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(#184) The Proverbs of Solomon 27:7- Are You Too Full To Eat?

Proverbs 27:7:

A satisfied soul loathes the honeycomb, but to a hungry soul every bitter thing is sweet.

When people are driven by hunger, it is surprising what they think is "sweet," or tasty and edible, even something "bitter!" But when people feel full and "satisfied," hardly anything would taste good, not even sweet "honeycomb!" Parents cannot make a child eat unless the child is hungry; food advertising is designed to create a sense of hunger; cultural dishes reflect how desperate the society was when the recipe was determined.

This has tremendous spiritual application. After delivering the Israelites from Egyptian slavery, and providing for them 40 years in the Wilderness, God warned them as they entered The Promised Land:

"When you have eaten and are full, then you shall bless the LORD your God for the good land which He has given you. Beware that you do not forget the LORD your God by not keeping His commandments, His judgments, and His statutes which I command you today, lest-when you have eaten and are full, and have built beautiful houses and dwell in them; and when your herds and your flocks multiply, and your silver and your gold are multiplied, and all that you have is multiplied"... "then you say in your heart, 'My power and the might of my hand have gained me this wealth.' And you shall remember the LORD your God, for it is He who gives you power to get wealth... "Then it shall be, if you by any means forget the LORD your God, and follow other gods, and serve them and worship them, I testify against you this day that you shall surely perish."
([Deuteronomy 8:10-20](#))

People who "have it good" don't think they need God, but they do! The gravest danger to the church of Christ specifically, and America generally, is self-serving self-satisfaction and self-justification. People who have been convinced their own approval of religious practices is all that matters don't seem to care whether God approves or not! They think they are "full" and even God's blessings are not "sweet" enough to cause them to eat the Word of God! False preachers have convinced people they are saved before being baptized "into Christ Jesus"



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([Romans 6:3](#)), and they think they are full with salvation and don't need the baptism that saves ([1 Peter 3:21](#))!

Jesus' disciples, however, are those who "hunger and thirst for righteousness" ([Matthew 5:6](#)), but those who make Him sick, say "

'I am rich, have become wealthy, and have need of nothing'—
and do not know that you are wretched, miserable, poor, blind,
and naked. ([Revelation 3:17](#))

These sickening Christians don't see the need to attend Bible classes, hear sermons with an open heart ([Luke 24:27, 32](#)), or strive to learn more of God's Word through "diligence" ([2 Timothy 2:15](#)). Bible preachers, accurate worship services, faithful good deeds, Jesus Christ, Himself, cannot draw people who are "satisfied" without them! Jesus must be lifted above all "satisfied" people in order to "draw all *peoples* to Myself" ([John 12:32](#)).

Are you drawn to Jesus by the Word of God?

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