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# Butter and Honey

What does butter represent?

How about honey?

What do two sheep and young cow represent?

Who is the man that nourishes?

# Introduction

Greetings in the most exalted and beloved name of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ! Welcome to our Bible study lessons, lessons which ONLY address timely revelations, present sealing truth, “meat in due season” for God’s Church today, the Seventh-day Adventist. These Bible study lessons have two-fold purpose: **(1)** to announce the soon coming **judgement of the living** which God’s people are soon to meet **(2)** to call them to a decided action to separate themselves from all worldlings and worldliness and anchor themselves on the Solid Rock by obedience to **all** truth known to this denomination, if we are to escape the soon coming ruin. Please, make use of our PDF files for the respective subjects for visual aid. May you be blessed as you listen and study prayerfully.

# Text for Meditation

“Truth is straight, plain, clear, and stands out boldly in its own defense; but it is not so with error. It is so winding and twisting that it needs a multitude of words to explain it in its crooked form.” **Early Writings, p. 96**

# Butter and honey?

“Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.

“**Butter** and **honey** shall he eat, that he may know to refuse the evil, and choose the good” **Isaiah 7:14,15**

# Butter and honey

“It is agreed that the child here spoken of prophetically, is Christ. And according to these verses, He was prescribed a special diet, as was John the Baptist (Luke 1:15; Matt. 3:4). Yet there is **no record** showing that Christ's diet was ever of literal "butter and honey." There is record, though, that He did eat of all the sanctified foods that were commonly used by the Jews in His time....” **Tract No. 6, p. 27**

“As aforestated there is no record showing that Jesus ate actual; butter and honey. But as the prophet's utterance must be correct, the only conclusion possible is that the "butter and honey" are **symbolical** of something which Christ freely used, and which made Him wise and able to discriminate between good and evil.” **Id., p. 27**

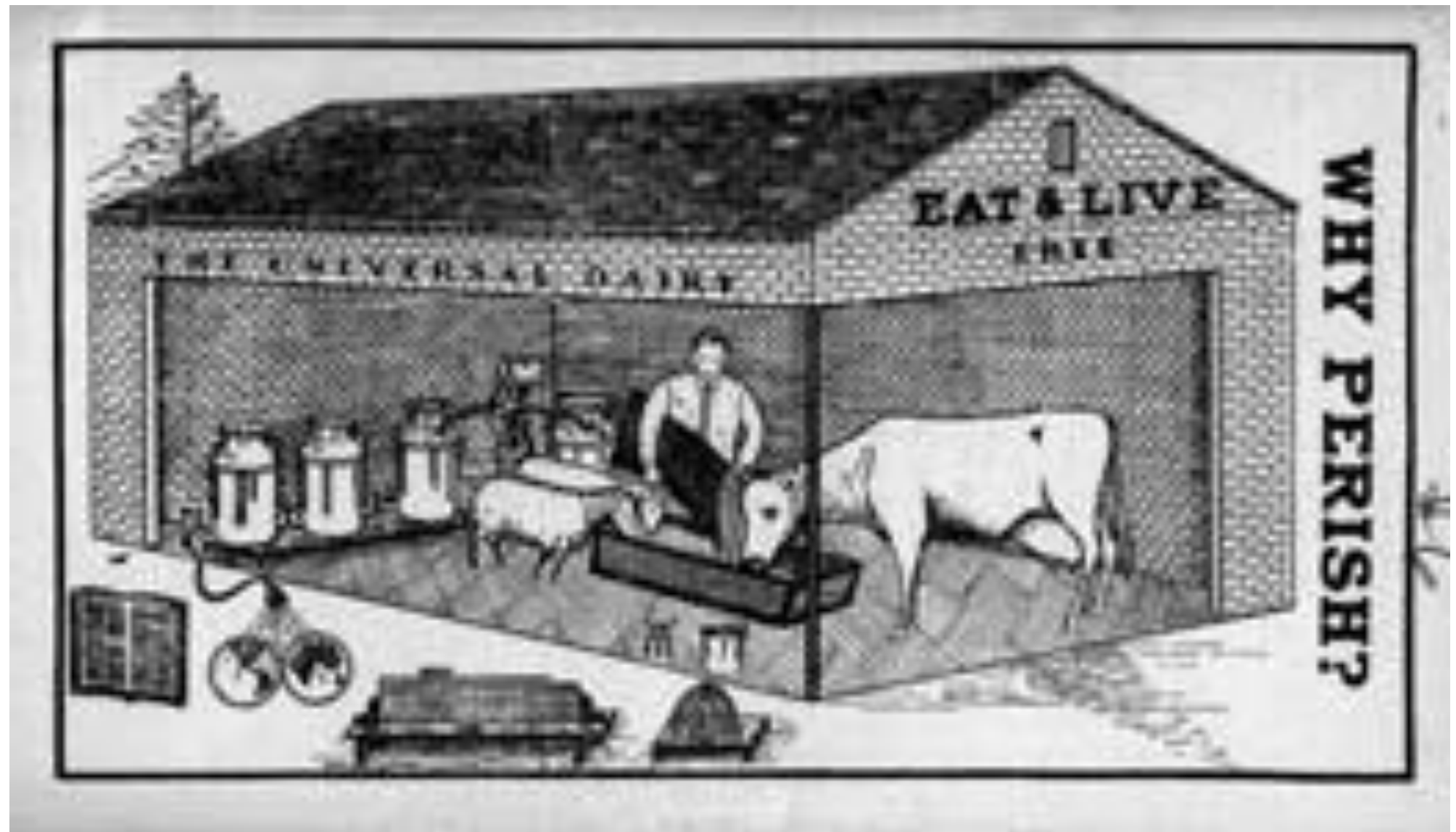
# Choose good and refuse evil

“Accordingly, also the two foods which Immanuel was to eat in order to "refuse the evil, and choose the good" must be symbolical; for **butter and honey in themselves possess no virtue or efficacy to transmit moral discernment, vitalize the will, and purify the heart.** Besides, He ate of all lawful foods in general (Matt. 11:19). These two points therefore witness that the "butter and honey", are symbolical of the **Scriptures unfolded -- "meat in due season," -- the only food that gives one the knowledge and the will to do right instead of wrong.** Thus Christ said: "I have meat to eat that ye know not of." John 4:32. Hence, the Christian who would truly know his God and his church in order to be emptied of evil and be filled with the good, must now feed on Present Truth, -- the progressive Truth of the living Word revealed through Inspiration.” **Tract 14, p. 38**

# Two sheep and a young cow

“And it shall come to pass in that day, [that] **a man** shall nourish a **young** cow, and **two sheep**;

“And it shall come to pass, for the abundance of milk [that] **they** shall give he shall eat butter: for butter and honey shall every one eat that is left in the land.” **Isaiah 7:21, 22**





# Three milk producing creatures

“As butter is churned from milk, and as the milk from which this spiritual "butter" is made, comes from the "two sheep" and the "young cow," the truth flows forth that these three milk-producing creatures **symbolize three different sources from which the Word of the Lord (butter) is obtained...**” **Tract No. 6, p. 29.2**

# Milk in Scriptures

“For when for the time ye ought to be teachers, ye have need that one teach you again which [be] the **first principles of the oracles of God**; and are become such as have need of milk, and not of strong meat. For every one that useth milk [is] unskilful in the word of righteousness: for he is a babe. But strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age, [even] those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to **discern both good and evil.**” **Hebrews 5:12-14**

<sup>2</sup> As newborn babes, desire the sincere **milk of the word**, that ye may grow thereby: — **1 Peter 2:2**

<sup>9</sup> Whom shall he **teach knowledge**? and whom shall he **make to understand doctrine**? them that are weaned from the milk, and drawn from the breasts. — **Isaiah 28:9**

# Two sheep and young cow

“The cow is **young**; the sheep are not. Accordingly, the source of the butter, God's Word, represented by the young cow, is of **later origin** than the sources represented by the two sheep. The two-of-a-kind therefore can only represent the Old and New Testament Scriptures; whereas the cow, **being larger and younger than the sheep**, represents sacred volumes of correspondingly larger proportions and of later origin than the Bible.

These volumes manifestly are the latter-day writings of the "Spirit of Prophecy" (Rev. 19:10), which enable their patrons to "refuse the evil, and choose the good," and which bring to them the honey.” **Tract No. 6,**

**p. 29.2**

# Honey

“And I took the little book out of the angel's hand, and ate it up; and it was in **my mouth sweet as honey**: and as soon as I had eaten it, my belly was bitter.” **Rev. 10:10**

Honey = the great joy resulting from feasting on the Word of God.

# Two sheep and young cow

**Old and New Testament**



**Spirit of Prophecy books**



# Who is the “man”?

“Here the Lord tells us that the milking of the two sheep and the young cow (the unfolding of the heaven-sent scrolls) is not entrusted to all, **but to "a man" (prophet)**. This means that the one through whom the light is revealed, nourishes these sources of supply by arousing widespread interest in them, thus keeping them alive and producing. And each one who would remain in the land, must give them his steady patronage and be on the alert, of course, to interest others in their lasting, life-giving product.” **Tract No. 6, p. 44.2**

# Study Summary

- Butter = Present truth; Honey = the great joy resulting from feasting on the Word of God.
- Two sheep = Old and New testament
- Young cow = books of Spirit of Prophecy
- Man = the Elijah of today, Brother V. T. Houteff whom God sent with a message written in the original Shepherd Rod.
- Present truth is the only ticket to be left in the land (Israel = SDA Church).

# Text for Meditation

“The perils of the last days are upon us, and in our work we are to warn the people of the danger they are in. Let not the solemn scenes which prophecy has revealed be left untouched. If our people were half awake, if they realized the nearness of the events portrayed in the Revelation, a reformation would be wrought in our churches, and many more would believe the message. We have no time to lose; God calls upon us to watch for souls as they that must give an account. Advance new principles, and crowd in the clear-cut truth. It will be as a sword cutting both ways. But be not too ready to take a controversial attitude. There will be times when we must stand still and see the salvation of God. **Let Daniel speak, let the Revelation speak, and tell what is truth.** But whatever phase of the subject is presented, uplift Jesus as the center of all hope, “the Root and the Offspring of David, and the bright and morning Star.” — **Testimonies to Ministers p 118**



# Text for Meditation

“Ministers should become Bible students. Are the truths which they handle mighty? Then they should seek to handle them skillfully. Their ideas should be clear and strong, and their spirits fervent, or they will weaken the force of the truth which they handle. By tamely presenting the truth, merely repeating the theory without being stirred by it themselves, they can never convert men. If they should live as long as did Noah, their efforts would be without effect. Their love for souls must be intense, and their zeal fervent. A listless, unfeeling manner of presenting the truth will never arouse men and women from their deathlike slumber. They must show by their manners, by their acts and words, and by their preaching and praying, that they believe that Christ is at the door. Men and women are in the last hours of probation, and yet are careless and stupid, and **preachers** have no power to arouse them; they are **asleep themselves**. **Sleeping ministers** preaching to a **sleeping people!**” — **Gospel Workers 121.2**

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