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MONDAY

1. In Psalm 42, we read about the deer, an animal that seeks clean, flowing water to quench its thirst and rejects puddles of dirty water. The deer needs water to regulate its internal temperature and thus survive. Therefore, it sighs, or rather, pants, breathing deeply to find water under these conditions. Our search for the Word of God should be like this, for without it, we die (Psalm 42:1-2).
2. Our life, existence, and service to the Lord in His work depend on the divine word that has flowed to us through His prophetic word. Our greatest longing should be for God Himself. After being satisfied by Him, we can enter His innermost chambers to also satisfy Him, and thus have a deeper experience of joy and satisfaction. By hearing what is in the innermost part of His heart, we develop a real and profound feeling to fulfill His will on Earth (Psalm 42:2).
3. Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God. The living Word of God is our spiritual food, such that our spiritual life and service do not become mechanical and automatic, on which we have total dependence, for without it we cannot live for God and serve Him. Our survival depends on the living word of God, for from it proceeds our organic intimacy, in which we enjoy a mutual relationship of life (Matthew 4:4; Deuteronomy 8:3).
4. "God the Father promised the Son that He would put all enemies under His feet. But how will this happen if Christ is seated at the right hand of God? In Psalm 110, it is written: 'The Lord will send forth from Zion the scepter of His power, saying, "Rule in the midst of your enemies"' (v. 2). This shows that God will accomplish His purpose through Zion. To fulfill this promise, the Lord counts on the cooperation of His church, and we have been called to this" (Daily Food, book 5, week 2, Monday, p. 23).

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TUESDAY

1. In Genesis 25, we see that Isaac was Abraham's only heir, heir to the promise received from his father and to God's blessing. It is very important to understand that God blessed humankind; however, they lost this blessing when they disobeyed God's word by eating from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. From Abraham onward, however, God's blessing returned to humankind (Genesis 25: 1-6).
2. Through Abraham, humankind recovered this blessing, and Isaac received it. Although Abraham had other sons, none of them shared in the blessing or the promises that God gave to Abraham. Isaac was the only one who inherited them (Genesis 25:5).
3. Abraham knew that, in God's eyes, Isaac was the only descendant —the seed — who would inherit the promises given for the fulfillment of God's will. These promises were not for Abraham's personal well-being; rather, they aimed at the fulfillment of God's will. These promises, inherited by Isaac, exist for this purpose (Genesis 25:5).
4. “What is the mystery of God's will? What is the longing of His heart, His desire? Ephesians answers us: ‘That in the dispensation of the fullness of the times He might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven and which are on earth’” (1:10) (Daily Food, Book 5, Week 2, Tuesday, page 25).

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WEDNESDAY

1. Isaac became heir to his father's wealth not through merit, but through the grace of God. We know that Abraham believed God's words, and it was accounted to him as righteousness (Romans 4:18-22).
2. Isaac merely inherited Abraham's blessing. That is grace. That is how we receive everything from God. We do not serve God or love Him because we deserve it or because we have done something good for the Lord, but because we receive everything from God by grace (1 Corinthians 15:10).
3. Isaac was considered the only heir, the only son; and Christ is the Only Begotten of the Father. Jesus said, "All things that the Father has are Mine. Therefore, I said that He [the Spirit] will take of Mine and will declare it to you." If Christ considers us as brothers, we receive everything the Father has given Him. Therefore, if we want something from God, we need to go to Christ, the Son (John 16:14-15).
4. "When we are filled with Christ, we no longer live by human logic, and our thoughts are taken captive unto the obedience of Christ: "For the weapons of our warfare *are* not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds, casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ, and being ready to punish all disobedience when your obedience is fulfilled. (2 Corinthians 10:4-6)" (*Daily Food*, book 5, week 2, Wednesday, pp. 27-28).

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THURSDAY

1. Isaac did not have the same discernment as his father. Abraham had discernment because he walked with God, knew His heart, and was His prophet. Through the fellowship he maintained with God, the Lord spoke first to His servant Abraham. Therefore, today we too must walk with God to perceive the divine feeling through the present word (James 2:23).
2. Our judgment and discernment cannot be clouded when someone does something that pleases our natural desire. A servant of God cannot stray from the path God has set for him because of the satisfaction of personal interests (Genesis 25:28).
3. We cannot hinder the Lord's work by camouflaging our true spiritual condition in order to obtain praise, prominence, or some kind of religious performance. God desires that we have a real life with Him, so that we may be used more intensely before men (1 Thessalonians 2:5-6).
4. "In the Gospel of Matthew, it is written: 'And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come' (24:14). In light of this, let us engage more firmly in the purpose of fighting for the kingdom and become part of Zion" (Daily Food, book 5, week 2, Thursday, p. 29).

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FRIDAY

1. Esau, Isaac's firstborn son, was hungry and sold his birthright to his brother Jacob for a bowl of lentil stew. Jacob took advantage of this to obtain the birthright. Esau ate and drank, got up, and left as if nothing had happened. Thus, he treated this birthright lightly and despised it (Genesis 25:27-34).
2. Will we also sell our birthright for something we find attractive? If someone offers us something that sparks our interest, will we easily give in and exchange the opportunity to reign with the Lord for mere whims or fleeting pleasures of the world? (Hebrews 11:24-26).
3. The birthright is something extremely precious in our lives. We do not want to lose the Lord's blessing for anything, nor renounce the fulfillment of God's promises. Let us not sell the birthright for anything (Hebrews 12:16).
4. "Today we are in the eleventh hour, and God is calling you to complete this work! In this last hour, workers are not required to have a degree in theology or formal religious education. All who love the coming of the Lord and want to fight for the kingdom of God can participate" (Daily Food, book 5, week 2, Friday, p. 32).

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SATURDAY

1. In Genesis 12, God blessed Abraham, promising to make him a great nation. He also promised to bless those who blessed him and curse those who cursed him. We, who are children of Abraham's faith, cannot lose this blessing in our days (Genesis 12:2-3, 7).
2. God has promised us the inheritance of the Earth; therefore, let us not lose this blessing. God desires to use us to restore His government and make us kings and princes on Earth, His kingdom (Genesis 12:7).
3. After Lot separated from Abraham, the Lord commanded him to lift up his eyes and look around, promising him all that land as an inheritance. However, Abraham needed to take possession of it. Similarly, today the Lord makes this promise to us. We need to take the Earth for the Lord. This is what our birthright consists of (Genesis 13:14-17).
4. "It's time to wake up! Let us engage and take our stand in the fight for the kingdom of God!" (Rev 12:5) (Daily Food, book 5, week 2, Saturday, p. 35).

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SUNDAY

1. Today we have the right to serve the Lord. Our lives are for this purpose. GPC is a tool that assists us in this service, just like the colporteurs, David's mighty men, and others, serving the Lord as a royal priesthood (1 Peter 2:9).
2. Do you want to inherit the double portion of the Earth? This portion does not include the entirety of God's people in the church. All will inherit the Earth—the new heaven, new Earth, and the new Jerusalem. However, only the overcomers will inherit the Earth in the millennium; that is the double portion. Do you want to inherit the Earth only in eternity or already in advance, in the millennium? I want to be in the millennium (Genesis 49:10).
3. The scepter will not depart from Judah, nor the ruler's staff from between his feet, until Shiloh comes. Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the Earth. Likewise, the overcomers will receive kingship to rule over the nations. We will all be priests, but we need to exercise the priesthood today, in the church, and "tomorrow," in the millennium (Matthew 5:5; Rev. 20:6; 22:3).
4. "Today the Lord calls us to be part of the group of those who truly love Him, who fight for His kingdom and who choose to walk continually in His presence" (Genesis 5:24) (Daily Food, book 5, week 2, Sunday, p. 36).

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