

Hosea 13:6 NIV "When I fed them , they were satisfied, when they were satisfied they became proud, then they forgot Me."

Zechariah 7:13 NIV "When I called they did not listen; so when they called, I would not listen, says the Lord Almighty"

Matt. 25:28,29 NIV "Take the talent from him and give it to the one who has ten talents.

29) For everyone who has will be given more, and he will have an abundance. Whoever does not have, even what he has will be taken from him."

Psalm 106:12-15 AMP "Then [Israel] believed His words[trusting in, relying on them]; they sang His praise.

13) But they hastily forgot His works; they did not [earnestly] wait for His plans [to develop] regarding them.

14) But lusted exceedingly in the wilderness and tempted and tried to restrain God [with their insistent desires] in the desert.

15) And He gave them their request, but sent leanness to their souls and [thinned their numbers by] disease and death.

Our God formed man to have fellowship with Himself. When man broke that fellowship, God pursued him to the point of bringing Jesus into the world to die. His desire has always been that none should perish. He brings people to Himself, and then uses them to go get others.

Mankind doesn't always see it that way. In fact, more often than not, we don't think about it at all. Most of us care little that our neighbor, family members and friends will spend eternity in the torment of hell. We are more concerned about what God can and will do for us.

What is not understood is the fact that, if we don't do it Gods way, by becoming all that we can in Jesus so that the world has a chance to be saved, we loose out big-time. When we continually approach God with our selfish requests, never caring about those who are perishing, He gives us stuff, but he rarely gives Himself. We never experience the kind of life that we were meant to have.

Leanness to our soul is a soul on junk food. It describes someone who has little quality of life, no strength, and dies early. That describes the church of today. Those with an abundance, (I'm not particularly talking about money.) in whatever form that fulfills their desires, usually feel that they do not need God desperately every moment. That is certain death. The result is a cold, lifeless church unable to truly impact the world around them.

The remnant, those who have only God's purposes in mind are given God Himself because He is their hearts desire. Soon there will be an accounting, "what has been the real purpose for all that we have done"? There will be many surprises for those who see things God's way for the first time. Weep for them.

Wanting to see clearly now – Jim Corbett