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WEEKLY MINISTRY MEDITATIONS

Pronounced "Soul"

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Giving the People What They Want

NUMBERS 11:18-20 NIV – (18) "Tell the people: 'Consecrate yourselves in preparation for tomorrow, when you will eat meat. The LORD heard you when you wailed, "If only we had meat to eat! We were better off in Egypt!" Now the LORD will give you meat, and you will eat it. (19) You will not eat it for just one day, or two days, or five, ten or twenty days, (20) but for a whole month—until it comes out of your nostrils and you loathe it—because you have rejected the LORD, who is among you, and have wailed before him, saying, "Why did we ever leave Egypt?"'"

How quickly they forgot! They were *slaves* in Egypt. They may have had a variety of food, but they were slaves. Was that a good trade-off? Would we rather be free or have good food? If we take the food, we fall into the same category as Esau. What do we want—the sensual stimulation that the world can provide or eternal life? It comes down to questions like that. What do we want? Are we going to crave it, or are we going to follow God?

He makes provisions for an undeserving people everyday, every second! He gives us things WE NEED!!!!!! But many will say, "That's not what I asked for." God is taking care of you, now take the time to give Him the honor He deserves! How many times did you call out to God this week? What about this month, this year? You called out to Him and He answered. Give thanks to God for everything! You were ill; you were depressed; you were lonely; you were pressed from all sides; you were in need, and you called out to God. He listened and answered. He heard you and turned your tragedy into triumph. Now is the time to stop and give glory and thanks to God for His wonderful works!

When we act ungrateful like the Israelites did in the above passage, be prepared to receive what you want, but not what you need!

SCRIPTURE READING

2 THESSALONIANS 2:4

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

"Let gratitude be the pillow upon which you kneel to say your nightly prayer. And let faith be the bridge you build to overcome evil and welcome good." — Maya Angelou

