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"Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world."
1 John 2:15

Around 5.30pm every day four words usually ring out from every house across the country: "Your dinner is ready." This is usually followed by the response, "Great! I'm starving."

A similar scenario is found in 2 Kings 4:38-41. On this occasion, the people really were starving because, as well as a **dinner** being mentioned, there was also a **dearth** in the land. However, despite the shortage of food, Elisha called for the big pot to be put on. The sons of the prophets were going to have soup that night. Not being impressed with what was on the menu, one young lad **disappeared** out into the field to look for something else to eat. We read that he found a wild vine with lots of wild gourds growing on it. Now because they looked really appealing, he was deceived into thinking that he could add them to the pot of soup to make it better. However, when the soup was ready and everyone was given a bowlful, they made an awful **discovery**. The soup was rotten. It was like death in the pot. Seeing what was happening Elisha quickly **dealt** with the problem by calling for meal to be added to the pot and a great **deliverance** followed. All the harm caused was reversed and they were able to resume their seats and enjoy their dinner.

This story reminds me of boys and girls who are dissatisfied with the ordinary things of life and the blessing of a Christian upbringing. They want something more exciting, and, so, having turned their backs on that which is wholesome and good, they head out into the field of this world in search of something better. Of course, the old devil is there at the ready. He dresses up all kinds of very harmful sin to make it appealing and attractive. Sadly, such sin brings nothing but hurt and harm into that individual's life and, indeed, it had a great effect upon the lives of their loved ones, too. Like the story, the only way to deal with the poison of this sin is to "bring meal" and cast it into the pot. The meal is a picture of the Lord Jesus Christ, who, whenever He comes into our lives, has the power to remove the rot and filth of our sin, restoring everything back again to the way that it ought to be. ■

QUIZ

Many types of other foodstuffs are mentioned in the Bible. Using the references fill in the answers below. Then using the letters in the highlighted squares, make up another word connected to food.

John the Baptist ate wild honey and something else. (Matthew 3:4)

This food was cooking on the fire of coals. (John 21:9)

What did they continue breaking together? (Acts 2:42)

Poured out as milk and curdled like something else. (Job 10:10)

ANSWER:

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