

# **Butter and Honey and the man that nourishes**

**Aims of the study is to understand:**

What does butter represent?

How about honey?

What is milk in the scriptures?

What do two sheep and a young cow represent?

Who is the man?

# 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.

# Prayer Thought

“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**

# Text for Study

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

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# John prescribed a special diet

“15 For he shall be great in the sight of the Lord, and **shall drink neither wine nor strong drink**; and **he shall be filled with the Holy Ghost**, even from his mother's womb.” — **Luke 1:15**

“4 And the same John had his raiment of camel's hair, and a leathern girdle about his loins; and his meat was **locusts and wild honey**.”  
— **Matthew 3:4**

“4 But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.”  
— **Matthew 4:4**

- Christ symbolizing the word of God to bread.
- John was given a special diet, how about Christ.

# Butter and honey

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- This scripture prophetically speaking of Christ and he was given a special diet.
- Can literal butter and honey make one to choose good and refuse evil?
- The questions becomes what is **butter** and **honey**?

# Christ came eating and drinking

18 “For John came **neither eating nor drinking**, and they say, **He hath a devil.**” — **Matthew 11:18**

“19 **The Son of man came eating and drinking**, and they say, Behold a man gluttonous, and a winebibber, a friend of publicans and sinners. But wisdom is justified of her children.” — **Matthew 11:19**

- 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 and that John didn't.  
— **Matthew 11:19**

# Literal butter and honey?

- **butter** and **honey** in themselves possess no virtue or efficacy to transmit moral discernment, vitalize the will, and purify the heart.
- "**butter** and **honey**" are **symbolical** of something which Christ freely used, and which made Him wise and able to discriminate between good and evil.
- The **butter** and **honey** are therefore **symbolical**.
- 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. — **Tract 14 p. 38.3**



# Meat in due season

Christ said "I have meat to eat that ye know not of." — John 4:32

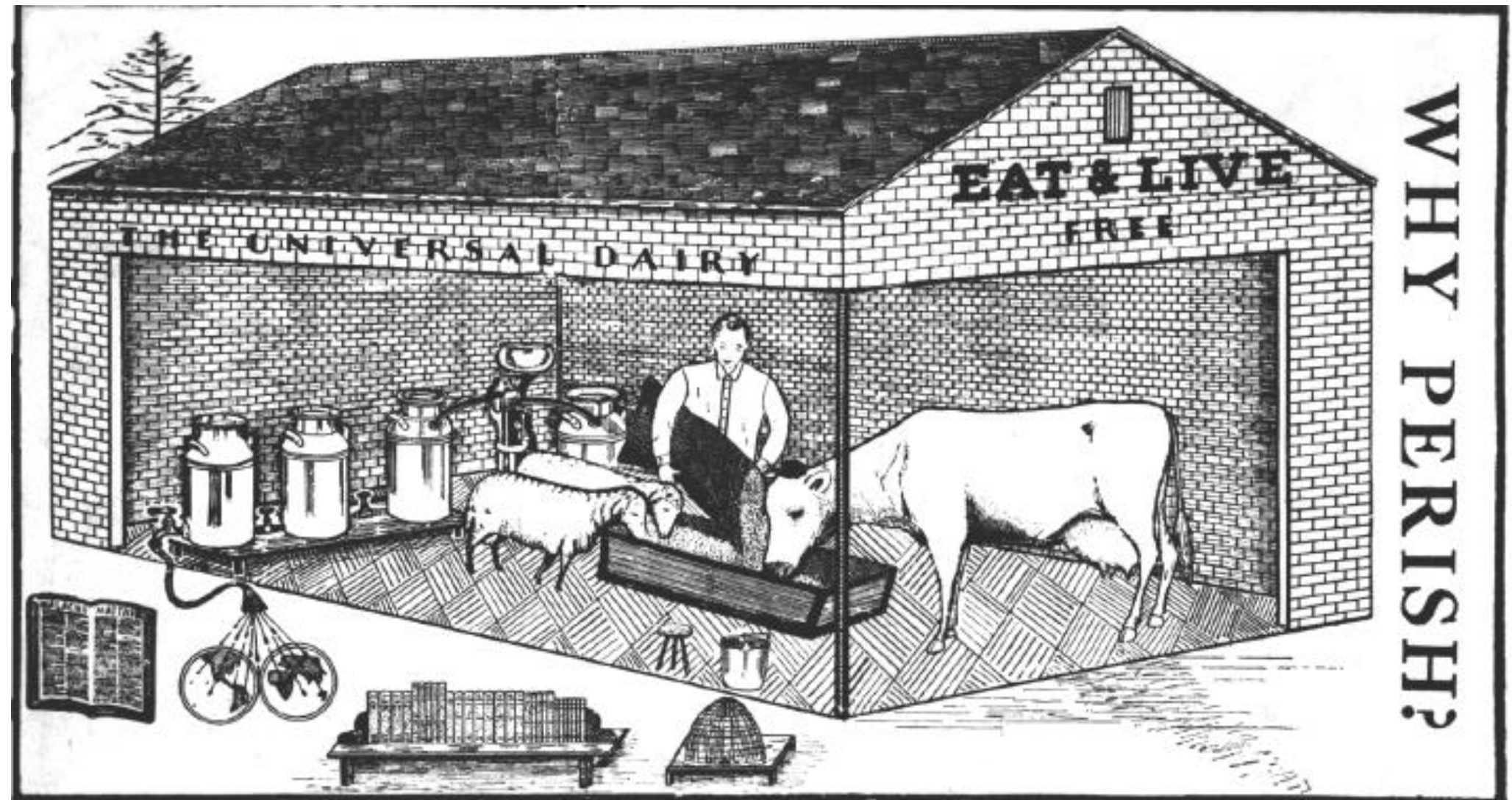
- The Saviour defeated the powers of evil by being inspired to interpret the scriptures, which enabled Him to say: "It is written."
- This reveals that the "butter and honey", which empowered him to "refuse the evil" and "choose the good" are symbolical of the scriptures.
- Hence, the Christian who would 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."

There are many precious truths contained in the Word of God, but it is "*present truth*" that the flock needs now. I have seen the danger of the messengers running off from the important points of present truth, to dwell upon subjects that are not calculated to unite the flock and sanctify the soul. Satan will here take every possible advantage to injure the cause. — **Early Writings 63.1**

# 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**



# 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**

# Land to Flow With “Milk and Honey”

- God promised to lead ancient Israel into a land “**flowing with milk and honey,**” — **Exodus 3:8**
- such a condition did not literally obtain in Canaan;
- so the expression could only have been metaphorical then,
- its fulfilment in the fact that there the prophets did prophecy and write the Scriptures,
- thus flooding the land with “**milk and honey**” —truth and joy. — **Tract No 6 p. 32.1**



# Three milk producing creatures

- 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,"**
- These three milk-producing creatures **symbolize three different sources** from which the **Word of the Lord (butter) is obtained.**
- The cow is young, the sheep are not.
- 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 sheep 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"** **Revelation 19:10,** which enable their patrons to **"refuse the evil, and choose the good,"**. — **Tract No 6 p. 29.3**

# What is 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.” — **Revelation 10:10**

- Represents **the joy** that came to the believers in William Millers time waiting for the soon return of the Saviour.
- **Honey** = the great joy resulting from feasting on the Word of God.
- The “**honey**” of **Isaiah 7:22** the significance of joy that shall come to *all* who join in eating the “**butter**” from both the “**cow**” and the “**sheep,**” which are now “come fresh.” Only those who so do, shall be “**left in the land.**”

# Two sheep

**Old and New Testament**



# The young cow

**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.
- 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

- The butter and honey are symbolical.
- Two sheep = Old and New testament
- Young cow = books of Spirit of Prophecy
- Butter = Present truth;
- Honey = the great joy resulting from feasting on the Word of God.
- Only those who feast on butter and honey shall be “left in the land.”
- One must come and eat spiritual butter and honey so that one may learn to chose the good and refuse the evil.
- A man is commissioned to nourish these three milk producing creatures so that there can be butter.