**R1048 - Rumination for Mar. 2, 2025**

The **T**heme: **Meat and Missions** [berita-bethel-ung.com](http://www.berita-bethel-ung.com)

The **T**ext: *Jesus saith unto them, ﻿My* ***M****eat is ﻿to do the will of Him that sent Me, and ﻿to finish His* ***W****ork*. Jn 4:34.

The **T**hots:

1. **The Disciples’ Concern for the Materialistic. Jn. 4:31-33**
2. They were **I**nterested in the Physical **M**eat (*food*, ESV). 4:31

 *In the mean while His disciples prayed Him, saying, ﻿****M****aster, ﻿eat.*

1. They were **I**gnorant of the **S**piritual **M**enu! 4:32

 *But He said unto them, I have* ***M****eat to eat that ye know not of.*

1. They were **I**nsistent on **S**atisfying the **M**aster **M**aterially. 4:33

 *Therefore said the disciples one to another, ﻿Hath any* ***M****an brought Him ought to eat?*

1. **The Master’s Concern for His Mission. Jn. 4:34-38**
2. The **P**urpose of His Mission – *to do the* ***W****ill of Him that sent Me*  4:34a
3. Cf. **J**ehovah **A**sked a Question:
4. *I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for ﻿Us? ﻿* Isa. 6:8
5. *Above when He said, Sacrifice and offering and burnt offerings and offering for sin*

*Thou wouldest not, neither hadst pleasure therein; which are offered by the law.* Heb. 10:8

1. Cf. **J**esus’ **A**nswer to the Question: Heb. 10:7; See #2a below
2. *Then said I, Lo, I come (in the volume of the book it is written of Me), to do Thy will, O God*.
3. *Then said He, Lo, I come to do Thy will, O God.* Heb. 10:9, 10
4. The **P**riority of His Mission – *to finish the* ***W****ork* 4:34b

*Jesus saith…﻿My meat is ﻿to do the* ***W****ill of Him that sent Me, and ﻿to finish His* ***W****ork.*

1. Cf. The **P**rophecy of the **M**essiah’s **M**ission: Psa. 40:8

*I delight to do ﻿Thy will, O My God: Yea, Thy law is ﻿﻿within My heart.*

1. The **P**assing down of the **M**ission **M**essage - Jn 20:21.
2. *Then said Jesus to them again, ﻿Peace be unto you: ﻿as ﻿My Father hath sent Me, even so send I you.*
3. *Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father,*

*and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever*

*I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world.* Mt. 28:19, 20

1. The **P**recaution of the **M**ission: Mt. 5:17, 18
2. Negative**ly**: *Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets:*

 *I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil.* Mt 5:17.

1. Positive**ly**: *Verily I say unto you, ﻿Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle*

 *shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled.* Mt 5:18.

1. Affirmative**ly**: Isa. 42:21

*The Lord is well pleased for His righteousness’ sake; He ﻿will magnify the law,*

*and make ﻿it honourable.*

1. Assured**ly**: *For ﻿what the law could not do, in that ﻿it was weak through the flesh, ﻿God sending*

*His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and ﻿for sin, condemned sin in the flesh: That ﻿the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, ﻿who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.*

 Rom. 8:3, 4

1. The **P**erspective of Missions – its **W**isdom: 4:35
2. Don’t **P**rocrastinate – *Say not* *ye, There are yet four months, and then cometh harvest?*
3. **P**ray – ***L****ift up…your eyes* cf. *lift up holy hands*. Cf. I Tim. 2:8
4. **P**erceive – ***L****ook on…the fields.*
5. The **P**rinciple of Missions – *One soweth and another reapeth* 4:36, 37
6. **S**owing and **Re**aping are one **P**rocess in two **S**tages: 4:37

*And herein is that saying true, ﻿One soweth, and another reapeth.*

1. The **S**ower and the **R**eaper are two **P**eople in one **S**ervice. 4:36a

*And he that reapeth receiveth ﻿wages, and gathereth fruit unto life eternal:*

1. The **S**ower and the **R**eaper have the **S**ame Joy – they **R**ejoice together. 4:36b

 *that both he that soweth and he that reapeth may rejoice together.*

1. The **P**ractice of Missions. 4:38

*I sent ﻿you to reap ﻿that whereon ye bestowed no labour: other men laboured,*

*and ﻿ye are entered into their labours.*

1. Some **R**eap while others **S**ow.
2. Some **S**ow while others **R**eap.
3. Both will **S**ee their fruit and have their **R**eward.

Con.: *He that* ***W****inneth souls is* ***W****ise.* Pro. 11:30

1. *Or* ***W****hat shall a man give in exchange for his soul?* Mk. 8:37
2. *For* ***W****hat is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own ﻿soul?*

*He that winneth souls is wise; In the home beyond the skies,*

*There’s a crown of glory Oh, the wondrous prize!*

 *He that winneth souls is wise.* Elza E. Hewitt

**P**oints **T**o **P**onder: *What shall a man give in exchange for his soul?* Mt 16:26.