

This year I **#SeekFirst**

Matthew 6:33 (HCSB)

But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things will be provided for you.

Key ONE | **WISDOM**

Key TWO | The KINGDOM

1 Corinthians 15:50 (ESV)

I tell you this, brothers: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.

Key THREE | KING & KINGDOM

Jesus is KING

We are **AMBASSADORS**

Key FOUR | The KINGDOM IS AT HAND

Today's #SeekFirst key is

FRESH BREAD



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2. FRESH BREAD:

A matter of survival...
and of growing

Spiritually, we need daily FRESH BREAD

2.1 What is this Bread?

Our King again

– the **WAY**, the **TRUTH** and the **LIFE**

JOHN 6

– context and background

John 6:25 When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, "Rabbi, when did you come here?" 26 Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, you are seeking me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. 27 Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give to you. For on him God the Father has set his seal."

Don't merely seek Jesus Christ for
the bread, seek
Jesus Christ the Bread.

Bread of life:

John 6:28 Then they said to him, "What must we do, to be doing the works of God?" 29 Jesus answered them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent." 30 So they said to him, "Then what sign do you do, that we may see and believe you? What work do you perform? 31 Our fathers ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'"

32 Jesus then said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but my Father gives you the true bread from heaven.33 For the bread of God is he who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." 34 They said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always." 35 Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst. 36 But I said to you that you have seen me and yet do not believe...

John 6:47 Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes has eternal life. 48 I am the bread of life. 49 Your fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. 50 This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. 51 I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. And the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."

1. Bread, staple food;
2. It is so common, it is synonymous for food in total;
3. Bread's basic, can sustain a human for a long period;
4. Bread also plays integral part of Jewish Passover meal. [Jews had unleavened bread for seven days following as a celebration of the exodus from Egypt]
5. Jews were wandering in the desert for 40 years, God rained down “bread from heaven” to sustain the nation – called **MANNA**

- a. Manna was a picture of the food to come
- b. Could only be kept for a day
- c. Had to seek first the manna in the morning
- d. Could only gather enough for one day
- e. It was fresh for that day

Exodus 16:4 Then the Lord said to Moses, “Behold, I am about to rain bread from heaven for you, and the people shall go out and gather a day’s portion every day, that I may test them, whether they will walk in my law or not.

2.2 Why we need Fresh Bread?

Simply, we seek first:

1. To stay alive
2. To grow
3. Life and life in abundance

3. Let's get practical, DAILY FRESH BREAD:

3.1 Personal bread:

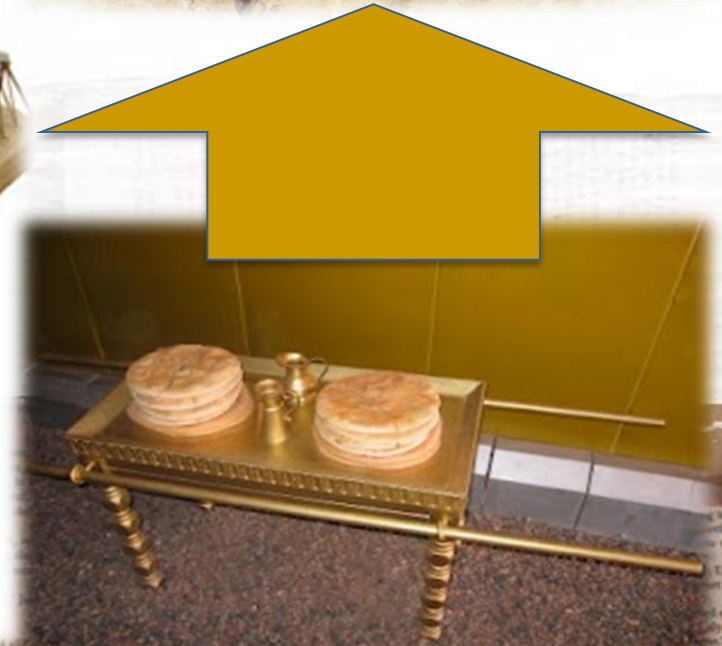
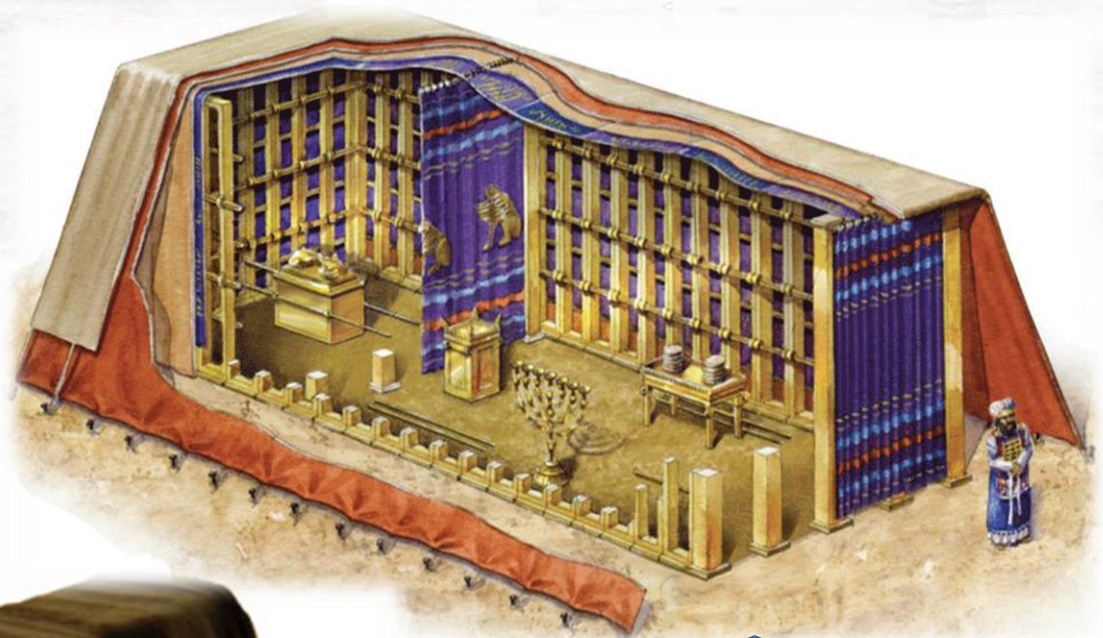
Various ways by way which we get our daily fresh Bread, Jesus Christ

Word, Spirit, Worship, Fellowship etc..



The Old Testament holds another symbolic key for us pointing to Jesus Christ and our need for the Bread of Life

In the Tabernacle:



Showbread

(Hebrew: לחם הפנים lechem haPānīm, literally: "Bread of the Presence"), in the King James Version: showbread; see **Leviticus 24:5-9**

"Bread of the Presence"

The BREAD OF HIS PRESENCE

Personal time of SPIRITUAL EATING needs to be
TIMES IN HIS PRESENCE

What did we learn two weeks ago?

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- 1. Jesus was God among us – PRESENT**
- 2. Jesus came to reconcile us with God**

That which was broken in the GARDEN OF EDEN – fellowship with God, walking with Him – **restored** by Jesus to **God's presence**

A doctrine where **God's presence and our experience of His presence is reduced, ignored or even ridiculed** is a doctrine of mere **dead religion...** A doctrine born of a orphan spirit

All to lead to His presence: [FOR EXAMPLE]

God gave us His Son Jesus Christ

God gave us His Word

Remember: WHAT DID JESUS DO?

Jesus gave us –

Ministry of Reconciliation – 2 Corinthians 5:18,19

Tore the veil so we may enter – Matthew 27:50-52

John 1:1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was in the beginning with God. 3 All things were made through him, and without him was not anything made that was made. 4 In him was life, and the life was the light of men.

JESUS IS THE WORD INCARNATE, THE LOGOS

The Word will only do what Jesus does –
**Lead us to encounter God
and His presence.**

3.2 The Bread through togetherness [Corporately]:

I believe believers get disillusioned with Church and God for two reasons:

1. There is no Bread of His presence in the Church

There is a lot of stuff, but not a lot of God

2. There is bread, but people have merely lost their spiritual appetite

#SeekFirst Fresh Bread daily... until you find the Bread of His Presence



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