

*"And he arose, and did eat and drink, And Went In The Strength Of That Meat forty days and forty nights unto Horeb The Mount of God." 1 Kings 19:8 KJV*



Elijah ate the meat prepared by the angel and traveled forty days and nights "to the mount of God." Four is the Biblical number of trial, ten, the number of earthly kingdoms, and forty represents earthly trials; symbolizing the Christian pilgrim's earthly journey. After ministering at Samaria's well, Jesus told His disciples, "I have meat to eat that ye know not of." Have you ever been so engrossed in prayer or Bible study you forgot to eat and when reminded, you weren't even hungry? Man's duty: "Fear God, and keep His commandments: for this is the whole duty of man." If we keep just one commandment, it should be; "Love the LORD thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment." Knowing someone requires time spent. "This Book of the Law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein. Study to show thyself approved unto God." If we would honestly practice this for just one week, we would know things with no earthly measure or description! The "strength of that meat" would propel us with supernatural power through any obstacle, be it demon foe or earthly woe! God cannot tolerate sin in any form! The seeming antithesis of this immutable attribute is His everlasting Love for man. The two are irreconcilable outside of God Himself! Only God could redeem depraved humanity with eternal Holiness! He cloaked Himself with humanity to redeem humanity, because of "His great love wherewith He loved us." God has removed all obstacles so you may walk with Him in Holiness. He wants you there! He will not walk with you in corruption, nor will He mitigate sin's consequences except to walk with you, if you choose to repent. He will, however, "restore to you the years that the locust hath eaten." Will you remain God's enemy or become his friend? "The wicked shall be turned into Hell!" Without the smelter's fire, gold will not refine! Job said, "When He hath tried me, I shall come forth as gold." Faith is the Gold of Heaven! "For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ. If any man build upon this foundation gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, stubble; every man's work shall be made manifest...and the fire shall try every man's work. If any man's work abide, he shall receive a reward. If any man's work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss: but he himself shall be saved; yet so as by fire." Your deeds will only withstand the consuming fire of God if He is with you!

Our earthly trials fade away,  
In light of Truth's eternal way,  
The pittance of our sacrifice,  
Cannot compare to Love's great price! –CGP

With gold freely at your disposal why struggle for pennies? Reject God's Gift of Faith and He'll Let you have what you choose: Eternity without Him! Will it be pleasure or Paradise? God Wants to be your Friend, Forever! Jesus Told us:

*"These Things Have I Spoken unto you, That My Joy Might Remain in you, and that your joy might be full. This Is My Commandment, that ye love one another, as I Have Loved you. Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. Ye are My Friends, if ye do Whatsoever I Command you. Henceforth I Call you not servants; for the servant knoweth not what his lord doeth: but I Have Called you Friends; for all Things That I Have Heard of My Father I Have Made Known unto you." John 15:11-15 KJV*