

The Bread of God

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The bread and wine in the Lord's Supper are elevated to speak of Christ's body and blood, serving as memorials of His sacrificial death.

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Description

G.W. North emphasizes the significance of the Lord's Supper, highlighting that at the first feast, no one was hungry or thirsty due to the prior Passover meal. He explains how Jesus selected bread and wine from this meal to symbolize His body and blood, establishing them as eternal memorials of His sacrificial death. North warns against indulging in carnal appetites at the Lord's table, stressing that partaking in anything other than the prescribed elements is both risky and disrespectful. He also points out that abstaining from the Supper is equally unacceptable, as it undermines the command of Christ. Ultimately, the simplicity and frugality of these elements reflect Christ's care for all members of His Church, regardless of their means.

Transcript

At that first great feast no-one was hungry or thirsty, for each one of them had already eaten well. Roast lamb was the main item of the good, solid Passover meal they had all taken just beforehand. Presumably, when about to establish His supper, the Lord first carefully selected from the remains of that former ordinance some bread and wine. Having done this, He gave thanks to God and proceeded to install the new feast. He did so by elevating the two ordinary elements from their ordinary usage and ordaining them to speak to us of His body and blood. By this He established them to be for ever the memorials of His sacrificial death. Quite as obviously, since they were not selected for their food value, they were pressed into use as being most suited to His purpose.

Moreover, their frugality and simplicity testify also to our Lord's tender discrimination, for they are not beyond the means of the very poorest members of His Church.

From that time forward, these alone are to be the viands served at His royal banquet. If therefore any person among the Corinthians ate and drank anything other than these, or under any pretext sought to indulge carnal appetites when sitting at His table, they would do so at risk and to their own condemnation. On the other hand if any member of the body of Christ knowingly eats or drinks less than both these, or does not partake of the supper at all, his action or abstinence is reprehensible. To say the least it is

impolite, at the worst it is an insult to the Lord; the rest is best left unspoken.

In this matter we are not consulted at all, nor are we asked for an opinion about the substance or amount of the provision. We are summoned by His command to attend, and under His supervision do we all partake.

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