were undeniable evidences of His Wisdom, Knowledge, Merciful Power, and Gracious Goodness. They did not have the necessary surrender and

patience to wait and tarry for God's Time and Way. Consequently, God gave them up to their own heart's lust, allowing them to walk after their own proud counsels.

Because of ingratitude for God's miraculous Bread, the Israelites lusted for flesh to eat. God gave them their desire, but He sent leanness into their soul. They obtained flesh from God's Wrath; therefore, it was a curse instead of a blessing because they were ungrateful for His Manna-Bread that He had sent them in His Love and Peace.

However, the multitude in the New Testament who ate of Christ's miraculous Bread and Meat in the desert was grateful, blessed, and satisfied with His provision.

Likewise, we, too, will be happy and satisfied with our daily Bread in our spiritually dry, desert places when our heart is surrendered to God's Method and Manner of feeding us.

B. Jesus Gave Miracle-Bread to the Multitude in the Wilderness, a Place of Unrestrained Growth.

The second time that Jesus fed the multitude with Miracle-Bread was in the wilderness.

Then Jesus called his disciples *unto him*, and said, I have compassion on the multitude, because they continue with me now three days, and have nothing to eat: and I will not send them away fasting, lest they faint in the way. And his disciples say unto him, Whence should we have so much bread in the wilderness, as to fill so great a multitude? And Jesus saith unto them, How many loaves have ye? And they said, *Seven, and a few little fishes. And he commanded the multitude to sit down on the ground.* And he took the seven loaves and the fishes, and gave thanks, and brake *them*, and gave to his disciples, and the disciples to the multitude. And they did all eat, and were filled: and they took up of the broken *meat* that was left seven baskets full (Matthew 15:32-37).

Although the wilderness was covered with unrestrained growth, there was no suitable bread or meat in this place. First, Jesus, through His miraculous Word, cleansed the ground of all wild growth. Then, He commanded the people to sit down upon the ground. In the dry, desert place, Jesus provided a fresh, green, grassy carpet on which the people could sit. However, in the wilderness, He provided plain, clean ground for a sitting place; then, He fed them with His miraculous Bread.

This lesson is to teach us that if we will sit submissively in the place Christ has chosen for us, He will feed us with His Life-giving, Strength-giving Bread. God is the Master and Owner; therefore, He has the legal right to say where we will find the Bread. He will not give His Bread of Life upon the wild, unrestrained growth of our flesh nor upon the dry ground or death of our flesh.

In the desert, the LORD miraculously covered the death of the dry, parched ground with green, living grass. Christ will not feed our dry, dead flesh with His Bread of Life. We must allow Him, first, to cover us with the Life of His Resurrected Blood; then He will feed us with His precious Bread of Life. Likewise, Christ will not give us His precious Bread of Life while we are sitting upon the unrestrained growth of our flesh. We must allow Him to crucify this unrestrained growth, killing it down to the ground. When He sees us sitting on the plain ground, He will feed us with His Living Bread.

This is exactly what God did in Israel's wilderness. God's Spiritual Principles are forever the same!

I have heard the murmurings of the children of Israel: speak unto them, saying, At even ye shall eat flesh, and in the morning ye shall be filled with bread; and ye shall know that *I am* the LORD your God. And it came to pass, that at even the quails came up, and covered the camp: and in the morning the dew lay round about the host. And when the dew that lay was gone up, behold, upon the face of the wilderness *there lay* a small round thing, as small as the hoar frost on the ground. And when the children of Israel saw *it*, they said one to another, *It is manna*: for they wist not what it was. **And Moses said unto them, This is the bread which the LORD hath given you to eat** (Exodus 16:12-15).

And when the dew fell upon the camp in the night, the manna fell upon it (Numbers 11:9).

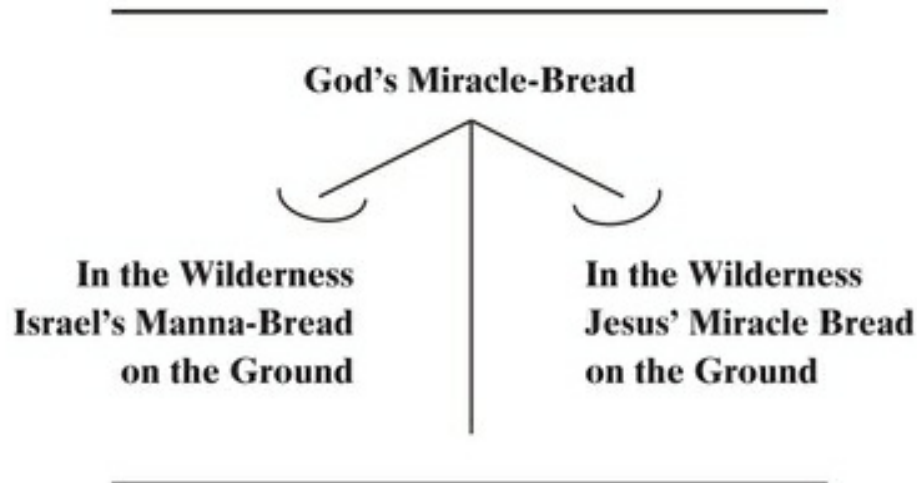
The Manna-Bread lay in a "dewy chest" upon the ground. When the first layer of dew was melted, the manna was visible as it lay swimming in the second layer of dew which was upon the ground. Thus, the Manna was enclosed between two humility layers of dew to insure its freedom from all dirt. God miraculously cleansed the wilderness of its unrestrained growth, and He miraculously gave two protective layers of dew to insure the freshness and cleanness of the Bread.

The miracles the LORD performed for Israel and the miracles Jesus Christ performed for the multitude are instructive examples to us of God's faithfulness to feed His people natural and Spiritual Bread when they are in the

right place at the right time, sitting upon the Life and Death of Jesus Christ. What unspeakable Truth!

God fed Israel in Egypt with unleavened bread, which He put in her humility pots; and He fed her with Heavenly Manna-Bread in the desert and in the wilderness. Likewise, Jesus Christ fed the Syrophenician woman with His Humility Bread, which He put in her Humility Pot because she was willing to assume the low place under the table. And, He fed the multitudes with His Miraculous, Resurrected Bread in both the desert and in the wilderness.

When God led Israel into the wilderness, He provided miracle Manna-Bread on the ground. Likewise, when Jesus led the multitude into the wilderness to heal their bodily afflictions, He gave them miracle bread upon the ground.



After Jesus had healed the sick of the great multitude who were with Him, He had compassion or pity upon them because they had been without food for three days. Therefore, He performed a miracle and fed them bread in the wilderness. However, before He performed a miracle with the seven loaves and the few fishes, He commanded the people to sit down on the freshly cleansed ground. The LORD always feeds us with His miraculous Bread when we are resting submissively in His appointed low place.

The third class of Bread that the LORD provided for Israel's humility pots was in Canaan's Land. He gave her corn, both old and new, which was fulfilled by Jesus in the New Testament when He gave His Body, which had been prepared by the Father as a sacrifice for the life of mankind.

III. Jesus' Body, the Corn of Wheat or Bread, Which Was Prepared by the Father and Given for Mankind, Was the Fulfillment of the Old Corn and the New Corn that Israel Ate in Canaan's Land.

Jesus Christ gave His Disciples a new Commandment when He offered the Flesh and Blood of His Body that had been prepared for Him by His Father.

Wherefore when he cometh into the world, he saith, Sacrifice and offering thou wouldest not, **but a body hast thou prepared me:** (Hebrews 10:5).

The Father prepared the Son's Body for Him, and the Son freely gave that Body for the life of mankind.

I am the living bread which came down from heaven: if any man eat of this bread, he shall live for ever: and **the bread that I will give is my flesh**, which I will give for the life of the world (John 6:51).

Christ's Body was the fulfillment of the "Choice Corn" of Canaan's Land, which the *Father prepared* and which the *Son*, Jesus Christ, *gave*. This Body and Blood is the Father and Son's Meat and Drink on the Communion table.

And as they were eating, **Jesus took bread, and blessed it, and brake it, and gave it to the disciples, and said, Take, eat; this is my body.** And he took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave *it* to them, saying, Drink ye all of it; For this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins. But I say unto you, I will not drink henceforth of this fruit of the vine, until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom (Matthew 26:26-29).

The Body prepared by the Father and the Body with its Flesh and Blood that was given by the Son are our meat and drink, both now and in the Father's Eternal Kingdom.

First, let us consider the old and new corn that the Israelites ate in Canaan's Land. God gave Israel old and new corn in the earthly Canaan's Land, which was a type of Jesus Christ coming in the flesh to this earthly Canaan's Land in order to bring us the Corn of the Father's Bread of Truth.

And they did eat of the old corn of the land on the morrow after the passover, unleavened cakes, and parched *corn* in the selfsame day. And the manna ceased on the morrow **after they had eaten of the old corn of the land**; neither had the children of Israel manna any more; but **they did eat of the fruit of the land of Canaan that year** (Joshua 5:11,12).

The ultimate Goal of the Crucified Christ in Egypt and the Resurrected Christ in the wilderness was to bring the Israelites to the Father's Corn of Truth in Canaan's Land.

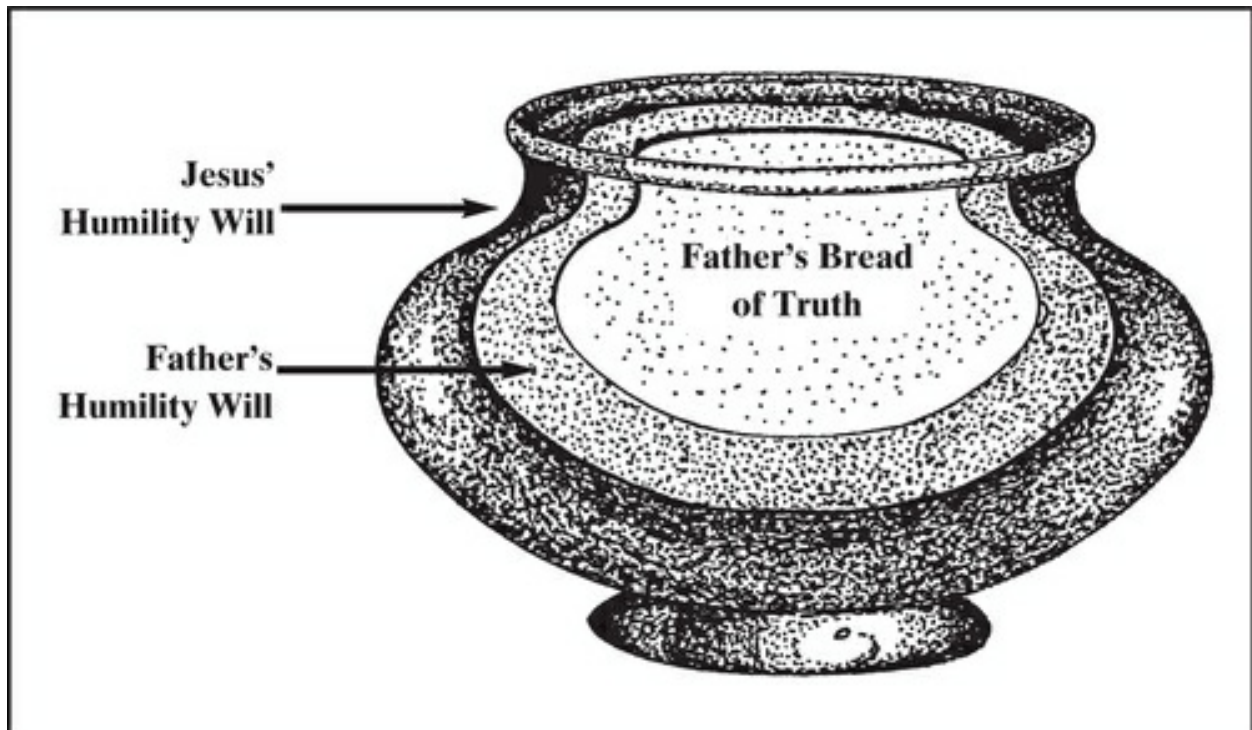
The old Corn or Bread of Truth is the Unbegotten Bread of Truth. The new Corn or Bread of Truth is the Father's Eternal Union with His Son, the Begotten Bread of Truth.

The Apostle Paul desired that the God of our LORD Jesus Christ, the Father of Glory, give the Ephesian saints the Spirit of Wisdom and the Spirit of Illumination so that they could know and understand the Hope of His Calling for the saints, the Glory of His Inheritance in the saints, and the exceeding greatness of His Mighty Power.

That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him: The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints, And what *is* the exceeding greatness of his power to usward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power, Which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set *him* at his own right hand in the heavenly *places*, Far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come: And hath put all *things* under his feet, and gave him *to be* the head over all *things* to the church, Which is his body, the fulness of him that filleth all in all (Ephesians 1:17-23).

God the Father, the Unbegotten Bread of Truth, the Ancient Corn of the Heavenly Canaan's Land, raised up His only Begotten Son from the dead. Afterward, the Father exalted the Son at His own Right Hand in an Eternal Union with Him Who was the Unbegotten Bread of Truth. Thus, the LORD Jesus Christ has become the New Corn in the Heavenly Canaan's Land.

Jesus' Heart and Will were a continual Pot of Humility or Vessel for the Father's Humility Will.



The Spirit declared that Christ's sole Purpose for coming to this world was to do His Father's Will.

Then said I, Lo, I come (in the volume of the book it is written of me) **to do thy will, O God.** Above when he said, Sacrifice and offering and burnt offerings and *offering* for sin thou wouldst not, neither hadst pleasure *therein*; which are offered by the law; Then said he, Lo, I come to do thy will, O God. He taketh away the first, that he may establish the second. By the which will we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all (Hebrews 10:7-9).

Jesus came into this world with His Will bent into a Humility Pot, and He continually kept His Will in the humble, surrendered, submissive, and obedient position. So His Father's Will or Humility Pot was always within His Will, and His Father's Bread of Truth always filled His Pot of Humility.

Jesus declared that the Words of Truth He gave were those of His Father.

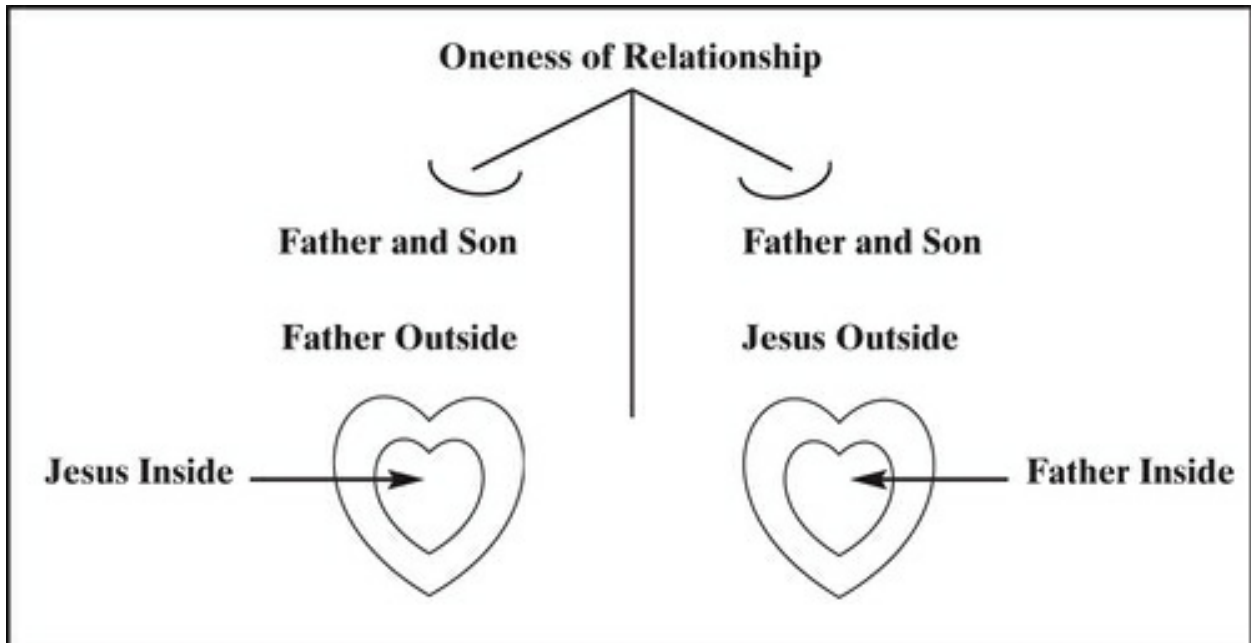
He that loveth me not keepeth not my sayings: **and the word which ye hear is not mine, but the Father's which sent me.** These things have I spoken unto you, being *yet* present with you (John 14:24,25).

Jesus constantly fed His Disciples with His Father's Words of Truth in the earthly Canaan's Land. Therefore, they could count on all the Wisdom and Knowledge that He had given them as being the Father's Bread or Corn from the Heavenly Canaan's Land.

Jesus Christ always proclaimed His Unity or Oneness of Relationship with His Father.

I and my Father are one. Then the Jews took up stones again to stone him. Jesus answered them, Many good works have I shewed you from my Father; for which of those works do ye stone me? The Jews answered him, saying, For a good work we stone thee not; but for blasphemy; and because that thou, being a man, makest thyself God. Jesus answered them, Is it not written in your law, I said, Ye are gods? If he called them gods, unto whom the word of God came, and the scripture cannot be broken; Say ye of him, whom the Father hath sanctified, and sent into the world, Thou Blasphemest; because I said, I am the Son of God? If I do not the works of my Father, believe me not. But if I do, though ye believe not me, believe the works: that ye may know, and believe, that **the Father is in me, and I in him.** Therefore they sought again to take him: but he escaped out of their hand, (John 10:30-39).

Jesus revealed that He was One with His Father through the Father's being in Him and through His being in the Father.



The Father and the Son were One in Position, Power, and Glory. The Father knew how to assume the humility position inside Jesus Christ in order to exalt Him on the outside. And Jesus Christ knew how to assume the humility position inside the Father in order to exalt the Father on the outside. Hence, they were One in Humility Nature,

always willing to become invisible and unknown, in order to make each other known according to God's Master Plan and Purposive Will. Likewise, they were One in their exalted Nature, always willing to be known and exalted according to God's Master Plan and Purposive Will. Although the Father and the Son were separate individuals, they possessed a Oneness of Nature, Position, Power, and Glory.

Jesus Christ was the Father's Bread of the old and new Corn that came down from Heaven.

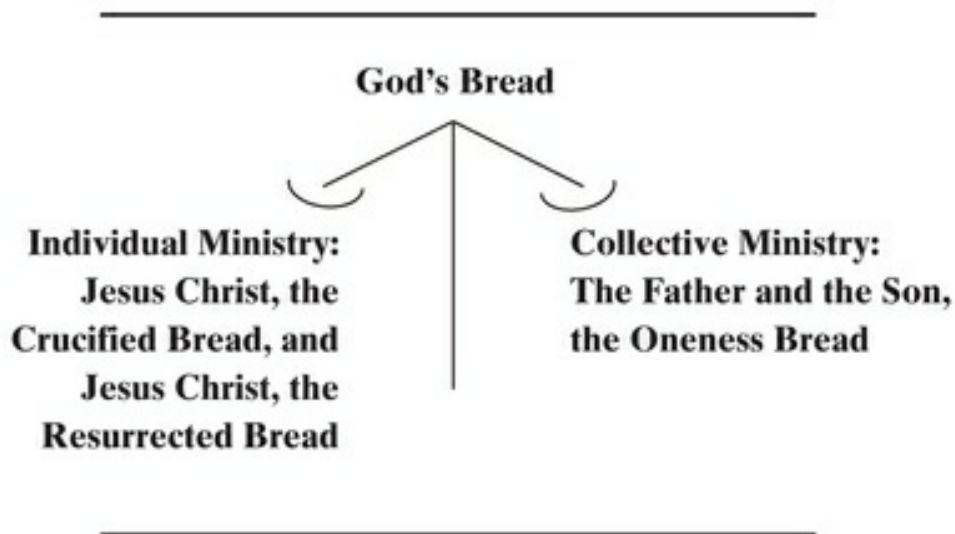
Then Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Moses gave you not that bread from heaven; but **my Father giveth you the true bread from heaven.** For the bread of God is he which cometh down from heaven and giveth life unto the world. Then said they unto him, Lord, evermore give us this bread. And Jesus said unto them, **I am the bread of life:** he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst (John 6:32-35).

I am that bread of life. Your fathers did eat manna in the wilderness, and are dead. This is the bread which cometh down from heaven, that a man may eat thereof, and not die. **I am the living bread which came down from heaven:** if any man eat of this bread, he shall live for ever: and the bread that I will give is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world. The Jews therefore strove among themselves, saying, How can this man give us *his* flesh to eat? 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. Whoso eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, hath eternal life; and I will raise him up at the last day. For my flesh is meat indeed, and my blood is drink indeed. He that eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, dwelleth in me, and I in him. As the living Father hath sent me, and I live by the Father: so he that eateth me, even he shall live by me (John 6:48-57).

The Father's Bread of Truth, through Christ, is to man's soul and spirit what natural bread is to the body—it nourishes and sustains the soul and spirit of man. Christ Jesus is God's Divine "Corn-Bread." He *is* the *Corn of Wheat* that had to fall into the ground and die.

Verily, verily, I say unto you, **Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone: but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit** (John 12:24).

The Father's "Corn-Bread" from Heaven fell into the "ground" of a human Body at His incarnation. Christ's Glory was buried alive, as it were, in this Earth. He died physically and was buried in Death, Hell, and the grave. But, with His Eternal, Unbegotten Glory, the Father raised up Jesus and multiplied His Corn of Wheat into an Omnipresent Bread to satisfy all penitent, hungry hearts who come to the Crucified Christ and the Resurrected Christ and who come to the Oneness Bread of the Father and the Son.



God gave Israel unleavened bread in Egypt as a type of Jesus Christ, the Crucified Bread. Then, He gave her Manna-Bread in the wilderness as a type of Jesus Christ, the Resurrected Bread.

I will not leave you comfortless: **I will come to you....** He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and **I will love him, and will manifest myself to him** (John 14:18,21).

Jesus Christ, as an Individual, personally comes to feed all penitent, hungry hearts with His Bread of Humility and Crucifixion and with His Bread of Exaltation and Resurrection Power in order to prepare the heart to feed on the Oneness Bread of the Father and the Son.

How beautiful is the Eternal, Collective Ministry of the Father and the Son Who, together, give the Bread of Truth, which causes the soul to delight in its Oneness of Relationship as a Son with the Father and as a Bride with the Son.

Jesus answered and said unto him, If a man love me, he will keep my words: and **my Father will love him, and we will come unto him**, and make our abode with him (John 14:23).

The Bread of Truth of the Father and the Son converts the human nature of the heart, making it like unto the Father and the Son, Who can be inside or outside, visible or invisible, known or unknown, without breaking the pleasant, harmonious relationship in the Divine Godhead. This is the Corn, the Bread of Truth in the heavenly Canaan's Land. This is why only God, the Lamb, and the Bride are permanent residents in the New City.

And I saw no temple therein: **for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are the temple of it**. And the city had no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine in it: for the glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb is the light thereof (Revelation 21:22,23).

And there shall be no more curse: but the throne of God and of the Lamb *shall be* in it; and his servants shall serve him: **And they shall see his face; and his name shall be in their foreheads** (Revelation 22:3,4).

How pleasant and satisfying it is to be delighted in our Spiritual Oneness of Relationship with the Father and the Son instead of glorying in an inner or outer position. Those who are One with God and His Son will have His Name and will dwell in His Presence.

While He was here on Earth, Jesus did all the things that He saw His Father doing, which means that it was the Father and the Son Who led the Disciples, on the Sabbath Day, to the Corn in Canaan's Land.

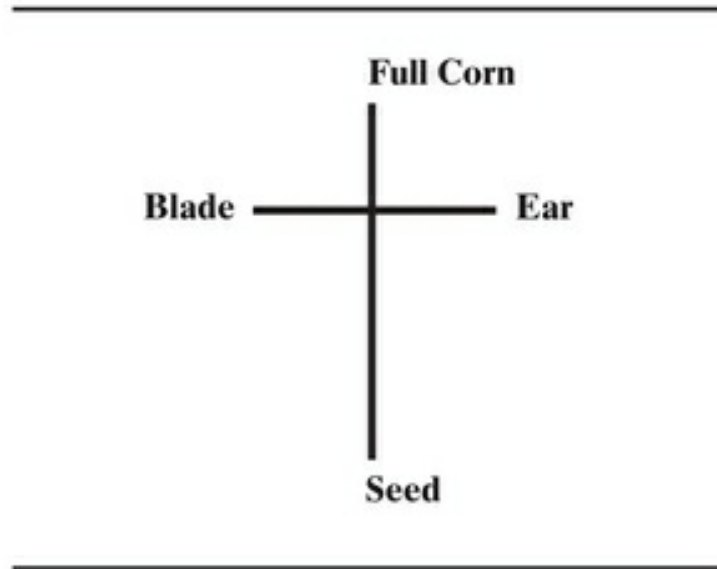
At that time **Jesus went on the sabbath day through the corn;** and his disciples were an hungred, **and began to pluck the ears of corn, and to eat....** For the Son of man is Lord even of the sabbath day (Matthew 12:1,8).

Jesus led His Disciples to the natural corn of Canaan's Land in order to prove that He was able to lead them to the Father's Corn in Spiritual Canaan's Land.

Jesus also taught that the appearance of the full corn was a sign of complete maturity.

For the earth bringeth forth fruit of herself; **first the blade, then the ear, after that the full corn in the ear** (Mark 4:28).

Corn in the natural realm begins as a seed and ends with the full corn.



Likewise, in the spiritual realm, our experience begins with Christ, the Incorruptible Seed, in the born-again experience (I Peter 1:23). Then, as we feed on the Bread of Truth of the Crucified Christ and the Resurrected Christ, we are brought to the full Corn or Bread of Truth of the Father and the Son.

The three kinds of Bread that the LORD provides for the Humility Pots that we allow Him to form in our heart are the following:

1. The Unleavened Bread of Truth of the Crucified Christ that will heal us when we “Truth the Truth” that He is the Head and Master of all things in our life.
2. The Miracle Life-giving and Strength-giving Bread of Truth of the Resurrected Christ that He gives after we have allowed Him to cover our dead flesh with His Life-giving, Resurrected Blood and after we have allowed Him to crucify the unrestrained growth of our flesh.
3. The Unbegotten Bread of Truth of the Father and the Begotten Bread of Truth of the Son which came to us through the Body that was prepared by the Father and given by the Son.

Believers who are spiritually hungry are willing to have the LORD bend or shape their hearts in whatever way is necessary in order to convert them into Humility Pots that will receive and hold Christ’s Living Bread of Truth.

Chapter Six

Pots of Suffering and Pots of Failure Can Become Pots of Humility to Hold Christ's Bread of Truth

We are following a Saviour Who has walked the path of suffering perfectly—in perfect Understanding and in perfect Obedience. He is complete in all respects, without defect or omission; He is sound and flawless. Our Saviour is most excellent in Wisdom, Understanding, and Knowledge.

Because He was made Flesh, He knows and understands the weaknesses of our humanity. He understands how we suffer when we fail.

We all have failed miserably at different times, especially in our attitude, when God's Headship has placed us down among the humility pots. When the flesh discovers that it is out of control and that it is not a little "god" after all, it frets, murmurs, and complains out of the deep-seated anger in its Pride of Redemption. Because our Pride of Redemption needs to be cleansed from its anger, God, in His Wise Design, sets us in the midst of some kind of humility pots so that our evil inclinations and attitudes will boil to the surface. In other words, He puts us in His Refining Pot. When our sinful nature surfaces, we can repent of it and surrender it to Jesus for crucifixion. It is possible for us to submit to God's Purposive Will in the midst of humiliating "pots." We can obediently praise and thank the Holy Name of the LORD, knowing that He gives the best of His Bread in every humiliating place.

Being in God's Will does not keep us from experiencing the pain of suffering. If we suffer with Him, we shall reign with Him.

Suffering is God's Refining Pot. The tears we shed while we are suffering in God's Refining Pot wash our eyes until we clearly can see the Truth, the LORD Jesus Christ, in all things. **Suffering is a school of virtue; it corrects our diseased perception of reality concerning creature-creature relationships and helps us see the brevity of life in this present evil world.** Suffering is a threshingfloor where the chaff of our flesh is separated from the fine wheat, the Bread of Truth, in our soul.

Many precious, hidden Truths are not seen nor perceived until God puts us in a furnace of suffering. The LORD's most sturdy saints and His stoutest soldiers are fashioned and framed in the furnace of suffering.

Suffering is the fine soil of virtue where Jesus' Sweet Humility and His Patient Endurance take root downward, bearing the fruit of His Love, Joy, and Peace upward. It is the wounded, nail-scarred Hand of Jesus that serves us the cup of suffering. In order to bring us to true, Eternal happiness, Jesus is compelled to set us among the humility pots of the suffering of disease, of disappointments, of disaster, and failure.

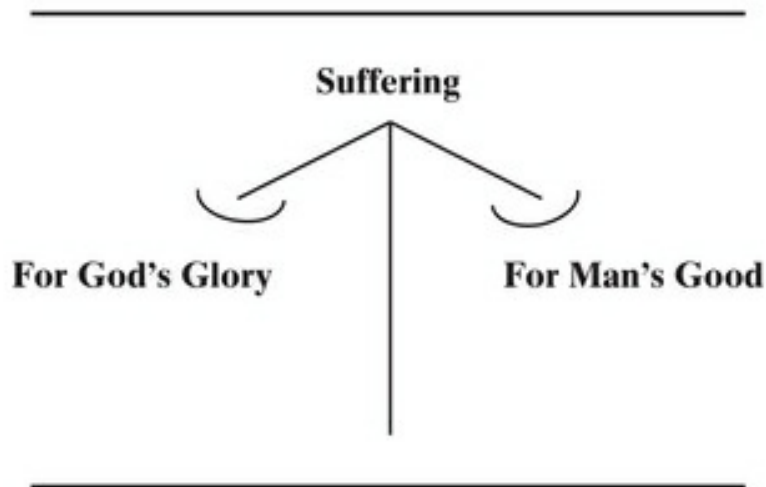
Our LORD and Master, Jesus Christ, suffered, and He has taught us that the servant is not above the Master (John 15:20). He also has left us an example of suffering, and He commands us to follow in His Holy Steps (I Peter 2:21). Our LORD and Saviour is a good God; therefore, those He loves, He chastens through suffering (Hebrews 12:6). Until we have passed through the furnace of suffering, we are blind to the amount of dross in our corrupt human nature.

The greatest temptation that we face while we are in the furnace of suffering is to overlook God's Headship, God's Hand, and God's Heart. We consider our circumstances as mere accidents or unavoidable evils, or we place the blame for our suffering on others. Humility pots of suffering are God's containers for our spiritual food, which is the Unleavened Humility Bread that Christ has on His Divine Diet for us. Our soul is made good and better through suffering, just as a flower's sweet fragrance is released when it is crushed.

Consider Moses' life as an example of suffering. God said, "Moses, go tell My people that I am ready to bring them to birth as a nation. I am ready to bring them to national maturity. I am ready to take them to Canaan's Land. Also, tell Pharaoh to let my people go." However, after Moses had delivered God's Message to Pharaoh, the fires of the Israelites' suffering burned all the brighter and hotter.

What should we do when we find ourselves in a similar situation, with an increase of suffering down among the

humility pots? We should take these humility pots or painful situations and come crawling to the Cross of Jesus and, by faith, put our face down at His Holy Feet. We should say, “God, You are Holy, Just, and Righteous. This suffering is for my good and for your Glory.”



If, in our suffering, we fail a million times a day in our spirit and attitude, let us keep on crawling right back to Calvary’s Cross until we are healed.

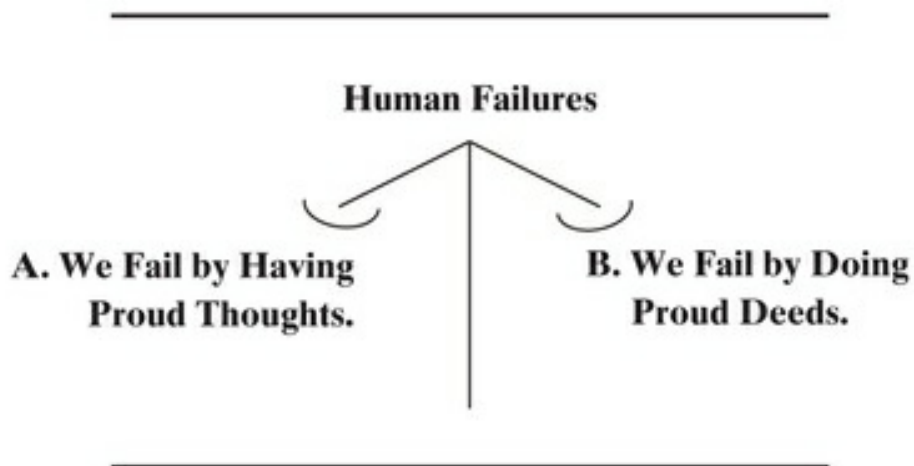
It is our pride that refuses to acknowledge our miserable failure in our attitude and spirit toward God. Yet, it is so foolish not to acknowledge our failure to the LORD.

Remember, Jesus has suffered in the place of what *seemed* to be failure. He, Who conquered the powers of darkness and obtained Eternal Redemption for the whole creation, hung upon Calvary’s Cross as the greatest Eternal Success. Yet, it appeared in the eyes of some and in the lives of some that He was an utter failure! But, there is no failure with God!

Because Jesus has suffered as a seeming failure, He understands how we feel in the place of failure. He is touched with the feelings of our infirmities (Hebrews 4:15).

I. There Are Two Classes of Human Failure.

One class of human failure is failure in the way we think, and the other is failure in what we do.



A. We Fail by Having Proud Thoughts.

When we think we are stronger than we really are, we experience failure. When we think we that are more powerful spiritually than we are, we experience failure. When we think our words have more force and authority than they have, we experience failure. When our thinking is puffed up with pride, we eventually fall.

Pride goeth before destruction, and an haughty spirit before **a fall** (Proverbs 16:18).

Proud thoughts are an offense against God; therefore, they must inevitably be punished. Proud thoughts establish our independence from God, and they arrogate the cause of all our successes to ourself; although, in reality, our successes belong to God's Mercy and Grace. A proud, haughty spirit always is brought down, which brings shame to its owner.

When pride cometh, then cometh shame: but with the lowly is wisdom (Proverbs 11:2).

When pride inflates our thinking, God brings us to shame by setting us in the low place among the humility pots.

A man's pride shall bring him low: but honour shall uphold the humble in spirit (Proverbs 29:23).

If we humble ourself under God's mighty Hand, His honourable Word will uphold us.

When we have failed by having proud, inflated thoughts, we need to come crawling to the feet of Jesus and confess our utter failure.

However, some proud people refuse to do that. They would rather serve the Devil than humble themselves by bringing their failure to the LORD. They are angry because God has brought them down to the low place, breaking their idolatrous images in the proud thoughts that they have about themselves. If they cannot serve God with pride, they will not serve Him at all.

When God exposes our proud thoughts about our powers, abilities, and talents, let us repent by saying, "LORD, I have failed because of my proud thoughts. I do not want them to continue leading me away from You and away from the Prize of being in the Bride. Jesus, I want to go on. I want to be real. I want to make it to the New City." When the LORD Jesus Christ sees our heart begin to humble, to surrender, to submit, and to be obedient by willingly taking the low place, He forms a new Pot of His Humility in our heart by His Mercy and Grace. Then, He fills His Humility Pot with His Bread of Truth. Thereafter, we can feast on the Bread of Truth out of our Humility Pot.

B. We Fail by Doing Proud Deeds.

Every one of us, at one time or another, has said, "God, I'm not going to open my mouth; I'm not going to utter a word about this person, this situation." But, our proud thoughts, from our Pride of Redemption or Satisfaction, have forced us to perform proud deeds, as we have spoken foolish, critical, angry, judgmental, or brow-beating words.

We open our mouth to perform proud deeds, doing exactly what we have said we will not do. We fail miserably; therefore, we feel like a scoundrel. If we do not repent, immediately, our obstinate pride will make us fear facing God in prayer because we feel that we have failed and look like the worst kind of rascal. Our guilt makes us feel like running in order to avoid facing God in the prayer closet. This is unreasonable! First of all, the LORD knows the thoughts and intents of our conscious mind, our subconscious mind, and our unconscious mind. All things are naked and open unto the Eyes of Him with whom we have to do.

It is ridiculous for us to think that we can escape God's Omnipresence. He sees our failures in all places and at all times. Since it is impossible to run away from God, the only wise thing to do is to humble ourself and face up to the failures we make during our moral development.

Our pride is the cause of all our failure. When we boast out of our proud pot, without having Christ's Pot of Humility within our heart, we can count on failing in our moral development. Therefore, it is unwise to say, boastfully, "I am going to do this, and I am going to do that." If God allowed us to fulfill all our proud boastings, we would become merciless robots, moved about by Luciferic pride.

If we desire to grow up in the Stature of Jesus Christ, both in our spiritual education and in our moral development, we must acknowledge our own spiritual failures. When there have been times that we have failed to come under the Headship of God's Word, and things have gone wrong, it is wise to acknowledge the Truth to God, repent, and ask Him to make a Humility Pot out of our heart.

If we sow failure, we surely can expect to reap failure. Hence, it is foolish and unwise to blame people, places, and things for the failures that we are reaping because of the failures that we have sown.

God wants us to take our pot of proud flesh and allow Him to convert it into a humility failure pot. Our flesh does not have a humility failure pot that has been regenerated, converted, conformed, and transformed into surrender to God's Master Plan and submission to His Purposive Will. When our flesh *has* been converted into a humility failure pot, we will give ourselves obediently and exclusively to Christ and submit to His right to rule and reign over us, waiting in complete dependence upon Him for His Governance and Guidance. Our proud failure pots are Eternal witnesses that our fleshly pride and carnal mind do not work in helping us go on for God. In fact, we cannot progress in our spiritual journey until we allow Christ to convert them and give us His Pots of Humility Surrender. All God asks us to do is to crawl to the foot of the Cross, by faith, and confess the Truth by saying, "God, my proud thoughts, my proud words, and my proud works have failed."

Some people proudly say, "But, you don't understand. I have been trying for fifty years to get victory over something." It does not take fifty years for the Crucifying Power of Christ and the Resurrection Power of Christ to give us victory. The proud efforts of the flesh always fail. Christ's Humility and Grace never fail!

If we will drag our proud failure pot to Jesus and sincerely repent, He, as the Master Potter, will remake our proud failure pot into a humility pot of surrender, submission, and obedience, which will be fit to receive Jesus' new Humility Pot. Then, He will fill it with the Bread of Truth which will provide us with a nourishing feast and give us strength to go on in our spiritual journey.

If we have not overcome some sin of pride in our life, it is obvious we either have not been sufficiently sincere, or we have not yet received sufficient Bread of Truth to make us strong.

There is another class of Humility Pot that we obtain by righteous deeds as we perform God's Holy Purposive Will, although others may consider us complete failures. When Jesus hung on Calvary's Cross, for example, according to most of the people (even His own Disciples), Jesus had failed. He had not broken the Roman yoke of bondage. Neither had He freed the nation of Israel nor given her an exalted throne upon which she could sit and reign. But, Jesus was in His Father's Will, giving His Life's Blood to free mankind from the yoke of sin and to regenerate, convert, conform, and transform man's old heart into a Holy Throne for the LORD.

Although man perceived Jesus as a failure pot of humility on the day of His Crucifixion, the appearance of failure was false and only temporary. Jesus had patience to wait for Resurrection Morning to prove that His Humility Pot on the Cross was not a failure, but rather an Eternal Success. Christ's Humility Pot was filled with Omnipresent, Eternal Bread on Resurrection Morning.

Likewise, sometimes it may appear that we have failed in our ministry to our spouse, our children, or others. But, if we have done our LORD's Will, and if we have accepted our humility pot that has been labeled "failure" by others, Christ will fill our Humility Pot with fresh, precious Bread of Truth. When this happens to me, I know where to go. I take my humility pot, labeled *failure*, and I crawl to the Feet of Jesus Christ to receive a new portion of His Humility Pot and to receive a fresh portion of His Bread of Truth.

The Truth is this: when we are doing God's Will, we do not fail. Hence, we must not allow the "failure" tag that others may put on our humility pot cause us to cast it away with contempt and scorn. Remember, this is the vessel that will hold a new portion of the LORD's Humility Pot which, in turn, will be filled with fresh, new Bread of Truth.

The fact that we may be going through suffering and death, right now, does not mean that we have failed. The fact that others may reject the message that we minister of Christ's Truth does not mean that we have failed. The important thing is to polish up the Humility Pot of our heart with Christ's Blood, Fire, and Water so that it will be a fit vessel to receive a new portion of the Humility Pot of Christ's Heart, thus increasing Christ's Surrender and Obedience within our heart. Then, we will receive fresh, new Bread of Truth from our LORD. Remember, all who have rejected Christ's humility message of separation from the world in this life will be forced to bow their knees and acknowledge Christ's Humility Truth in Eternity.

Let us never forget that Jesus will not put His Invisible Humility Bread in the pot of pride within our fleshly heart. Therefore, our proud pot must be broken, cleansed, and remade into a humble, yielded, and surrendered pot which will be a fit humility vessel for Christ's Humility Pot, the true receptacle for His Living Bread of Truth.

The powers of darkness do not want Christians to understand this failure syndrome. If we truly understand the failure syndrome, instead of running the other way, we will run quickly to the Feet of Jesus Christ with our proud failure pots and let Him change them into Humility Pots.

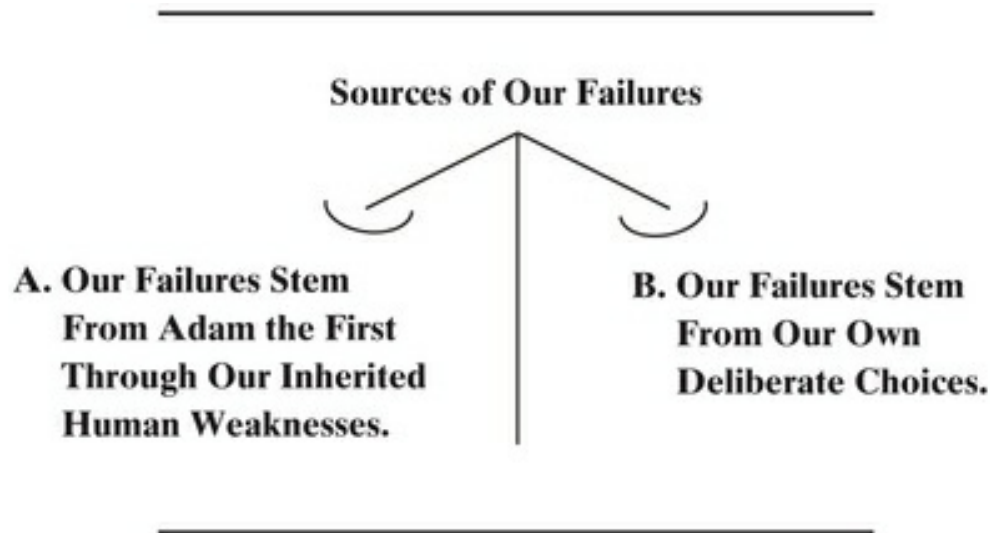
Failure is a great suffering to the soul and spirit. Anyone who is a minister or anyone who deals with people, their problems, and their failures sees the tremendous pain that people experience when they fail, whether their failure is

in the business world or in God's work or in their home life.

II. There Are Two Fundamental Sources of Human Failure.

Since God is Just, since He is Honest, and since He is True, why does He allow us to fail? It is not our daily human failures that will prevent us from obtaining the Prize—unless we use them as an excuse to run away from God. In our Christian walk, we may meet with daily failures in our attempts to be like Jesus; and many times we may find ourselves coming short of Jesus' Love, Mercy, Kindness, and Long-suffering. We must remember, however, that many of our failures are overcome only as we grow in the Stature of Jesus Christ. The more we humble ourselves, the more Living Bread of Truth we receive; and the more we eat of the Living Bread, the more we will grow to be like Jesus.

There are two basic causes of our human failures: one cause stems from our inherited carnal will which Adam the First passed on to us. And, the second cause of our failures stems from our deliberate choices.



A. Our Failures Stem from Adam the First Through Our Inherited Human Weaknesses.

Many of our daily failures come from the human nature that we have inherited from Adam the First. Our inherited fallen nature causes us to fail and come short of Christ's Holy Nature and Glory, which humiliates us by showing us that we are not as spiritually mature as we think we are. We need to acknowledge our human failures and take them to the LORD. He will give us power to overcome when we have accepted the fact that, in ourselves, we are weak.

B. Our Failures Stem from Our Own Deliberate Choices.

This second kind of failure is worse than the failure we experience because of our inherited weaknesses since this second kind of failure is the result of our having chosen to go contrary to the LORD's Way. However, we cannot annihilate God's Headship in our life just because we deliberately choose to rebel. This second kind of failure will take us to the point of no return unless we speedily repent.

God always assumes His Headship over us. If we want to fail by rebelling, then, God, in His merciful effort to redeem us from our departure from the Truth, allows us to run in the wrong direction until we run into a stone wall and it falls in on us. Let us take note that we always fail when we take our own proud, redemptive way out.

When we have run as far as possible and the stone wall has fallen upon us, God still is there, and we still will have to face Him and our failures.

If we look at the life of David, we see a great example of one of the many types of failure that we can experience as human beings. David discovered what we must discover, which was that he could not hide himself nor his failures

from the LORD.

Whither shall I go from thy spirit? or whither shall I flee from thy presence? If I ascend up into heaven, thou *art* there: if I make my bed in hell, behold, thou *art there*. If I take the wings of the morning, and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea; Even there shall thy hand lead me, and thy right hand shall hold me. If I say, Surely the darkness shall cover me; even the night shall be light about me (Psalm 139:7-11).

If we deliberately choose to try to remove ourselves from the sphere of God's influence, where can we go since God is Omnipresent? Because the Omnipresence of God's Spirit fills all the Universes, manifesting itself to all His creation, it is impossible for us to escape His Presence. If we ascend into the heights of the Heavens, God is there. If we descend into the lowest Hell, He is there. If we fly to the utmost length and breadth of the sea, He is there, too. Wherever we go, we will find ourselves within the sphere of God's Control. **Trying to hide our failures from God's All-seeing Eye by enshrouding ourselves in the darkness of our own thoughts and our own way is completely futile.**

God's All-penetrating Eye sees into the blackest of our darkness. Consequently, it is more sensible to run voluntarily to the LORD with our *first* failure than to have to face God, eventually, with our *many* failures.

III. There Are Pots of Suffering that We Create for Each Other and for Ourselves.

In the midst of every failure, God, through Jesus Christ, has a special Humility Pot to give us which will hold fresh Bread of Truth to strengthen us spiritually. We never are the same after we have eaten the fresh Bread of Christ's Truth that we have not eaten before.

God uses people to create pots of suffering for each other. When this happens, we always will find out whether we mean business with God or not. And if we do, whether we be the giver of pain or the receiver of pain, we will crawl before the LORD and reach up for a new Humility Pot from Jesus Christ.

If we humble ourselves and crawl to the Feet of Jesus and say, "LORD, here is my failure pot. I am going to rest in You. I am going to acknowledge Your Headship. I am not going to look at my failure. I want to see the injustice I have done to You by proudly complaining about my failures. I am going to have restful trust in You to work Your Will and Do in me which will help me overcome my failure."

A person who never has been made aware of his failures does not know how to show pity, mercy, and kindness to those who have failed.

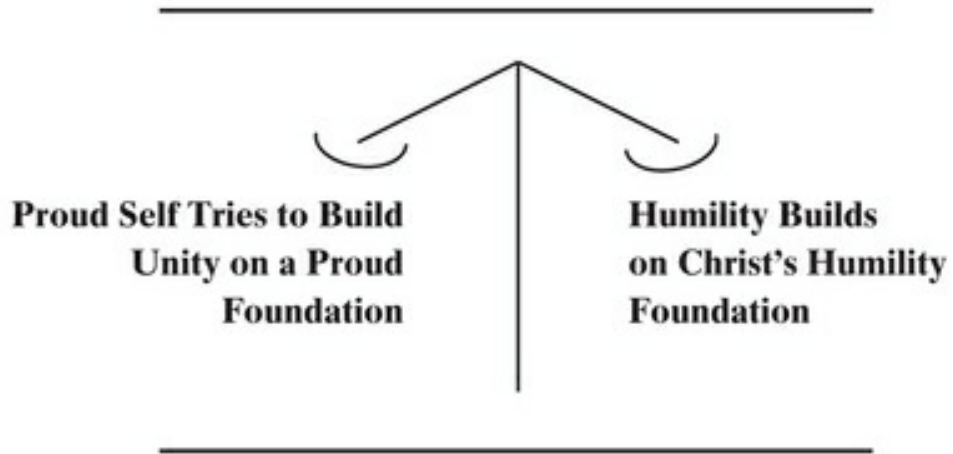
Actually, we have to go on for the LORD in order to see where we are failing. The brighter Christ's glorious Light of Truth shines upon our diseased perception of reality, the more we are able to discern the failures that we sustain in our thoughts, feelings, and deeds.

A lot of times people fail; and, because they are blind spiritually, they think it is the other person who has failed. If we will rest, by faith, under Christ's Headship and His Cross, we will die to our proud will.

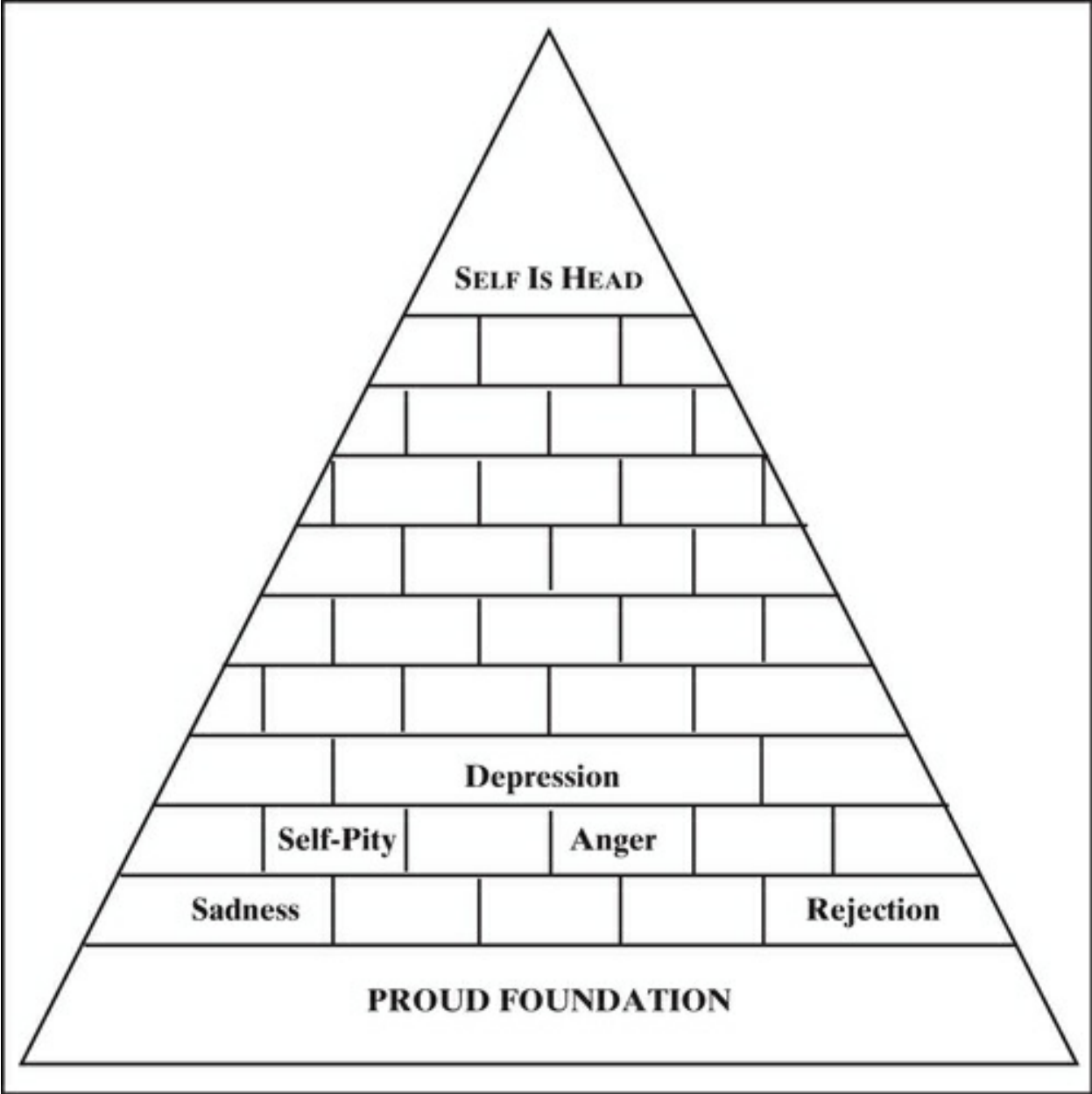
A lot of our failures are the result of our trying, through our Pride of Redemption, to lay hold of some spiritual knowledge or experience that Jesus Christ is not ready to give us. We always can expect to fail when our pride tries to lay hold of spiritual things out of season.

Then, too, our pride makes us desire to be understood and to be an exalted success in our own family. Until our eyes are open to the Truth, we desire to build unity on a foundation of pride; consequently, it always fails.

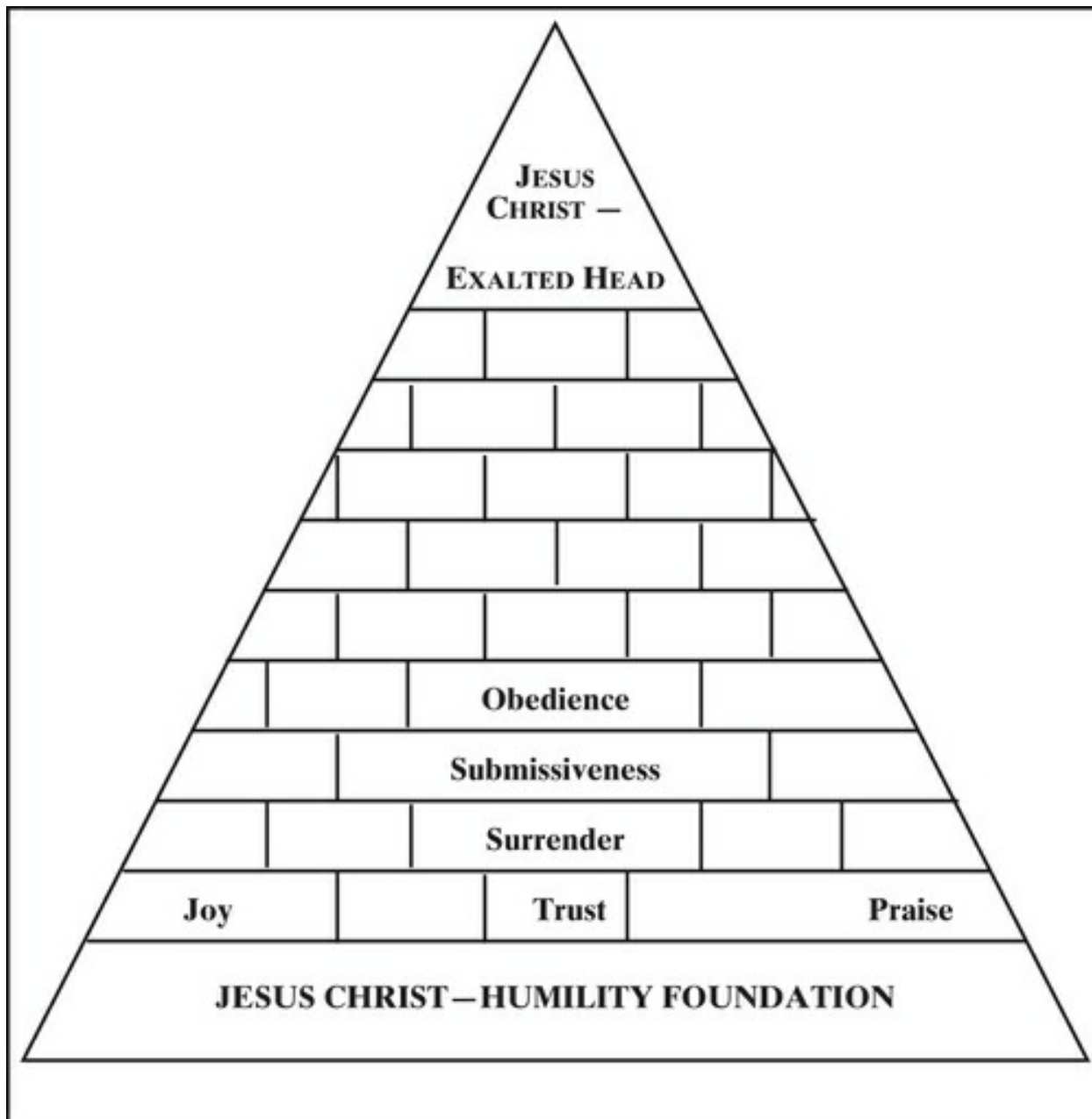
Bear in mind that a believer is not without honour except in his own country and in his own household. This is true, of course, when a believer is building upon Christ's Humility Foundation, having had his own Pride of Revelation crucified.



Apart from Jesus Christ, our motive for natural unity among family and friends is for our *own* exaltation. When we sow a proud foundation, we reap all the evil emotions of sadness, self-pity, rejection, anger, and depression as a result of our unfulfilled human desires.



However, when we build upon Christ's Humble Foundation, we allow Christ to be the Head over all our emotions and relationships; we joyfully trust Him to give us the unity He desires with those whom He desires. We lie down among the pots of humility and offer praise until He is ready to lift us up in our emotions and in our relationships, into one of peace and harmony with other people.



When the Crucified Christ is the Humility Foundation of our Moral Development and when the Resurrected Christ is the Exalted Head over all our thoughts, feelings, and actions, we can think right, feel right, and do right in all things. Consequently, we can live in peace and harmony within ourself.

Jesus Christ's new Divine Order for building is diametrically opposite to that of the human flesh. Jesus Christ has a Humility Pot, as it were, that must be placed in the very foundation of both our spiritual education and our moral development. Otherwise, how can we fellowship with Christ and walk in His Footsteps, if we are bypassing His Humility Foundation?

IV. Our Human Failure Pots Are Converted into Christ's Humility Pots as We Lie Down or Rest in the LORD's Headship.

In addition to the Scriptures used in chapter one of this book in which the Hebrew word *shaw-kab* is translated as lie down, this word also appears in the Book of Numbers, chapter twenty-four.

He couched, he **lay down** [*shaw-kab*] as a lion, and as a great lion: who shall stir him up? Blessed is he that blesseth thee, and cursed is he that curseth thee (Numbers 24:9).

God's Word uses a lion to picture the LORD Jesus Christ, His people Israel, and also the Devil. In this verse, the Lion represents Jesus Christ and Israel during the Millennial Reign. After the LORD has conquered the nations and after His all-triumphant warfare against all wicked sinners and after He has taken up His peaceful position in the midst of all nations, He will rule the Earth for one thousand years. Who will dare to stir up the restful Lion? The LORD Jesus Christ, the Triumphant Lion, will lie down in restful praise before His Heavenly Father.

Jesus Christ is a Lion of Praise, and so is Spiritual Israel, His Bride. It is a glorious experience to lie down among the humility pots as a great Lion and, from the low, restful place among the humility pots, lift up praise to God for His Righteous, Holy Headship. When we find rest in God's Headship, we have prevailing praise.

When we lie down horizontally, in the surrendered, submissive position, we are empowered to give thanks, obediently, for all things.

In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you (I Thessalonians 5:18).

We are to give thanks and praise in all things—in adverse situations and afflictions—as well as in happiness and prosperity. When we have failed, we are to take our failure pot and lie down at Christ's Feet in rest and peace, saying, "LORD, You are the Head over all things, including my failures. Therefore, You had to take me this failure-suffering route in order for me to learn new dependence on You and in order for me to obtain a new Humility Pot which will support more of Christ's Humility, which, in turn, will hold new, fresh Bread of Truth. Thus, You make all things work together for good to those who love You, LORD." This is the reason we need to remember that God is the Head over all our failures.

Sometimes, it may seem that the more we fast, cry, pray, intercede, and travail, the more we fail in helping someone who is the closest and dearest to our heart. This makes it appear that we are a failure with that person. But, thank God, I know what to do! I go and lie down and rest among the humility pots and offer "lion" praise, prevailing praise, saying, "Praise You, LORD, for being the Head over this situation, too. I know that if I humble myself, You will make my heart into a new Humility Pot which can support a new measure of Christ's Humility, and I know You will fill Christ's Humility Pot with Your Living Bread of Truth. I know this new, fresh Bread could not have been given to me through any other circumstance. If You could have given it to me any other way, You would have."

The LORD is just waiting for us to lie down and rest and offer up prevailing "lion" praise in all things. When we carry our failure pot to the LORD and say, "God, I'm nothing but a failure; I'm nothing but a worm; please take my broken failure pot and convert it into a new humility pot," the LORD will hear our cry, and He will do just that. Then, He will put Christ's Humility Pot down inside *our* humility pot and fill it afresh and anew with His Living Bread of Truth, upon which we can feed and grow.

If we are ministers, others may tell us that we are the greatest preacher or teacher in all the world; but when we crawl into our prayer closet, I am sure we can say, "God, my failure pot is the biggest in all the world. I have failed to help this person or that person see the Truth." We can always think of someone, perhaps in our own family, who has not yet yielded his or her life to God. So we say, "LORD, I humble myself before Your precious Feet. Show me how I have failed. Show me more to do than I already have done." Then, God will increase our humility understanding by enlarging our heart with His Love for the person for whom we are praying.

When we rest among the failure pots in our life, God drops a new portion of Christ's Humility Pot into our heart and fills it with the revealed areas of His Word, especially for the particular person whom, it seems, we have failed to win to the LORD. Then, we see that person eternally changed by God's Living Bread of Truth, and we become more grateful than ever for the Humility Pot Principle.

Once we truly see the LORD's Humility Pot Principle, our life is changed forever! We stop murmuring and complaining about having to lie down to rest among the pots; and we spend the rest of our days crawling to the foot of the Cross where we cry and repent for the times that we have rebelled against the Headship of God's Word and have failed to lie down peacefully among the pots and offer up prevailing "lion" praise to the LORD.

It is a glorious experience to be able to rest by lying down among the humility pots, offering "lion" praises out of a peaceful, quiet spirit and soul, and giving Glory to God for the Headship of His Word. How satisfying it is to say, "God, You have put me in this situation. You have created these circumstances in my life. You have given me my forefathers who have caused me to inherit the kind of weaknesses I have. You have allowed me to be placed in my

particular environment. I am a product of your Headship. Oh, God, You have done all these things to help me humble myself, to help me be an overcomer, to help me lay hold of Christ's Humility and new areas of Truth. In spite of all my failures, You knew the road upon which I could find my way to the New City."

In the time of failure, it is a mistake to become angry with God and blame Him for all the seemingly negative things in our life, to the point that we give up our spiritual walk with Him.

Remember, God is not through with us yet. He puts us in adverse places with overwhelming obstacles just to make them steppingstones by His Omnipotent Power! He puts us on a pathway of suffering in order for us to see our weakness, failures, and helplessness so that we can cry unto Him and lean upon Him, giving Him an opportunity to display His Divine, Miraculous Power in our behalf. Jesus Christ makes us "nothing" so that He Can make us "something" by His regenerating, converting, conforming, and transforming Power. However, He cannot make us "something" (a Humility Pot) until we recognize that we are "nothing" (a proud pot).

We may say that we are nothing, but this is just theoretical talk. The proof of our true thinking comes when someone pushes us around and we become angry, which makes it obvious that we think very highly of ourself.

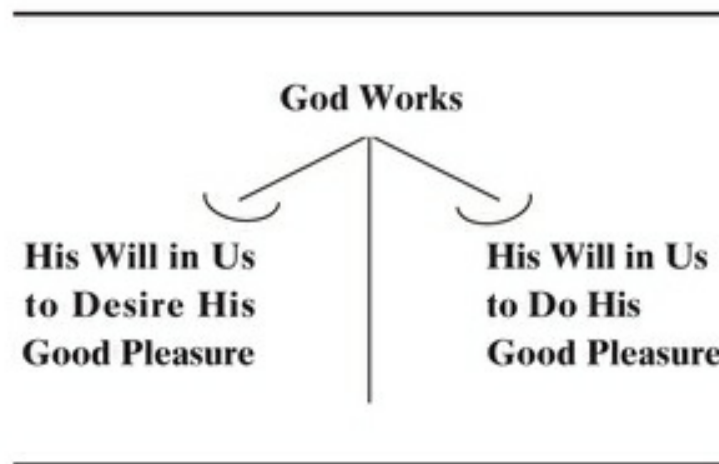
When circumstances and situations go contrary to our desire, we will discover by our reactions whether we are lying down and resting in peace or not. We will discover whether we are able to offer "lion" praise or not if we can say, "Thank You, Jesus, for this opposing obstacle. Thank You for my failures. In the midst of them, let me humble myself and learn more of Christ's Humility and His Bread of Truth."

Let us bear in mind that we cannot rest as long as our Pride of Redemption is working. We have to cease our proud works in order to lie down and rest. As long as we continue striving and struggling to do things by our own Pride of Redemption, we keep on failing.

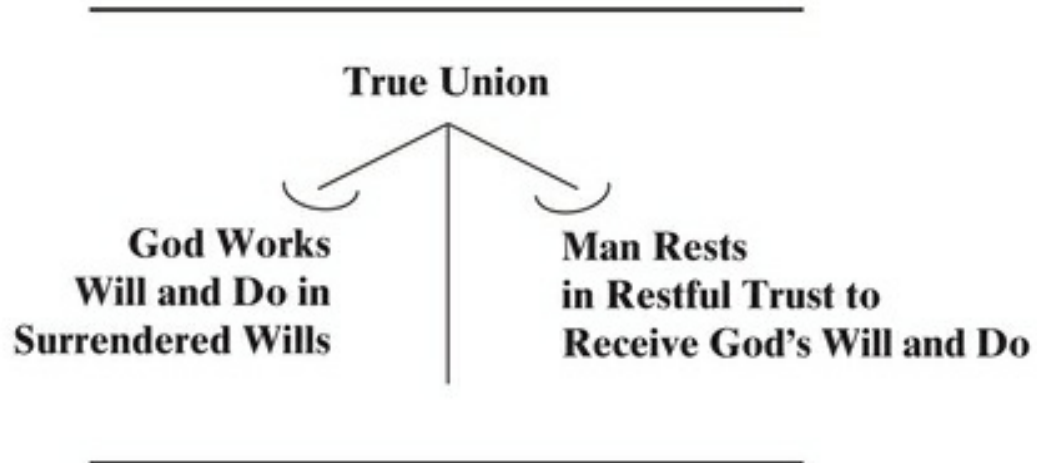
We cannot rest unless we acknowledge God's Headship in our life. God's Headship includes His Responsibility to Work His Will and Do in us.

For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure (Philippians 2:13).

God works in a surrendered will until it *desires* His Good Pleasure and until it *does* His Good Pleasure.



God cannot begin His Spiritual Work in us, however, until we lie down in restful peace. If our Pride of Redemption is working, God ceases to work. If we rest in hope, God begins to work by joining His Work to our rest.



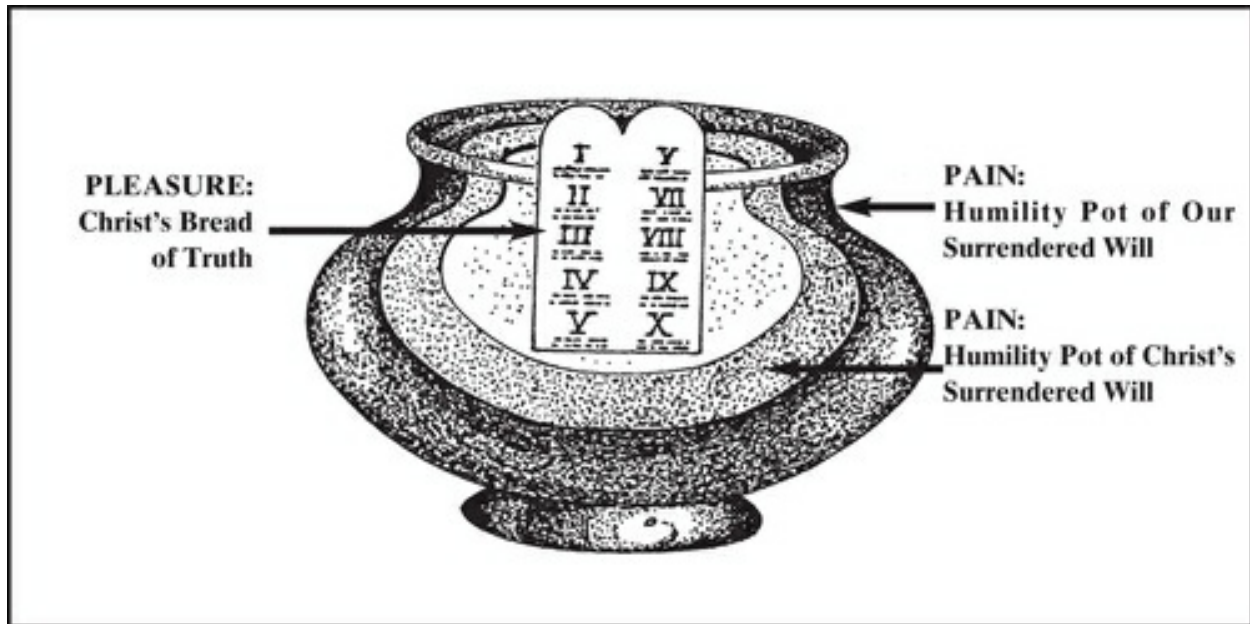
We always will be successful in going on for God if we wait in restful trust for Him to work both the will and the do in us.

I once waited for almost thirty-seven years for the LORD to help me understand some particular portions of His Word. Then, as my waiting continued on into that year, God, in His faithfulness, sent someone to bring me a pot of failure-suffering. Consequently, I had to crawl before my LORD and humble myself and lay hold of a new portion of Christ's Invisible Pot of Humility. Afterward, the LORD filled that new Humility Pot of Christ Jesus with those particular portions of His Bread of Truth for which I had been longing. However, if I had become angry, bitter, and unforgiving, and had rejected God's Headship over all things, I would not have received God's Glorious Bread of Truth.

Beloved, if we look upon people and natural circumstances, we will fail in our spiritual walk. We need to lift our head above these visible things and do as the beautiful song says: "Turn our eyes upon Jesus; look full in His wonderful Face; and the things of Earth will grow strangely dim in the light of His Glory and Grace." (And, I would add Mercy to His Glory and Grace, since we would be nowhere without His Mercy!).

V. We Must Accept the LORD's Humility Pots and His Bread of Truth in Order to Know the Love, Joy, and Peace of Union with Jesus Christ.

We must labour in the Word and prayer until we want to have nothing in first place in our heart but the Humility Pots of Jesus and His Bread of Truth which He places in them. We must come to the *pleasure* of God's Word inside the *painful* humility pots.



It is painful to the human will and heart to be bent into a new form and shape in order to become a suitable, surrendered vessel that can receive Christ's Humility Pot of Surrender. It is painful to the flesh to take on the restraining limits of Christ's Humility Pot which prevent our will and heart from returning to their former unrestrained freedom. But, if we are willing to endure the pain for a season until the flesh dies, we will know the pleasure and delight of Christ's Bread of Truth which will permeate our will and heart, causing us to delight in accepting God's Master Plan and in doing His Purposive Will. Thus, our life will be lifted into the heights of God's Moral High Calling for us, which is living our life solely and exclusively surrendered to God's Headship.

Certainly, it is painful to be considered a failure. It is a painful thing to the flesh not to have its liberty to do as it pleases. However, after one has laid hold of the pleasurable Bread of Truth and after the flesh has been transformed through Christ's Crucifying Power, the will and heart experience such a great degree of love, joy, and peace out of their new Union with Christ, the Bridegroom, that they willingly praise the LORD for His Faithfulness in bringing them to the Living Bread of Truth. The pleasurable Presence of God's Word takes all the pain out of going on for the LORD.

A. Jesus Accepted His Humility Pots of Suffering.

Jesus Christ demonstrated clearly that His Father was the Head of His Emotions and Relationships.

While he yet talked to the people, behold, *his* mother and his brethren stood without, desiring to speak with him. Then one said unto him, Behold, thy mother and thy brethren stand without, desiring to speak with thee. But he answered and said unto him that told him, Who is my mother? and who are my brethren? And he stretched forth his hand toward his disciples, and said, Behold my mother and my brethren **For whosoever shall do the will of my Father which is in heaven, the same is my brother, and sister, and mother** (Matthew 12:46-50).

When Jesus, Who was inside the house, was told, in so many words, "LORD, your mother and your brothers are outside. Stop what You are doing and take care of your mother and your brothers," Jesus kept right on preaching the Word of Truth. He said, "My brother, my sister, and my mother are they that do the Will of God."

Christ established, here, new Spiritual Principles concerning earthly relationships. This attitude took humility obedience to the Father's Headship and to His Holy Will. Jesus was willing to be misunderstood that day in order to declare the Words of Truth from His Heavenly Father.

Jesus' choice was between His Heavenly Father and His earthly mother. He chose His Heavenly Father! Although His mother was *outside*, He did not stop doing His Father's Will *inside*. Likewise, Jesus kept His mother outside His Will, and He kept His Father inside His Will. Consequently, Jesus had to suffer humiliation from those who thought that He was ignoring His mother.

Jesus obtained many humility pots in the days of His Flesh. He has a new Pot of Humility for everything that we go through. He already has gone through all things for us (Hebrews 4:15). We cannot have Christ's Humility Pots unless we, too, choose His "Well done," His Respect, and His Honour above the "well done," the respect, and the honour of our family and friends. When we have been crucified to our will, we no longer hurt! As long as we are still hurting, it is a sign that we have not ceased from our own works.

It is normal for parents to want the mutual respect and love of their children; it is normal for a husband and wife to want each other's mutual respect. But, until each allows Christ to put His Headship in first place in his and her heart, they will become hurt and angry when they do not receive the approval, the respect, and the honour that they think they deserve.

B. Four of the Original Israelites Who Left Egypt Accepted Their Humility Pots and Successfully Completed Their Journey into Canaan's Land.

This is what the LORD promised Israel: "Though ye have lien among the pots, yet shall ye be as the wings of a dove covered with silver, and her feathers with yellow gold."

Some in Israel accepted their lessons of humility and learned them while they lay among the humility pots in Egypt. However, the number who succeeded was small. Caleb, Joshua, Eleazar, and Phinehas were the only four from the original group of Hebrews who learned their humility lessons in Egypt. Therefore, these four went all the way from Egypt into Canaan's Land.

These four men had "lien" among the humility pots, outwardly and inwardly, in Egypt. Subsequently, they were able to rest and to give "lion" praise to God for His Headship, all the way through the wilderness and into Canaan's Land.

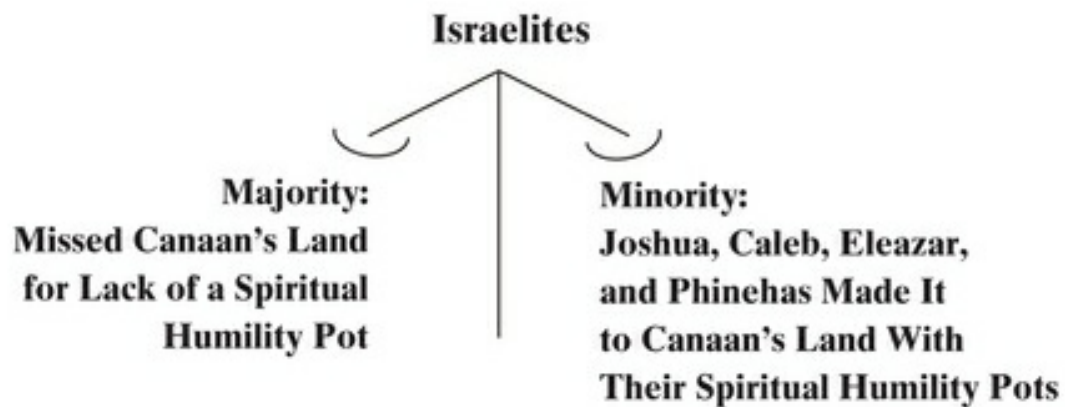
It is in the low place of humility, down among the pots, that we first receive a foretaste of the Bride and Bridegroom Relationship, the Spiritual Matrimonial relationship with Jesus Christ. The concubines in the Song of Solomon had a *foretaste* of Matrimonial Union with the Bridegroom, but they were *not the Bride*.

God in His Manifold Mercies and Great Grace gives some people an actual foretaste of Spiritual Canaan's Land, yet they still miss it.

By Gift, the LORD lifts us up and allows us to experience the pleasure of having Christ's Humility Pot placed within our little humility pot and filled with His Precious Unleavened Bread of Truth. While our feelings are under the pleasurable influence of Christ's Humility, we say, "Jesus, I am willing to go through any suffering for You. I am going to go forth from Egypt with You. I am going to go through the wilderness with You. I am going to tread upon serpents and scorpions by Your Power, and I will endure hot burning desert sands for You." We can do all this on the outside, but if we do not allow Jesus to convert our proud, obstinate heart and will on the inside, transforming them into Pots of surrender, submission, and obedience, we still will miss the Prize—Spiritual Canaan's Land.

All the Israelites brought their outward or natural humility pots with them when they left Egypt. They gathered the visible Manna in these pots, but those who did not have the inward, Invisible Humility Pots could not gather the invisible, spiritual counterpart of the Manna-Bread which would have satisfied their souls, which would have fattened their souls, and which would have thrilled and delighted their souls. Consequently, all but four of them grumbled and stumbled through the wilderness for forty years until they died and were buried in the wilderness. They missed God's Goal and Destiny for them.

However, the failure of the majority did not prevent the minority group of "old-timers," who had come out of Egypt, from going into Canaan's Land.



God used all these lives in the Old Testament story of the Israelites' journey from Egypt to Canaan's Land to teach us valuable lessons about whom we *should* and whom we *should not* emulate. If we follow the example of the majority who failed to obtain their Humility Pots in each phase of their spiritual journey, then, we, too, will not have anything in which God can put His Invisible Spiritual Bread.

We may sit in church and act humble, outwardly. We may write down every word the preacher speaks. (A notebook is a visible "pot.") But, if we do not possess the Invisible Pot of Humility that causes our heart and will to bow willingly in surrender, submission, and active and passive obedience to God's Headship, we are not going to grow up spiritually into the Measure of the Stature of Jesus Christ. Therefore, we will not be counted worthy to go to the New City and be in the Bride of Jesus Christ. We must feed on God's Word—in our surrendered will, in our submissive soul and spirit, and in our obedient heart.

Jesus Christ is Head over all our failures. **God uses our failures to humble our proud heart, to break our haughty confidence in our own abilities, and to teach us His Mercy and Grace. Human pride never wants to accept the suffering route of failure in order to learn.** The flesh says, "God, if I can't serve You without failing, then I am just not going to serve You." In other words, we expect God to allow us to be the *head* so that we can choose the place in which we will find the Manna-Bread. However, it was the Father's Ark and the Cloud and Fire that chose the place in which the Manna-Bread fell.

Although the Israelites were constantly failing, God continued to give them bread on their failure route. Likewise, if we want to be in the Bride of Jesus Christ, our mind must accept the Truth that God has a lot of Humility Bread for us that we can find only on the failure route.

If God did not allow us to fail and come short of His Glory in our thoughts, feelings, and actions, we would be so bigoted, so high-minded, so arrogant, and so merciless that no one would be able to tolerate us. Our head would be excessively swelled with just theoretical knowledge, while our heart would be excessively empty of Christ's Mercy and Humility.

In our struggle to grow up and be like Jesus Christ, we often fail to have mercy on others who have failed in some fashion or form; but when we experience His Merciful Forgiveness, His Loving Patience, and His Bountiful Grace, it is easy for us to have mercy on others when they fail. We may not fail in the same way someone else fails, but we need to remember that one point of failure or offense breaks the whole Moral Law (James 2:10).

When Moses came down the mountain with the Ten Commandments, he discovered that Israel had made a golden calf. Israel had broken one Commandment, but her one act had caused all the Law to be broken. So, on whatever small point of God's Moral Law we are failing, we are breaking all ten Laws. Consequently, our only hope is to lean continually on God's Mercy and Grace so that He can help us grow up and become spiritually strong; then, we can obey all the Moral Truth of the LORD.

We have seen that we can fail by having proud thoughts and proud deeds, and we can fail because we have inherited weaknesses from our sinful forefather, Adam the First. We can also fail because we deliberately choose to

disobey God and run from Him.

Then, too, we often increase our suffering through our failures by trying to build relationships on a foundation of pride because we really desire to exalt ourself among our friends and family. Our proud failures can keep us from repenting of the wrong that we have done to others; consequently, we increase their sufferings and ours, too.

But, we can find help in Jesus Christ. We can repent of our failures, even though they happen many times a day. The LORD is not shocked by our failures! He uses them all and understands why we have failed. But, He is sorrowful when He sees us run from Him, denying Him the chance He wants to heal us of our shortcomings.

He accepted His Humility Pots and learned perfect Obedience through the trials He suffered, so He stands ready and waiting to put His Pot of Humility into our repentant heart; and, then, He will put His Bread of Truth into His Humility Pot, and the Word will feed our heart and cause it to grow into His Likeness.

The majority of Israelites who left Egypt refused to avail themselves of the Spiritual, Humility Manna-Bread, so they died in the wilderness. They never learned to trust God's Headship entirely; or else they would not have continued to murmur and complain.

Do you find yourself murmuring and complaining over the sufferings in your life? Or do you trust God to give you what is necessary for your spiritual growth so that you can reach maturity and be in His Bride? Only four original Hebrew slaves from Egypt made it into Canaan's Land. They believed God. They trusted His kind, loving Nature and knew that He was able to take them to their new home.

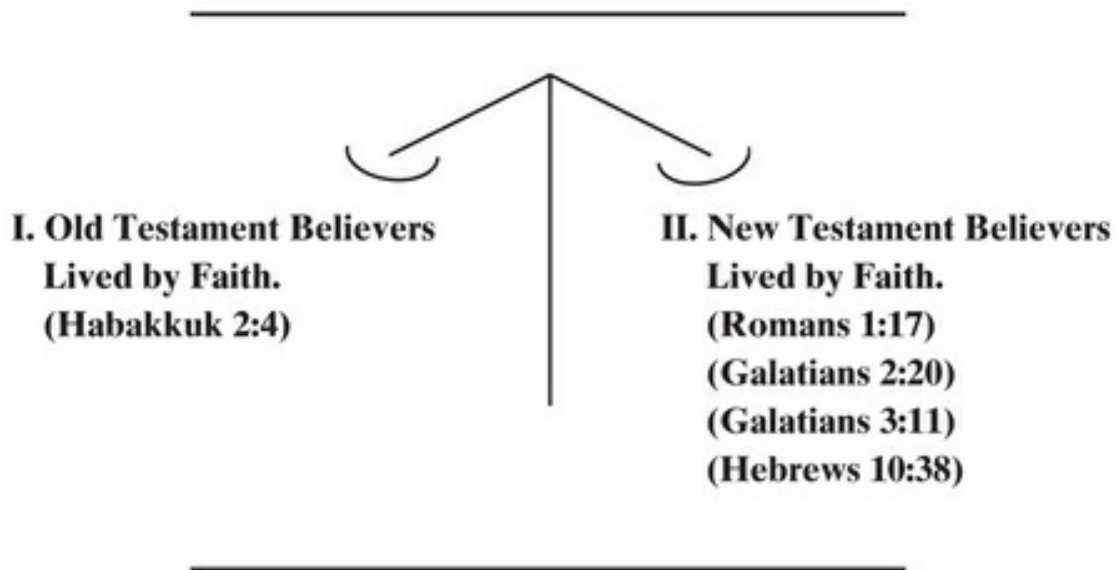
Have you received Bride's Bread and, yet, have esteemed it unable to take you to the New City? Do you doubt God's Nature and His Promises to supply the Bread that you need to give you strength to endure every suffering? Do you believe in His Justice to let only the amount of suffering come into your life that is needed in order to transform your heart into a Humility Pot into which He can put His Miracle Bread? Are you a Joshua, Caleb, Eleazar, or Phinehas? You can choose to be one who overcomes all the opposition of the world, the flesh, and the Devil. Just learn to lie among the humility pots of life's situations and trust in Christ's Headship to give you strength from His Spirit and His Word. Seek Him in constant repentance, applying the Blood of His Sacrifice, the Fire of the Holy Ghost, and the Waters of His Name, Death, and Life, and He *will* carry you through to Eternal Victory and Life! Jesus Christ can be trusted. He is Omnipotent, Omniscient, and Omnipresent.

Chapter Seven

The Just Shall Live and Walk by the Faith of Christ's Living Bread

By faith, the Israelites ate of the Son's and the Father's Omnipresent Bread of Strength, and after they had eaten the Stature of Bread in Canaan's Land, they began to walk, by faith, around the great wall of Jericho.

From Genesis to Revelation, God's Law for man's justification and for his continual living always has been that he be saved and live by his faith in the LORD Jesus Christ.



I. Old Testament Believers Lived by Faith in the LORD Jesus Christ, Looking Forward to His Sacrifice on the Cross.

God's Moral Law for mankind's living by faith was established in the Old Testament.

Behold, his soul *which* is lifted up is not upright in him: but **the just shall live by his faith** (Habakkuk 2:4).

Those who arrogantly depart from the LORD's Living Bread of Truth perish in their own unbelief. But, those who eat of the LORD's Living Bread of Truth live and walk by Christ's Faith.

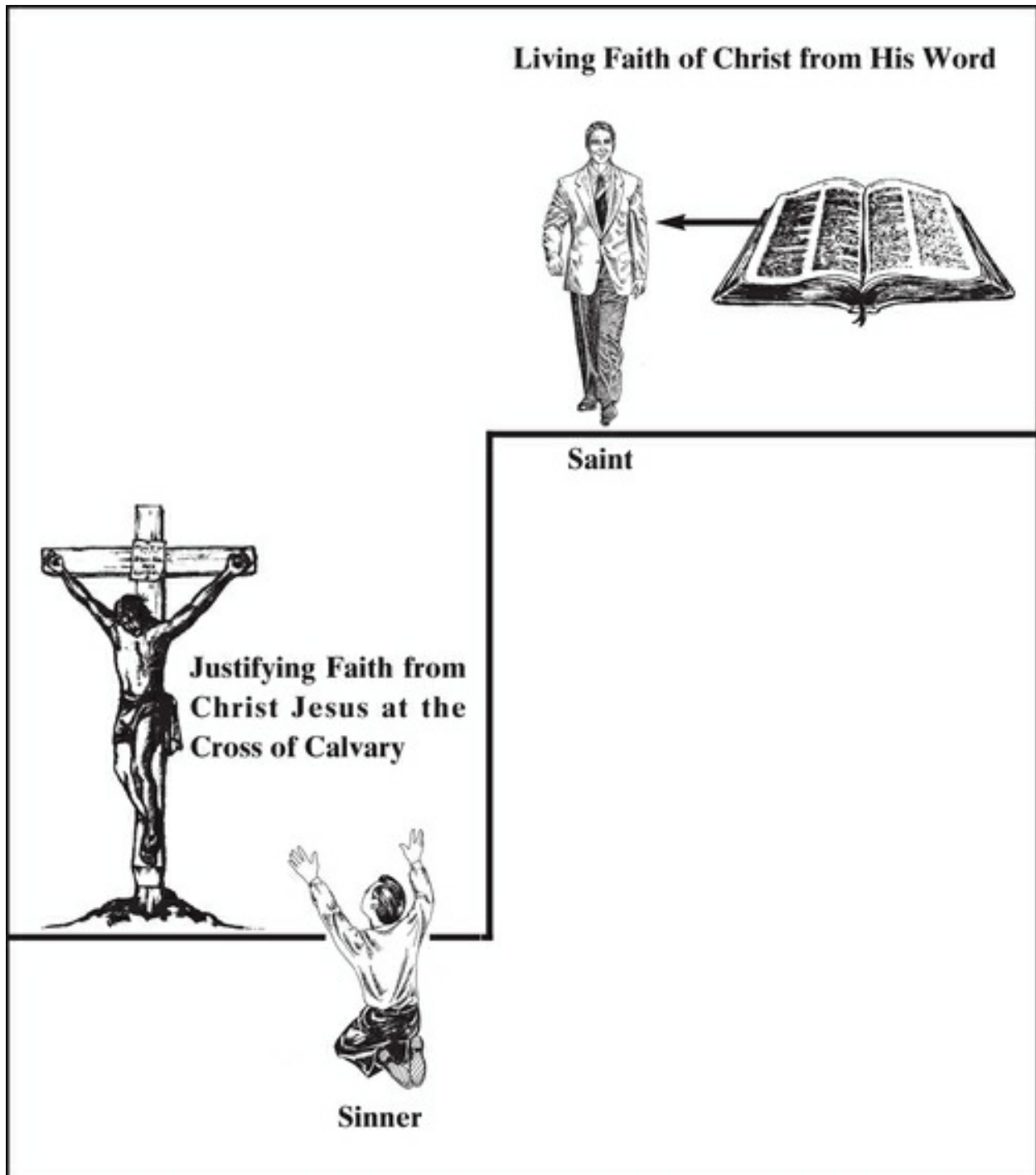
II. New Testament Believers Live by Faith in the LORD Jesus Christ, Looking Back to His Sacrifice on the Cross.

God's Moral Law for man's living by faith was reaffirmed in the New Testament.

For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, **The just shall live by faith** (Romans 1:17).

Our disbelief in God's Holy Nature originates in the consequence of our iniquity, in our aberration from the LORD's Bread of Truth. But, as sinners, if we come to Christ by faith, we receive justifying faith. Then, as we

continue to feed on Christ's Living Bread of Truth, we march upward to *living* faith in our spiritual education and in our moral development.



Our experience with the LORD Jesus Christ begins when we receive the Gift of Christ's Justifying Faith as we come in repentance to the Cross. Thereafter, Christ maintains our life by feeding us with His Bread of Truth, which He quickens to us from His Holy Word.

I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: **and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God**, who loved me, and gave himself for me (Galatians 2:20).

When Christ comes into our penitent heart, He desires to regenerate, convert, conform, and transform our old heart into a Humility Pot which will be a fit vessel in which to gather His Bread of Truth and His Faith. Then, we can live by His Living Faith from His Word.

But that no man is justified by the law in the sight of God, *it is evident*: for, **The just shall live by faith** (Galatians 3:11).

It was impossible for the ceremonial law to impart justifying faith, and it was impossible for the *Torah*-Truth, written in stone, to impart living faith. Therefore, Jesus Christ, the Living *Torah*-Truth, came in His Flesh and died upon Calvary's Cross in order to purchase justifying faith for us. He arose again from the dead by His Father's Unbegotten Glory and was made both LORD and Christ, thereby becoming Omnipresent. Thus, He gives us His Living Faith as we continually feed upon His quickened Bread of Truth.

Now **the just shall live by faith**: but if *any man* draw back, my soul shall have no pleasure in him (Hebrews 10:38).

If we draw back from Christ's Living Faith, which we receive from His Living Bread of Truth, His Soul will take no pleasure, delight, or satisfaction in us.

Israel's walk of faith around the city of Jericho was a walk of reliance upon the Father's Master Plan, which called for them to possess the land. It was also a walk of confidence in Christ's Almighty Power which was able to perform God's Purposive Will. With every step Israel took, their persuasive faith was going out against the wall of Jericho. They honoured God by giving Him credit for being able to perform that which He had promised. God respected their faith and sent an earthquake that miraculously sank the wall around the city, which left Israel's enemies as helpless prey on the battlefield before God's triumphant Bridal Army.

Israel's overcoming faith came from the full Stature of Christ's Omnipresent Spiritual Bread. Because the Bread was full of strength, it enabled her to walk in God's Purposive Will and to trust in God's Holy, Immutable Nature, which is trustworthy because God always keeps His Promises. God's Nature never changes. He always has kept His Promises, and He always will.

Likewise, in our life, regardless of the kind of enemy "wall" we may encounter, which would try to prevent us from laying hold of our God-given possessions in Christ Jesus, we can overcome! If we eat enough of Christ's Bread of Truth, and if we walk on in faith, we will see God honour our faith, and we will see God's Almighty Power shake down our enemies' walls! To God be all the honour, glory, and praise.

We are to learn from God's Word and, thus, be spiritually wise. When Israel had walked the requisite number of times around Jericho's walls, the walls came down. We must refrain from judging other people who may still be walking around their wall; they may not have had their wall to come tumbling down, yet. Always allow others time to gain overcoming strength and faith.

People who are sincere for God find it very humiliating not to be delivered from something that they know is wrong. Sometimes God has to wait and allow Christ's Pot of Humility to grow in the believer's heart and, then, fill it with His Living Bread of Truth before the believer has the faith to walk in confidence around his wall and wait for it to fall.

God has two ways to deliver us from injurious habits, such as smoking. I have seen some people instantly delivered. But, I have seen others who have had a progressive deliverance; they have had to walk around the wall in faith, believing, before God finally "shook down" the injurious habit. What matters is that God always delivers when we have His Living Faith.

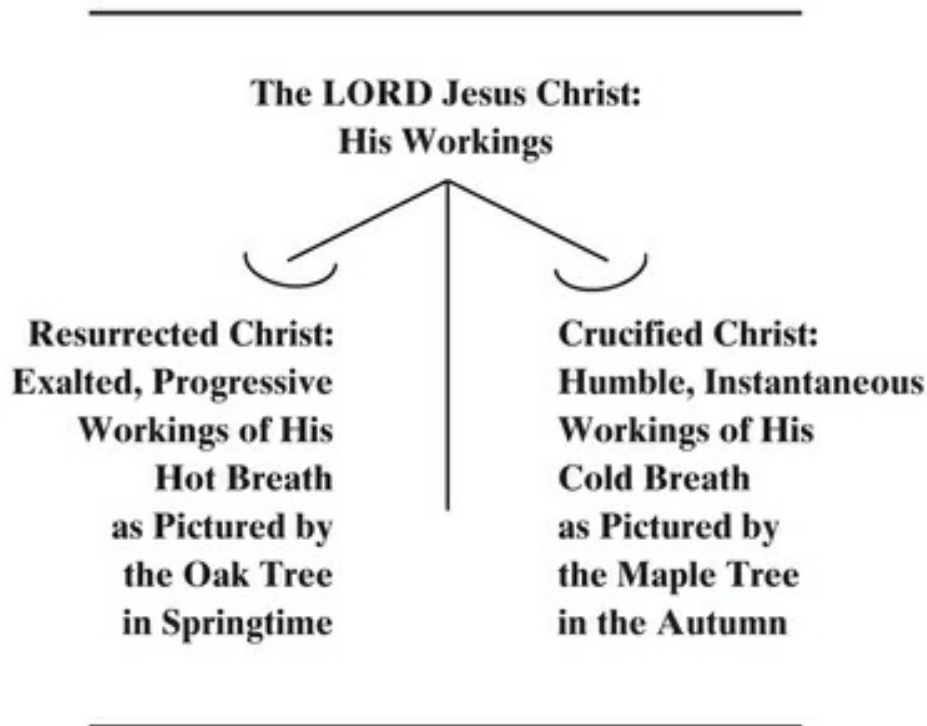
There are some Christians who behave so smugly and who speak so proudly against those who are walking progressively by faith; and they say, "God instantly delivered me from my bad habit. Oh, I'm spiritually great." But, when we know this Truth, we say, "No, little one, you are surprisingly shallow." Whether we are delivered instantly or progressively, all deliverance is imparted to us through Christ's great Grace and Living Faith.

The fact that God displays great patience and long-suffering in progressively delivering some believers is not an endorsement for sin! However, it takes a really sincere heart and lots of patience and determination to keep walking around the wall when one has a problem that he cannot quickly overcome. Everyday we have to keep on crying, repenting, and eating more of Christ's Strength in order to finish our thirteen trips around the wall. Remember, beloved, that the person who is forgiven much loveth much. But, God's Loving Mercy never gives anyone a license to sin deliberately.

Believers are like different kinds of trees. Some people are like maple trees that quickly give up their dead leaves to the cold breath of autumn. There are other believers who are like the staunch oak tree that tenaciously holds on to

its leaves until the hot breath of Spring pushes the new sap up into the tree, causing the leaves to fall.

The cold breath of autumn represents the humble Workings of the Crucified Christ, and the hot breath of spring represents the exalted Workings of the Resurrected Christ. It takes Christ's Cold Breath working in some believers' lives for them to respond to His Will for them; for others it takes Christ's Hot Breath.



Jesus Christ works on both sides of the scales, according to His Father's Purposive Will. Since God is the Owner and Master of our soul, He has a right to choose on which side of the scales He wants to deliver us.

For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure (Philippians 2:13).

Sometimes God uses painful situations and sufferings of heart and mind to push us immediately to the instantaneous, humility deliverance of the Crucified Christ so that we can quickly give up the dead "leaves" of our flesh, just as the maple tree gives up its dead leaves to the working of the cold breath of autumn. Other times, He uses pleasurable situations and blessings of His Spirit and Word in our heart and mind to push us slowly to the progressive, exalted deliverance of the Resurrected Christ, just as the oak tree holds on to its leaves until the hot breath of springtime blows upon it.

When we are trying diligently and desiring desperately to overcome the besetting sins of our flesh, we find it very humiliating to have to wait until springtime, as it were, for our dead oak leaves to fall off so that they can be replaced with new leaves from the Resurrected Christ. It is humiliating for ministers whose besetting sin is anger to have to go to the pulpit to preach after angrily exploding at home. It is humiliating for them to stand up and tell others about walking by faith toward the victory when they themselves are still angry.

Ministers cannot help others by expounding upon the weaknesses of their flesh. They help their congregation by standing up and giving them the Bread of Truth from God's Word which will produce a living faith in them.

However, when a minister is alone in his prayer closet, he must humble himself greatly before the LORD. He must fast, pray, and cry to the LORD, saying, "God, I don't want to be this way. I don't want to feel this way. I want to be like You. I want to be sweet and kind. I am going to walk by faith until You work your Will and Do in me by causing my angry wall to come tumbling down."

This is how a person's heart is changed into a little "Humility Pot." And, as it keeps growing, God keeps increasing His Bread of Truth to fill up the Humility Pot. If ministers are faithful to keep doing this, the day will come when they will receive enough spiritual strength from Christ's Bread of Truth for God to cause their hindering

walls to come down.

By allowing the Crucified Christ to fashion and form our heart into a Humility Pot and to fill it with the Bread of His Humility and Surrender, it is possible for us to walk by faith until the Resurrected Christ works God's Purposive Will in our heart. Then, we are able to go forth in great power, doing the things the LORD has appointed us to do.

We cannot go anywhere spiritually unless our heart has been converted into a Humility Pot. Our heart must be a Humility Pot in order for us to hide God's Word in our heart, as King David said he did.

Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee (Psalm 119:11).

We can ride only so far on a gift of Bread from someone else's Humility Pot. Eventually, we will be in serious trouble because we will not have our own Humility Pot in which to gather and hide God's Word.

God promised Israel, "Because you have lien among the pots, I will clothe you with the silver and gold feathers of the Dove." From the beginning, while they were still in Egypt, the faithful Israelites allowed God to form a Spiritual Pot of Humility in their hearts so that they would have something in which to hold Christ's Spiritual Humility Unleavened Bread. As a result, when they came to the wilderness, they were able to gather, by faith, the spiritual side of the Manna.

All the Israelites in Egypt had obtained a natural humility pot in which they carried their natural unleavened bread. Hence, they had natural humility pots in which to gather the visible Manna-Bread. However, their hearts were empty of any Spiritual Humility Pots in which to gather the Manna's counterpart, the Bread of the LORD's *Torah*-Truth. Likewise, after God had led them to Canaan's Land, those who possessed Spiritual Humility Pots filled them with the counterpart of the Old Corn and the New Corn and the Manna in Canaan's Land.

Later, in the New Testament Dispensation, when a multitude followed Jesus out into the wilderness, Jesus told them to sit down on the ground, and He would give them bread. This occasion was a fulfillment of God's serving the Manna on the ground to the Israelites in the wilderness.

Christ Jesus proved He possessed a Spiritual Humility Pot which contained the Father's Omnipresent Living Bread because the Power of Christ's Omnipresent Spiritual Bread of Truth caused the natural bread to multiply as it was passed to the multitude who sat upon the ground.

After performing this great miracle with the Bread, Jesus went into a house to hide from the multitude. When the people finally found Him, Jesus said, "I know the reason that you are following me is because of the visible, natural bread you just have eaten. You did not allow your heart to be converted into a Humility Pot; therefore, you have no desire for either my Humility Spiritual Bread or my Exalted Spiritual Bread."

Nevertheless, Jesus presented them with His Spiritual Bread of Truth on this occasion; He revealed to them that His Flesh is our Spiritual Bread and that His Blood is our Spiritual Drink for our soul and spirit. But, because their hearts had not been converted into Humility Pots, they had no pot in which to hide Jesus' Bread of Truth, so they turned away from Him.

From that *time many of his disciples went back, and walked no more with him*. Then said Jesus unto the twelve, Will ye also go away? Then Simon Peter answered him, Lord, to whom shall we go? thou hast the words of eternal life (John 6:66-68).

It is unspeakably sad to see that many of Christ's disciples turned away from His Living Bread of Truth instead of remaining faithful and allowing Him to transform their hearts into Spiritual Humility Pots in which they could have hidden Christ's Bread of Truth.

After the Israelites had entered into Canaan's Land, the LORD provided them with bread made from corn, which they neither had planted personally nor had harvested personally.

Bread, one of the most satisfying of all foods, is the staff of life. The reason that the Devil tempted Jesus, when trying to get Him to use His Creative Power to turn stones into natural bread, was because Jesus had just fasted for forty days. In spite of His natural hunger, Jesus knew that the continuance of His Life depended upon the Bread of every Word of God rather than on natural bread. Also, Jesus knew that He first must eat the Bread of affliction and suffering.

This Principle of Humility Pots must be learned by all who desire to become spiritually mature. We cannot ignore God's Plans and Principles and expect to stride forward in our moral march to Spiritual Canaan's Land.

The Humility Pots that we gain through affliction and suffering are absolutely necessary. We must become willing to be joined to the painful, humility-suffering experiences that the LORD allows us to encounter because they convert the heart into a Humility Pot in which we can hide the Living Bread of the LORD Jesus Christ. We

must eat of Jesus Christ in order to make it out of Egypt, to continue on through the wilderness, and to enter into the possession of Spiritual Canaan's Land.

May God grant us His Mercy, Grace, and the Wisdom that we need so that we can use all things that come into our life as opportunities to humble ourself, whether they be pleasurable or painful; then, we can become more and more like our Merciful, Gracious, and Wise Redeemer as we gather His Words of Truth into our heart.

May we walk by the Living Faith of Christ Jesus so that we may gain the Prize of being His Bride at the end of this temporal life on Earth. As His Bride, we will be united with Him eternally in the New City!



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