

Man Shall not live by bread alone.

All Scripture is KJV: Matthew 4:4

INTRODUCTION: WHAT DOES THE BIBLE HAVE TO SAY

Today I want to preach about the Word of God

Matthew 4:4 King James Version (KJV)

But he answered and said, It is written, **Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.**

As if to say that man has always been used to nourishment by the physical bread but that was not sufficient.

It indicates to us that there was something missing. Yes the flesh was being nourished but what about the spirit being fed?

✚ It is important to remember who this message was directed to?

1. It was given to none other than the Devil himself?
 2. Good food and mans belly has always been the weakness of man. It was even the weakness and the eventual downfall of man in the Garden of Eden.
- ✓ Can you imagine the temptation of the smell of freshly baked bread?
 - ✓ It has a unique smell all of its own. As if you can taste it by what it smells like.
 - ✓ If you had to walk past a bakery of freshly baked bread it is a distraction and a temptation like none other.
 - ✓ You are tempted by the freshly baked bread, and rolls, and scones.
 - ✓ Each loaf of bread especially French loaves, look like stones with the flour lining the sides and top of the bread.

✚ Well it is from this illustration that the Devil thought that he could tempt Jesus!

Matthew 4:3 King James Version (KJV)

³And when the tempter came to him, he said, If thou be the Son of God, command that these stones be made bread.

- ✚ Is that not a fair description of how we see those French type loaves of bread.
 - ✚ They look so inviting, and just beg to be eaten. They look like stones. So it would be a fair thing for the Devil to compare the stones to loaves of bread.
- ✓ Even in the Garden of Eden the Devil managed to convince Adam to eat something that God had forbidden.
 - ✓ Mans weakness is through his belly, and that's the temptation that the Devil tried to use on Jesus.

- ✚ In the Old Testament, bread was used as the mainstay of hunger. And it's also for this reason that Jesus used bread to compare it with Himself. Jesus spoke of Himself being the bread of life.

Matthew 6:9-11 King James Version (KJV)

⁹ After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name.

¹⁰ Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.

¹¹ Give us this day our daily bread.

Mark 14:22

And as they did eat, Jesus took bread, and blessed, and brake it, and gave to them, and said, Take, eat: this is my body.

- When Jesus spoke of the bread of life, not many understood the message.

John 6:21-71

²² The day following, when the people which stood on the other side of the sea saw that there was none other boat there, save that one where into his disciples were entered, and that Jesus went not with his disciples into the boat, but that his disciples were gone away alone;

²³ (Howbeit there came other boats from Tiberias nigh unto the place where they did eat bread, after that the Lord had given thanks:)

²⁴ When the people therefore saw that Jesus was not there, neither his disciples, they also took shipping, and came to Capernaum, seeking for Jesus.

²⁵ And when they had found him on the other side of the sea, they said unto him, Rabbi, when camest thou hither?

²⁶ Jesus answered them and said, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Ye seek me, not because ye saw the miracles, but because ye did eat of the loaves, and were filled.

²⁷ Labour not for the meat which perisheth, but for that meat which endureth unto everlasting life, which the Son of man shall give unto you: for him hath God the Father sealed.

²⁸ Then said they unto him, What shall we do, that we might work the works of God?

²⁹ Jesus answered and said unto them, This is the work of God, that ye believe on him whom he hath sent.

³⁰ They said therefore unto him, What sign shewest thou then, that we may see, and believe thee? what dost thou work?

³¹ Our fathers did eat manna in the desert; as it is written, He gave them bread from heaven to eat.

³² Then Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Moses gave you not that bread from heaven; but my Father giveth you the true bread from heaven.

³³ For the bread of God is he which cometh down from heaven, and giveth life unto the world.

³⁴ Then said they unto him, Lord, evermore give us this bread.

³⁵ And Jesus said unto them, I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst.

³⁶ But I said unto you, That ye also have seen me, and believe not.

³⁷ All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out.

³⁸ For I came down from heaven, not to do mine own will, but the will of him that sent me.

³⁹ And this is the Father's will which hath sent me, that of all which he hath given me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up again at the last day.

⁴⁰ And this is the will of him that sent me, that every one which seeth the Son, and believeth on him, may have everlasting life: and I will raise him up at the last day.

⁴¹ The Jews then murmured at him, because he said, I am the bread which came down from heaven.

⁴² And they said, Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? how is it then that he saith, I came down from heaven?

⁴³ Jesus therefore answered and said unto them, Murmur not among yourselves.

⁴⁴ No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him: and I will raise him up at the last day.

⁴⁵ It is written in the prophets, And they shall be all taught of God. Every man therefore that hath heard, and hath learned of the Father, cometh unto me.

⁴⁶ Not that any man hath seen the Father, save he which is of God, he hath seen the Father.

⁴⁷ Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me hath everlasting life.

⁴⁸ **I am that bread of life.**

⁴⁹ Your fathers did eat manna in the wilderness, and are dead.

⁵⁰ This is the bread which cometh down from heaven, that a man may eat thereof, and not die.

⁵¹ **I am the living bread which came down from heaven:** if any man eat of this bread, he shall live for ever: and the bread that I will give is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world.

⁵² The Jews therefore strove among themselves, saying, How can this man give us his flesh to eat?

⁵³ Then Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except ye eat the flesh of the Son of man, and drink his blood, ye have no life in you.

⁵⁴ Whoso eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, hath eternal life; and I will raise him up at the last day.

⁵⁵ For my flesh is meat indeed, and my blood is drink indeed.

⁵⁶ He that eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, dwelleth in me, and I in him.

⁵⁷ As the living Father hath sent me, and I live by the Father: so he that eateth me, even he shall live by me.

⁵⁸ **This is that bread which came down from heaven:** **not as your fathers did eat manna, and are dead:** **he that eateth of this bread shall live for ever.**

⁵⁹ These things said he in the synagogue, as he taught in Capernaum.

⁶⁰ Many therefore of his disciples, when they had heard this, said, This is an hard saying; who can hear it?

⁶¹ When Jesus knew in himself that his disciples murmured at it, he said unto them, Doth this offend you?

⁶² **What and if ye shall see the Son of man ascend up where he was before?**

⁶³ **It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life.**

⁶⁴ But there are some of you that believe not. For Jesus knew from the beginning who they were that believed not, and who should betray him.

⁶⁵ And he said, Therefore said I unto you, that no man can come unto me, except it were given unto him of my Father.

⁶⁶ From that time many of his disciples went back, and walked no more with him.

⁶⁷ **Then said Jesus unto the twelve, Will ye also go away?**

⁶⁸ Then Simon Peter answered him, Lord, to whom shall we go? **thou hast the words of eternal life.**

⁶⁹ And we believe and are sure that thou art that Christ, the Son of the living God.

⁷⁰ Jesus answered them, Have not I chosen you twelve, and one of you is a devil?

⁷¹ He spake of Judas Iscariot the son of Simon: for he it was that should betray him, being one of the twelve.

1. When you come to Jesus you have to believe that He "Is the Word".
 2. If Jesus is not the Word then you cannot get saved. Because it is by "The Word" that you are saved.
- It is extremely important for salvation to take place "By The Word of God".
 - Think about this for a moment. If you don't have the Word of God given to you it is "impossible" to get saved.

How would it be possible to get saved by Words that did not proceed out of the mouth of God".

- ✓ In Romans 10 the Apostle Paul describes for us a time in which Israel had the opportunity to come to Jesus but they ignored what God said.
- ✓ Instead they went about to establish their own righteousness "through their own words" instead of that of God.

We see this unfold in what Paul had to say about Israel in Romans 10.

Romans 10:1-18 Romans 10 King James Version (KJV)

¹ Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is, **that they might be saved.**

² For I bear them record that **they have a zeal of God, but not according to knowledge.**

³ **For they being ignorant of God's righteousness, and going about to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted themselves unto the righteousness of God.**

⁴ For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to every one that believeth.

⁵ For Moses describeth the righteousness which is of the law, That the man which doeth those things shall live by them.

⁶ But the righteousness which is of faith speaketh on this wise, Say not in thine heart, Who shall ascend into heaven? (that is, to bring Christ down from above:)

⁷ Or, Who shall descend into the deep? (that is, to bring up Christ again from the dead.)

⁸ **But what saith it? The word is nigh thee, even in thy mouth, and in thy heart: that is, the word of faith, which we preach;**

⁹ That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.

¹⁰ For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

¹¹ **For the scripture saith, Whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed.**

¹² For there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek: for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon him.

¹³ **For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.**

¹⁴ **How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher?**

¹⁵ And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of **them that preach the gospel of peace**, and bring glad tidings of good things!

¹⁶ But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Esaias saith, Lord, who hath believed our report?

¹⁷ **So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.**

¹⁸ But I say, Have they not heard? Yes verily, their sound went into all the earth, and their words unto the ends of the world.

1. If "God's Word" is necessary for salvation then anything else preached cannot bring salvation.
2. If God said that "neither is there salvation in any other" name other than Jesus, then if people are trying to preach a salvation message not from God then they cannot be saved.

Acts 4:12

Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.

✚ **So who does this name belong to**

1. Well first of all this name of Jesus is one of the names of the Son of God in the New Testament.
2. In the Old Testament Jesus was known by other names like Jehovah, or at times by the name God Almighty.

Exodus 6:2-4 King James Version (KJV)

² And **God spake unto Moses**, and said unto him, **I am the LORD**:

³ **And I appeared unto Abraham, unto Isaac, and unto Jacob, by the name of God Almighty, but by my name JEHOVAH was I not known to them.**

3. God is very specific in Matthew 4:4 that man shall not live by bread alone. But by “every Word” that proceeds out of the mouth of God.
4. So if God did not say it then how come some people are living by what God did not say?

✚ **There can only be “one” right word of God. There cannot be different version saying different things.**

✚ The modern bibles do not say what God said. There are many serious errors and additions and alterations which have been printed in these bible versions.

There are many references to Jesus in the bible (KJV) as being the Word.

- He is referred to as the living Word.
- He is referred to as the Word becoming flesh.
- He is referred to as the “Physical” Word of God.
- He the “Word” is also referred to as being with God from eternity.
- He is also given the title in Revelation 19 :13.

Revelation 19:13 And he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: **and his name is called The Word of God.**

1 John 1:1 That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, of the **Word of life**;

5. We are saved by the Word of God.
6. The bible (KJV) is God in the written pages.

There are far too many errors in the other modern bible versions to essentially be the Word of God.

- Check out Luke 3:24-26. (see printed scripture comparing names of genealogy).
- Living by Every Word of God is important.
- Jesus said it was important. So it should be.

The NIV is wrong in describing who Jesus is.

Luke 2:33 King James Version (KJV)

³³ And Joseph and his mother marvelled at those things which were spoken of him.

Luke 2:33 New International Version (NIV)

³³ The child's father and mother marveled at what was said about him.

1. Jesus is the Son of God.
2. Jesus is not the Son of Joseph.
3. Joseph is not the father of Jesus.

- Nor is Jesus a created being like the NIV says.

Micah 5:2 King James Version (KJV)

² But thou, Bethlehem Ephratah, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall he come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel; whose goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting.

Micah 5:2 New International Version (NIV)

² "But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are small among the clans^[a] of Judah, out of you will come for me one who will be ruler over Israel, whose origins are from of old, from ancient times."

- The Deity of the word of God is missing in the NIV.

1 Timothy 3:16 King James Version (KJV)

¹⁶ And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory.

1 Timothy 3:16 New International Version (NIV)

¹⁶ Beyond all question, the mystery from which true godliness springs is great:

He appeared in the flesh,
 was vindicated by the Spirit,^[a]
 was seen by angels,

was preached among the nations,
was believed on in the world,
was taken up in glory.

- **If “The word of God” was not important answer this Question.**

Revelation 22:18

For I testify unto every man that heareth the **words** of the prophecy of this book, If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book:

Revelation 22:19

And if any man shall take away from the **words** of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book.

- Words are important.....because if they don't speak of Jesus.....they cannot save your souls..

James 1:20-22 King James Version (KJV)

²⁰ For the wrath of man worketh not the righteousness of God.

²¹ Wherefore lay apart all filthiness and superfluity of naughtiness, and receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls.

²² But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves.

- You cannot be saved apart from the true Word of God.
- Jesus is the Word.

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