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"...Oh taste and see that the Lord is good, blessed is the man that trusteth in him."

Going on a Picnic

At this time of the year many people like going on picnics. A blanket, fold up seats, a flask of tea, a hamper of food, plastic plates and cups are all needed for a good picnic. Four times we read in the Bible about one of the greatest picnics the world has ever seen. Having followed the Saviour to a secluded location and then spending all day with Him, the Lord Jesus rather than sending them away enquired of His disciples how they might feed all these people. It was then that a young lad was ushered forward with his lunch, five barley loaves and two small fishes. Out on that grassy hillside overlooking the Sea of Galilee, the Lord Jesus then miraculously fed the 5,000.

What a picnic! Some very poor artistic illustrations of this Bible story make out these five barley baps to be five huge family sized loaves and the fish to be like two prize-winning catches in a fishing competition. This, however, was not the case. What the boy had, was only a snack; a lunch, not even a dinner but little is much when the Lord is in it. It is also noteworthy to point out that when the crowds were instructed to sit down, perhaps in anticipation of what was going to happen next, that in that moment of stillness the Lord took the bread and gave thanks to God. Do you give thanks for the food you eat? The standard has been set and we ought to follow it.

This miracle also teaches us that there ought to be a willingness to put others first. The Lord performed the miracle but then He gave the food to His disciples to distribute among the people. They had their part to play and although they too would have been tired and hungry, they obeyed willingly putting others first.

In feeding all these people, God shows us that He more than meets our needs. Every household runs out of things. On many an occasion, children have been sent hurrying down to the corner shop for some ingredient that mummy has run out of while preparing a meal. Such is never the case with God. The Bible tells us that having eaten, the people were "filled", after which the disciples then "filled" twelve baskets with the leftovers. God never runs out. Instead, He runs over.

Most importantly, however, this miracle reminds us that the Lord Jesus is Himself the Bread of Life. The broken bread given to the multitudes on that day points us to the greatest miracle of all when upon the cross of Calvary the Saviour's broken body was given freely for us all so that we might have life everlasting. I would encourage you today to, "...taste and see that the Lord is good..."



FROM THE LIST BELOW, WHICH FOOD IS NOT MENTIONED IN THE BIBLE?

I have given you some Bible references to look up to help you in your process of elimination.



ONIONS



GRAPES



LEMONS



HONEY



CUCUMBERS



SPICES



CHEESE

NUMBERS 13:23, EXODUS 3:8, NUMBERS 11:5, 1KINGS 10:2, JOB 10:10

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