

Mysteries in the Gospel of John Season 5: Obedience, A Different Kind of Food



Scripture

- **John 4:30-37**

They went out of the city and were coming to Him. Meanwhile the disciples were urging Him, saying, “Rabbi, eat.” But He said to them, “I have food to eat that you do not know about.” So, the disciples were saying to one another, “No one brought Him anything to eat, did he?” Jesus said to them, “My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me and to accomplish His work. Do you not say, ‘There are yet four months, and then comes the harvest’? Behold, I say to you, lift up your eyes and look on the fields, that they are white for harvest. Already he who reaps is receiving wages and is gathering fruit for life eternal; so that he who sows and he who reaps may rejoice together. For in this case the saying is true, ‘One sows, and another reaps.’”

- **John 17:4**

“I glorified You on the earth, having accomplished the work which You have given Me to do.

Other Scriptures

- John 14:15-16
- I Timothy 1:8
- John 8:23
- John 4:14
- Exodus 35:2
- Mark 2:27
- Genesis 2:2
- John 4:34

Main Points

- The word commandments in English is transliterated as Mitsvot in Hebrew.
- Obeying God is food for us.
- When we approach the law of God with the right spirit, it’s good for us.
- The New Testament teaches us that we have to relate to the law contained in the Old Testament properly in the spirit.
- Doing the will of God and obeying Him is life for us.
- By obeying His commandments, we create a lifeline between Heaven and Earth.

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- We can't separate loving God from doing the work of God.
- Loving God is obeying Him and doing His commandments.
- Loving God is a choice. It's not about feeling anything first. It's about doing His will.
- The work of God is to believe in Him, to develop a relationship with Him, and also to be a witness
- We can't know God if we're not willing to do His will.

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Questions

1. Why did Rabbi say that obedience to God is food to us? What did he mean by that?
2. What type of lifeline is created when we make obedience to God an important part of our walk with God?
3. How are loving God and doing God's will connected?
4. What is the work of God?
5. Can we know God if we are not willing to enter into His will?