

THE MORSELS WILL FALL!

Sitting at my desk this morning I finished reading about the children of Israel and their journey from Egypt. I leaned back in my chair, closed my eyes and resting in His presence, I thought of Exodus 16:4 - *I will cause food to fall like rain...Every day the people must go out and gather what they need for that day.*

I thought of how God liberated His children from Egypt and led them through the Red Sea on dry land. He gave them a cloud to follow in the day and a fire to see at night. He made sure that their basic needs were met. He gave them food; each morning the manna fell from heaven and each evening the quail appeared... The people were told to take just enough for each day. They were not to worry about tomorrow for God will take care of each day.

I thought what a blessed people we are to know we serve a faithful and caring Father who will meet our most basic needs in this the year of 2011 as He did for the children of Israel. And what does He ask of us; simply to trust Him! Jesus came as the bread of life and all those who hunger and thirst after him will be filled. Then the vision came.

Jesus is sitting on a large rock near the edge of a beautiful lake. He is talking to a large crowd of people surrounding him. I felt compelled to examine their faces. I saw a variety of different expressions. Some people looked utterly enthralled. Others looked peaceful, satisfied, some looked hopeful. Still others looked needy, some hungry, yet all were reaching out for those morsels of God they knew would soon come.

But the thing that caught my attention was the fact that I did not see sadness, or sorrow etched on faces. I did not see anger, hatred, despair, or doubt. So I asked, *Father, why do I not see any of these things? I know that people still suffer from them. It's a part of life that we must endure.*

Then the Holy Spirit spoke to my heart saying, *Yes, daughter, that is true, but the people you are seeing are My children who have heard not only with their ears, but they come with open hearts. They are in a place of seeking for My truth. They understand that My Son, Jesus, isn't just another prophet, but He is THE PROPHET. They know that as they press into Him, as they sit at His feet, as they reach out, they will receive. They know that when they hunger and thirst, they will be filled. Therefore, they are content to wait, basking in His presence; knowing that the morsels will fall. They will be fed each and every day as they come seeking the Bread of Life.*

My heart rejoices as again, I saw the lovingkindness of our gracious God. *Yes, Father, unlike anyone we have ever known, Jesus meets His people's needs. He gives inner peace and freedom from sin's guilt as well. He touches those places that are shut away from others, and as we allow Him in, He brings us into places of healing. NO need goes unmet as we turn to Him. Yes, we are a needy people, we do hunger and thirst after righteousness and Jesus, our bread from heaven fills that need. Jesus fills the physical and spiritual needs alike; nothing is left undone.*

The Spirit Filled Life Bible tells us in the footnotes that the petition in the Lord's Prayer, "Give us day by day our daily bread: (Luke 11:3), in all likelihood, looks back to the bread provided by God for the Israelites as their daily sustenance.

Exodus 16:32 – a sample of the bread was commanded to be kept to show future generations the provision of God in the wilderness. This sample was more than a keepsake; it was a sign of the covenant.

16:35 – Manna nurtured the people and gave life for 40 years. As such, it was a type of Christ. A direct correlation can be seen every time the Eucharist is observed and the one officiating repeats Christ's words. "Take, eat; this is My body which is broken for you" (1 Corinthians 11:24).

If this word ministers, receive it and rejoice with me as we give Jesus, the Bread of Life praise and honor. He is our Provider in all things.