

ARE YOU BENEFITING FROM JEHOVAH'S PROVISIONS?

Note to the speaker:

Help the audience to appreciate the value of Jehovah's spiritual feeding arrangement. Motivate newly interested ones to take full advantage of all available spiritual provisions

A CONTRAST BETWEEN SPIRITUAL ABUNDANCE AND SPIRITUAL FAMINE (4 min.)

Jehovah God provides abundantly for all who want to know the truth and gain his approval

In the Bible some of these provisions are described as "food" because they nourish us spiritually (Heb 5:14)

The Bible foretells the spiritual abundance of Jehovah's people in our time (Isa 2:2, 3; 25:6)

In contrast, other people are starving spiritually [**Read Isaiah 65:13, 14**] (Am 8:11)

HOW DOES JEHOVAH PROVIDE FOR HIS PEOPLE? (4 min.)

To be well-fed spiritually, we must recognize the channel that Jehovah is using today

Jehovah has appointed Jesus Christ as head of the Christian congregation (Mt 28:18; Joh 6:26, 27; Col 1:18)

Jesus has appointed "the faithful and discreet slave" to provide spiritual "food at the proper time" [**Read Matthew 24:45-47**] (*w13* 7/15 20-22 ¶2, 8-10)

WHAT PROVISIONS HAS JEHOVAH MADE? (7 min.)

God's Word is a foremost provision (Ps 119:105; Joh 17:17; 2Ti 3:16)

The Bible explains current world conditions and reveals what the future will bring (2Ti 3:1; Re 1:1)

God's Word teaches us how to "put on the new personality" (Eph 4:23, 24; Heb 4:12)

Holy spirit helps us to understand God's Word and to produce righteous fruitage (Ga 5:16, 22-25)

Loyal *elders* instruct and assist us (Eph 4:8, 11, 12)

The members of the faithful and discreet slave are guided by God's Word and spirit as they supply additional provisions

Bible-based publications are prepared and translated into hundreds of languages

Spiritual instruction is available on jw.org and JW Broadcasting

Meetings, conventions, and assemblies regularly instruct us and provide encouraging association (Heb 10:24, 25)

Traveling overseers visit and strengthen congregations (Ro 1:11, 12)

SHOW YOUR APPRECIATION FOR JEHOVAH'S PROVISIONS (10 min.)

Make full use of all that Jehovah provides

Be willing to make adjustments and sacrifices to take advantage of spiritual provisions (Mt 13:44-46)

The Israelites had to put forth effort to assemble for pure worship

Jehovah promised to help and bless those who exerted themselves to put spiritual interests first (Ex 34:24; *w98* 9/1 20 ¶5)

Imitate Jesus by putting spiritual things ahead of physical things (Joh 4:31-34)

Daily partake of Jehovah's spiritual provisions (Jos 1:8; Ps 119:97)

Avoid a critical attitude toward Jehovah's provisions

The Bible contains warning examples of those who had a complaining spirit (Nu 21:5, 6; 3Jo 9; *w99* 8/15 26)

Jehovah uses imperfect men to assist us spiritually; despite their imperfection, such men are worthy of our respect (1Th 5:12, 13; Heb 13:17)

FEED EXCLUSIVELY AT JEHOVAH'S TABLE (5 min.)

Jehovah is not dispensing spiritual food through multiple organizations with conflicting teachings (Eph 4:4, 5)

We cannot feed at Jehovah's table and at the same time share in false worship (1Co 10:21)

False religion has failed to provide spiritual nourishment (2Ti 4:3, 4)

Stay with those who look to Jehovah, who satisfies the needs of his servants (Ps 145:15-18)

[Adhere closely to the outlined material, and observe the indicated timing of each section. Not all cited texts need to be read or commented on. See *Ministry School* book, pages 52-55, 166-169]