

"For the Kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but Righteousness, and Peace, and Joy in the Holy Ghost." Romans 14:17 KJV

Jesus used earthly things to define heavenly things in His parables, but make no mistake there is no similarity between the two except the way in which we relate to them. The key to understanding the heavenly is to understand earthly relationships. The stimulation and satiation of the senses bring pleasure. Taste, touch, smell, sight, and sound all have pleasurable and displeasurable sides to them. There are pleasant tastes and unpleasant ones. The same goes for the other four senses. We have no inkling of the sensory abilities our glorified bodies will possess. What we can know is: Whatever small pleasure we may experience



physically, can never begin to prepare us for the flood of pleasure that will exult our soul and spirit when we stand before the bodily presence of our God and Saviour Jesus Christ! *It is written, "Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love Him."* There is no temporal sensation that will begin to compare or prepare us for the *glory that shall be revealed in us.* There is no emotion that now fills our soul that will not be eternally eclipsed by one glimpse of our Lord's dear face. However, we can imagine and anticipate that glory, because *God hath revealed them unto us by His Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God.* There are two new senses given to every believer; faith and love. These complete our earthly senses allowing us to glimpse the divine! *For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know.* Our temporal form could not contain one iota of the glory of God, but our soul and spirit through meditation and study of God's Word can anticipate with relish those things God has prepared for us! The breeze that blew at Pentecost ignited a flame still burning two millennia later! God's Word assures us and guides us through the treacherous waters of this life. The soft rush of the Holy Spirit's breath upon the soul of man ignites the most ardent adoration of which men are capable! We plead with God for His power in our lives not realizing that we need only touch the hem of His vesture for complete healing. A crumb from the KING's table will suffice us until we see Him face to face. To obey God is to touch Him. To suffer for His sake is to know Him. To be grieved by sin is to be caressed by the Almighty. His whispered Word catches our very breath, and stills our troubled soul!

There are no words that can describe,
The glory saints will ever imbibe,
But there are pleasures evermore,
For those who reach Sweet Beulah's shore. ~CGP

What wonders will feast our new senses? The pleasure of our earthly senses can in some small way give us an inkling of what is to come. For example: Think of your favorite food. Now, multiply that pleasure ten thousand-fold and you will have just begun to scratch the surface of the heavenly pleasures awaiting God's children! *In [God's] presence is fulness of joy; at [His] right hand there are pleasures for evermore.* Whatever we can dream and imagine it will be, it will surely be exceedingly more glorious!

"Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God: therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew Him not. Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when He shall appear, we shall be like Him; for we shall see Him as He is." 1 John 3:1-2 KJV