

"For the LORD loveth judgment, and forsaketh not his saints; they are preserved forever: but the seed of the wicked shall be cut off." Psalms 37:28 KJV



Fruits, or vegetables, sealed air-tight for long term storage traditionally involve sugar or honey as a gelling and preservation agent. The Word of God preserves His saints, the faithful *"forever."* God's Word preserves our very life in the midst chaos: *"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:"* From falling into sin: *"Thy Word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against Thee. Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path:"* And our worship. *"How sweet are Thy Words unto my taste! Yea, sweeter than honey to my mouth!"* Without God's Word permanently infused into your soul and heart, like fruit, you will rot and stink. Did you know that honey prevents the growth of harmful bacteria and germs? It was used with oil in ancient times to dress wounds and aid healing. If the sweetness index is correct, food needs no refrigeration. They also reduced fresh grape juice; wine, to raise the sugar index. It was stored in wax sealed jars, usually underground, until needed. Water was added to restore it to almost original flavor. At the marriage feast in Cana, Jesus turned the water into new wine, or freshly squeezed grape juice which was readily distinguishable from the reconstituted variety. Guests were amazed, because the new wine was generally served first, then the old. The wine Jesus made far exceeded even the new wine that had obviously been in use. There'll be new wine at the Marriage Feast of the Lamb in heaven. Jesus declared at the Last Supper, *"Verily I say unto you, I will drink no more of the fruit of the vine, until that day that I drink it new in the kingdom of God."* Saints must learn that the fiery trials of life are the very things that enhance the sweetness of God's Word in their lives to preserve them. *"The judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether. More to be desired are they than gold, yea, than much fine gold: sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb."* Just as infused honey protects food from rot, God's Word preserves the believer from corruption. *"Let the Word of Christ dwell in you richly."* If not present, corruption is the alternative!

The Word of God is sweeter far
Than honey in the honeycomb,
It will preserve the faithful soul
And bring them ever safely Home. ~CGP

God desires our complete and utter dependence upon Him. Trials encourage us to trust Him for every little thing. Remember Israel at the Red Sea? An ocean before them, a dreaded enemy behind, and nowhere to run! It was only then God showed Himself mighty on their behalf. His deliverance was also the demise of their enemy! God told Paul in the midst of his pleading, *"My grace is sufficient for thee: for My Strength is made perfect in weakness."* In other words, "Trust Me." When Paul understood the implication of his frailty, he then exclaimed, *"Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me."* Your weaknesses and lack are the exact contrast God needs for His Power to shine. *"Let you light so shine."*

"And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Faithful is He that calleth you, who also will do it. – If we believe not, yet He abideth faithful: He cannot deny Himself." 1 Thessalonians 5:23, 24 – 2 Timothy 2:13 KJV