

CHRISTIANS ON CAMPUS  
Fall 22 Friday Night Fellowship  
**Session 3: The Fatness of the Lord's House**

**1. God's intention for man to enjoy God as food.**

**Gen.2:8-9** And Jehovah God planted a garden in Eden, in the east; and there He put the man whom He had formed. And out of the ground Jehovah God caused to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food, as well as the tree of life in the middle of the garden and tree of the tree of knowledge of good and evil.

**John 6:35** Jesus said to them, I am the bread of life; he who comes to Me shall by no means hunger, and he who believes into Me shall by no means ever thirst.

**John 6:57** As the living Father has sent Me and I live because of the Father, so he who eats Me, he also shall live because of Me.

**Exo. 12:8** And they shall eat the flesh in that night, roasted with fire, and they shall eat it with unleavened bread with bitter herbs.

**2. The fullness of the enjoyment of the Lord.**

**Psalms 23:1** Jehovah is my Shepherd; I will lack nothing. **2** He makes me lie down in green pastures; / He leads me beside waters of rest. **3** He restores my soul; / He guides me on the paths of righteousness / For His name's sake. **4** Even though I walk / Through the valley of the shadow of death, / I do not fear evil, / For You are with me; / Your rod and Your staff, / They comfort me. **5** You spread a table before me / In the presence of my adversaries; / You anoint my head with oil; / My cup runs over. **6** Surely goodness and lovingkindness will follow me / All the days of my life, / And I will dwell in the house of Jehovah / For the length of [my] day

**Psalms 90:1** O Lord, You have been our dwelling place / In all generations.

**3. The fatness of the Lord's House.**

**Psalms 36:8-9** They are saturated with the fatness of Your house, / And You cause them to drink of the river of Your pleasures. **9** For with You is the fountain of life; / In Your light we see light.

**Psalms 27:4** One thing I have asked from Jehovah; / That do I seek: / To dwell in the house of Jehovah / All the days of my life, / To behold the beauty of Jehovah, / And to inquire in His temple.

**Psalms 84:10** For a day in Your courts is better than a thousand; / I would rather stand at the threshold of the house of my God / Than dwell in the tents of the wicked.

**Today's Reading**

From the time that man was created, God presented Himself to man as the tree of life in the form of food. When we partake of food, that food becomes a part of us. This is the very intention God has toward us, that we may take Him as food so that we can be mingled with Him to express Him in this universe. The first mentioning of something in the Scriptures is always a governing principle, a principle which governs all

the Lord's dealings with us. The basic principle of the Lord's dealings with His people is that they would enjoy Him as their food, their life supply.

God's intention is to make Himself our very enjoyment in many aspects that He may be thoroughly wrought into our being for us to be fully joined to Him and mingled with Him. The types, figures, and shadows of the Old Testament provide a clear picture that God's intention is to present Himself to us as our enjoyment. We need to learn how to enjoy Him. We need to enjoy Him as our life, our food, our drink, our light, our air, our dwelling place, and our everything. Psalm 90:1 says, "O Lord, You have been our dwelling place / In all generations." The Lord is not only our life, food, drink, light, and air, but He is also our dwelling place. We have to dwell in Him. Our enjoyment of Him in so many aspects depends upon our realization that the Lord is the tree of life. The house of the Lord is the fullest expression of the tree of life and the fullest enjoyment of what the Lord is to us.

Psalm 36:8 says, "They are saturated with the fatness of Your house, / And You cause them to drink of the river of Your pleasures." We may say that we are satisfied with the Lord, but do we have some experience of being saturated with the fatness of the Lord's house? What is the fatness of the Lord's house? It is the fountain of life, which is the Lord Himself. The fountain of life is in the house of the Lord. Psalm 36:9 says, "With You is the fountain of life; / In Your light we see light." With this fountain of life there is the light. This absolutely corresponds with John 1:4: "In Him was life, and the life was the light of men." The fatness of the Lord's house is the fountain of life with the source of light. Whenever you enjoy the Lord Jesus as your life, you sense that you are enlightened.

The more you enjoy Christ as life, the more you will desire, hunger, and thirst for the church life. The more you enjoy the Lord, the more you will sense the need to fellowship with others. When you get into the church life, into the Lord's house, the house of the Lord will bring you back to all the many experiences of Christ and will enrich and strengthen these experiences. Then you will be satisfied abundantly with the fatness of the house of the Lord. You will see that the fountain of life and the source of light are in the house of the Lord. If you are not in the house of the Lord, it is possible for you to have a foretaste of the fountain of life and the source of light, and this foretaste will bring you and cause you to get into the church life. When you get into the church life, into the house of the Lord, you will say, "Here is the place where there is the fountain of life and the source of light." You will have a real sense of the sweetness, the fatness, of the Lord's house.

In Psalm 84:10 the psalmist said, "A day in Your courts is better than a thousand; / I would rather stand at the threshold of the house of my God / Than dwell in the tents of the wicked." The best way to redeem our time is to keep ourselves in the courts of the Lord. One day there is better than a thousand days. Some people may criticize you by saying that you are wasting your time, but actually you are not wasting your time. You are gaining your time one thousandfold by remaining in the Lord's house in the enjoyment of the Lord.