

Exodus 16:31

And the house of Israel called its name Manna. And it was like white coriander seed, and the taste of it was like wafers made with honey.

When we get to heaven, one of the things I am looking forward to is tasting manna. As we know, manna was what God fed the Children of Israel with for forty years while they were in the wilderness. Also note that for forty years God fed them regardless of how good or how bad they were. Simply, God took care of them based on His love for them, not their love for God.

But there are times, if I were God (and I am NOT) I would have said, forget you guys, I'm just going to give you what you want, and we'll see how you like it. (Aren't you glad I am not God lol)

One example is even though God gave them manna, which tasted like what? *"like white coriander seed, and the taste of it was like wafers made with honey."* I don't know about you, but something that tastes as sweet as honey, I'm all in. But once again, how did they respond?

‡ **Numbers 11:5** *We remember the fish which we ate freely in Egypt, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic;*

Hmm, leeks and onions and garlic verses honey wafers. Sounds like a no brainer to me, yet the Children of Israel craved the leeks and onions and garlic more than the good food God had provided for them.

But also, if you read the verse right before this one in Numbers, it gives us a little more insight into why they wanted to go back to the way they used to live, and the old food they used to eat.

‡ **Numbers 11:4** *Now the mixed multitude who were among them yielded to intense craving; so the children of Israel also wept again and said: "Who will give us meat to eat?"*

You see, when the Children of Israel left Egypt, there were other, non-Jews who came with them. It could have been other Egyptians who did not like the lifestyle in Egypt, or it could have been those from other countries who were enslaved by Egypt as well.

Reading this we see the reason is those who were not Jews started to remind them of their old life they had in Egypt. And they did so by trying to make what they used to have sound good, but also failed to remind them of the way the Egyptians treated them, and how they were slaves in Egypt, being beaten with no freedom whatsoever.

But that's what happens when the enemy whisper things in our ears, trying to pull us away from the Lord and back into the lifestyle we used to live. He is quick to remind us of how much fun we had, partying, drinking, doing crazy things and tries to tell us how fun they were. But the

reality, based upon what God has given us, it is all a bunch of stinky leeks, onions and garlic compared to the sweet life God has given us instead.

We are all tempted to go back to our old lifestyle. But we need to ask ourselves, “do I really want to go back to stinky leeks onions and garlic, or do I want to continue partaking of the good things God has given me and promised me for eternity in heaven?”

† **Psalm 34:8** *Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good; Blessed is the man who trusts in Him!*

† **Job 23:12 (NLT2)** *I have not departed from his commands, but have treasured his words more than daily food.*

† **Psalm 23:6** *Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me All the days of my life; And I will dwell in the house of the LORD Forever.*