BIBLE STUDY DEPARTMENT

THEME 2008: *...THAT THOU MAYEST PROSPER...*

TOPIC: ***FOOD FOR THE SOUL***

9TH MARCH, 2008

Memory verse - Wherefore lay apart all filthiness and superfluity of naughtiness, and receive with meekness the engrafted word of God, which is able to save your souls. Ja. 1:21

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Every form of life has its means of sustenance. For physical man, it is from nature's store that he gets he means of sustenance (Gen. 1:29-30). So does the soul need to get refreshed because he also suffer need and hunger (Ps. 107:9).

But instead of nature's goods, he has God's goodness for his satisfaction and the goodness of God is the totality of his being (Ex. 33:19; 34:5). In earnest the soul feeds on God. Sure, God is Spirit (Jn. 4:24 NIV). But he gave us the empirical content of himself in the gospels when he broke bread and served wine (cf Mk. 14:22-24). The bread is his body that is his flesh, his Word (Jn. 1:14) and the blood is his life (Lev. 17:11). Interestingly, he said for to continue to do this in remembrance of him (Lk. 22:19). What that implies is that we should continue to feed on him; his Word: rhema and life: Zoë.

Rhema is the Greek word for the expression of logos: the written and declared Word of God (Jn.1:1). I John 1:1 talks about the Word of life that is, the blood and the bread are both contained in logos that finds expression in rhema.

Rhema is the revelation of God's Word to our Spirit. The Word might be there and we will still not know it (Lk. 24:16-32; Gen. 28:16).