

## “Decree!”

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Recently I heard a wise man say that God wants to bring restoration but no one is decreeing restoration. Hmm. There are many things implied in this statement.



Dictionary.com defines the verb decree as: “to command, ordain, or decide by decree.”

Unfortunately the actions of many Believers go contrary to the above statement. So many Believers act like they have no spiritual authority or power to affect their own lives, let alone the lives of people around them. They also act like our enemy Satan (a created being) has as much or more power than our Heavenly Father, the Creator.

If you are one of those people whose thoughts and/or actions do not line up with the authority and heart behind God’s Word, just quickly repent and get into the Word. Ponder these scriptures about who you are in Christ Jesus, about God’s desire to relate with mankind, and about his overwhelming love for us. And go out and decree his restoration wherever you go!

### Notes:

[a] John 3:16-17  
[b] Gen. 1:3  
[c] Gen. 1:27

1.) God wants restoration between himself and mankind. God sent his only Begotten Son to earth to die and rise again to restore mankind to the position to which he (God) created them.<sup>[a]</sup>

2.) We have the authority to decree things. Paul in Ephesians 1:15-23 prays not that the Ephesians (and we) will get the authority but that the eyes of our hearts will be opened to the authority (and other things) that we already have because we are Believers.

3.) Our verbal decreeing will do something besides putting sounds in the air. Remember that God created by speaking<sup>[b]</sup> and we are created in the image of God<sup>[c]</sup> so yes, we Believers can speak things into being.

Societies that are under monarchies are familiar with the term decree—especially “Royal Decree.”

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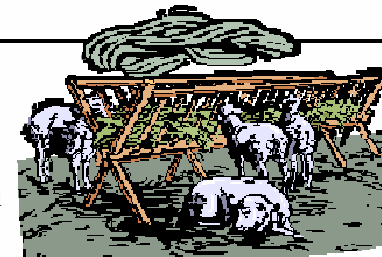
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## “You Are What You Eat!” (Teaching Sketch)

Psalms 23:1-6 (NIV)

When the Lord is your shepherd you are not in want! The shepherd sees to it that the flock is well fed and watered. Yes, it is certainly



The only way to learn and understand this, is to taste and find out the truth of the Word of God.

true the Lord Jesus Christ will provide for our physical needs. During this message we shall be looking at the spiritual side of Jesus’ relationship with Believers. We see this in Psalm 34:

<sup>8</sup>Taste and see that the LORD is good; blessed is the man who takes refuge in him.

The word for taste here is the Hebrew word *taam* (taw-am’) which means to *taste*; and figuratively to *perceive*. The verse asks us to understand, by relating to the Lord (Jehovah), that he is good and that anyone who deliberately takes refuge in him is blessed. Many times we have talked on The Blessing of God. I say *blessing* because within it are all the particular components, often thought of as blessings. Refuge in God contains multiple blessings automatically!

### Notes:

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### Where Do You Eat

When it comes to your understanding of life where do you go for answers? In other words where do you eat? If you eat at the table of the world you will become worldly because that is the table at which you eat. After all, as the saying goes in the field of nutrition, “You are what you eat.”

### What Do You Eat

Do you eat only the easy stuff when it comes to your spiritual life? If this is so you will be eating “empty calories” with little eternal nutrition for your spirit, soul, or body. I have heard people say they don’t like to think on serious matters because they are too depressing. These people spend much time going with the “wisdom of the street” rather than “wisdom of the

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Please note: This is a teaching sketch only and not the complete teaching.

## Scripture: Psalms 23:1-6 (NIV)

(NIV is employed here to allow English speakers around the world equal understanding of the words used)

### A psalm of David.

<sup>1</sup>The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not be in want.

<sup>2</sup>He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters,

<sup>3</sup>he restores my soul.

He guides me in paths of righteousness

for his name's sake.

<sup>4</sup>Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,<sup>[a]</sup>

I will fear no evil,

for you are with me;

your rod<sup>[b]</sup> and your staff,<sup>[c]</sup> they comfort me.

<sup>5</sup>You prepare a table before me

**Notes:**  
[a]

Psalm 23:4 Or *through the darkest valley*

[b]

H7626 Shebet—*clan, tribe*

[c]

H4938 mish'enet - *support, sustenance, walking-stick;- staff*

in the presence of my enemies.

You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

<sup>6</sup>Surely goodness and love will follow me

all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD

forever.



### Just so you'll know:

**Our service is informal.** We look to the Holy Spirit of God to guide us corporately and individually.

Our service usually follows this general pattern:

- **Informal sharing** of what we have seen the Lord do in, through, and around us since we last met.
  - Testimonies are often a part of the conversation.
- **Opening Prayer**
- **Praise & Worship**
- **Words of Prophecy or Knowledge** if they have been given during "Praise & Worship" (other times as the Spirit moves).
- **The Pastoral Message**
- **Prayer Requests**
  - Ministry to those present & intercession.
- **The Blessing**

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spirit." They love the world and the world loves them. Everything seems to be going along well, that is until something occurs not well covered by the wisdom of the street—the world's wisdom. Eating what the world dishes up can clog the veins of spiritual understanding to the point of blocking all relationship with God. Make no mistake about it God and our relationship with him is the heart of the matter.

### How Much Do You Eat

Some people like to eat a little here and a little there. They simply graze on what is convenient to them gorging themselves on empty calories rather than a well balanced diet from the Word of God. Oh, to be sure they may have a little of God's spiritual nutrition but they have been warned by the world not to overindulge in God's nutrition because they will become a fanatic or bloated on religion. The world is very cautious not to tolerate a fanatic unless it is a worldly fanatic. You see, Godly gorgers are dangerous to the worldly ways because they are not victims any longer but victors.

### Do You Fast And What

The world will encourage you

to fast the things of God, by doing so you will remain a light weight believer. You can go on to become a wise (in the world's eyes) dieter. The Godly, on the other hand, will fast the worldly things and eat the things of God, thereby becoming stronger in spirit, soul (mind), and body. They become mighty in the Lord for the here and now, as well as eternity!

### A Well Balanced Diet

A well-balanced diet is found in the rightly divided Word of God! A person devouring the scripture on a daily basis, just as they would physical food, will become very strong and able to go through even the "the valley of the shadow of death" victoriously knowing there is a table prepared for them while their enemies watch helplessly!

These daily eaters of the Word will find they are empowered to have an overflowing life of blessing to bless others. They have eaten from the Word and know goodness and mercy will accompany and follow them throughout their life and they will eat of the goodness of the house of the Lord, where they will live and dwell forever!