

dú jīng cóng zhǔ huà dé wèi yǎng
读经 - 从主话得喂养 (诗歌 588)

Study of the Word - Feeding on the Word (Hymn 812)

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I	come	to	Thee,	dear	Lord,		My	heart	doth	thirst	for	Thee;										
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深	远	在	此	吃	你	喝	你	享	受	你	的	自	己	。								
Of	Thee	I'd	eat,	of	Thee	I'd	drink,	En-	joy	Thee	thor-	ough-	ly.									

2.

nǐ de róng yào miànguāng wǒ xīn hé děng xīn shǎng
 你的荣耀面光，我心何等欣赏！

zhēn yuàn liú cǐ bú zài tā wǎng yì zhí xiàng nǐ zhān yǎng
 真愿留此不再他往，一直向你瞻仰。

*Thy glorious, radiant face My heart delights to see;
 Here I'd abide and ne'er depart, Beholding constantly.*

3.

zài zhè jiāo tōng lǐ miàn nǐ shì wǒ de ēn diǎn
 在这交通里面，你是我的恩典！

shǐ wǒ xīn huān shǐ wǒ líng mǎn quán rén jìn rù píng ān
 使我心欢，使我灵满，全人进入平安。

*In such a fellowship Thou, Lord art grace to me;
 My heart and spirit gladdened, filled, I enter rest in Thee.*

4.

hái yào zài cǐ děng hòu hái yào xiàng nǐ xún qiú
 还要在此等候，还要向你寻求！

dú jīng dǎo gào jiāo tì bù xiū zhí dào bèi nǐ jìn tòu
 读经，祷告交替不休，直到被你浸透！

*Lord, I would linger here, Still seeking after Thee,
 Continue in the Word and prayer Till Thou dost flow thru me.*

bǐ dé qián shū èr zhāng èr jié (1 Peter 2:2)
 彼得前书二章二节

xiàng cái shēng de yīng hái yí yàng qiē mù nà chún jìng de huà nǎi jiào nǐ men kào cǐ zhǎng dà yǐ zhì dé jiù
 象才生的婴孩一样，切慕那纯净的话奶，叫你们靠此长大，以至得救...

*As new born babes, long for the guileless milk of the word
 in order that by it you may grow unto salvation...*

How to Contact and Enjoy the Lord

Lesson Seven

By Reading the Bible (1)

Burden to Impart:

Having been born again, our inner man needs to grow and mature. This growth takes place as we feed upon God's Word. *We will grow into God's salvation by nourishing ourselves spiritually with God's Word as we read the Bible each day (1 Pet. 2:2).* We should not ignore our spirit's longing by substituting other, perhaps more "exciting," things for God's Word. Rather, we should be clear that our first and foremost need each day is to feed upon God's Word.

Memory Verse: "As newborn babes, long for the guileless [pure] milk of the word, that by it you may grow unto salvation, if you have tasted that the Lord is good..." (1 Peter 2:2).

Facts to Teach:

1. The two great treasures that the Lord has given to His children are His Holy Spirit and His Holy Word. Once we have believed in the Lord Jesus and have been baptized we are born again and indwelt by His Holy Spirit (John 1:12; 3:5; 7:39).
2. By being born again a new life is conceived in our spirit; this is the beginning of our "inner man" (Eph. 3:16). Although Christ does dwell in our spirit when we are young Christians, He still needs to grow and be formed in us (Gal. 4:19) so that we can become mature. He grows through the nourishment of the Word of God. The most important factor in our growth is the food we eat. Some tribes of people are very short (like the pygmies) and some are very tall. This is related to their diet. We are what we eat.
3. As "newborn babes" in Christ, we should "long for the guileless [pure] milk of the Word" of God (1 Pet. 2:2). Every babe cries out for milk. No one taught it to do so, its nature and stomach teaches it. We also, as God's children, have a longing desire in our spirit to feed upon His Word so that we may grow. Our inner man does not want to remain as a babe forever, it longs to mature and grow fully into God's salvation.
4. It is easy to ignore the yearning cry of the babe in our spirit. After a while we may not even realize that our inner man is hungry. We often distract ourselves with other things that seem more important or exciting than feeding our inner man, like reading, watching T.V., playing, etc. Although we may consciously forget the need of our inner man, still he is unsatisfied, yearning for some spiritual nourishment from God's Word.
5. If we will set aside some time each day for reading God's Word in the Bible we will develop a taste for it. Through the reading of God's Word we sense that we can actually "taste" the Lord (1 Pet. 2:2; Psa. 34:8). We will eventually proclaim as King David did in the Psalms, "How sweet are thy words unto my taste! Yea, sweeter than honey to my mouth" (Psa. 119:103). We will come to value God's Word more to be desired than gold, even much fine gold (Psa. 19:10).