



“And He humbled you and let you be hungry, and fed you with manna which you did not know, nor did your fathers know, that He might make you understand that man does not live by bread alone, but man lives by everything that proceeds out of the mouth of the LORD.” Deuteronomy 8:3

With Adam’s sin came a spiritual mark – a mark of independence from the Creator. Every human being is born with this mark and we strive the whole of our lives to assert that independence. This rebel lies within every human harts. “All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned everyone his own way...” (Isaiah 53:6).

Our coming to Christ releases us from the condemnation of our rebellion and subsequently allows us the freedom to begin to experience the Lord’s abundance of life – we are indeed “born again”. But the fierceness and tenacity of our old spiritual genetic code faces us daily.

The Apostle Paul also understood this “humbling” – that he might live by every word of God – “For I have learned in whatever state I am, in this to be content. I know both how to be abased, and I know how to abound everywhere and in all things I am instructed both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need. I can do all things through Christ, who strengthens me.” (Philippians 4:11-13)

Are you still striving to prove your independence or have you learned to “live by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God”? “... you cannot be fruitful apart from Me.” (John 15:5b)