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1 Kings 19:5b – 6

Sustaining Personal Revival

“...behold, an angel touched him, and said to him, “Arise and eat.” And he looked, and there was a cake backed on the coals and a cruse of water at his head. And he did eat and drink, and lay down again.” 1 King 19:5b-6

The culture of the world into which the apostles took the message of the Gospel, much like the present day culture of the West, had an insatiable desire for new things! Not necessarily a desire for the truth, but a desire for new things that entertain and allow their minds and senses to “expand” beyond their current experiences, pleasures, and appetites. “...all the Athenians and strangers who were there spent their time in nothing else, but either to tell or to hear some new thing.” (Acts 17:21) Could this be why Paul warns Timothy about these who would “not endure sound doctrine but, after their own lust, shall heap to themselves teachers” because they, “have itching ears”?

Today’s endless array of spiritual food, things that excite and cater to the flesh and soul of man rather than to his spiritual nature may invite the apostle today to warn us of “foods that are not healthy (sound in doctrine), foods (teachings) that only please people’s lusts and titillate the tongue.”

To sustain a genuine personal revival one must hunger and thirst for righteousness, desire the pure milk of the Word, fellowship with the Bread of Life and be able to handle the meat of the Word! (Matthew 5:6; 1 Peter 2:2; John 6:35; Hebrews 5:14).

Well, is your spiritual life nurtured by today’s “junk foods” or are you feasting on the Word of the Living God?