Man shall not live by bread alone

Study of the Word — Feeding on the Word

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1. “Man	shall	not	live			by	bread		a	-	lone,	
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But	by	each	word			which	doth		pro	-	ceed	
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From	God’s	own	mouth“;			these	we		must		eat	
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And	let	them	be		our	life			in	-	deed.	

2. Not just a body we were made,
But body, soul, and spirit too;
The inmost part the spirit is
To contact God and Him pursue.

3. Just as we need the earthly food
Our body’s need to satisfy,
We need the food for spirit too—
Thyself, Thy Word, its true supply.

4. Thou art the Spirit, and Thy Word
Thy very Self expressed doth make;
Thus, it is Spirit as Thyself,
Which by our spirit we must take.

5. Thus, to receive Thy Word is not
To read it only with our eyes
And understand it in our mind,
But ’tis the spirit’s exercise.

6. Thy Word in spirit we must eat
And to our inmost part receive;
’Tis by our spirit’s exercise
To pray with what our minds perceive.

7. Thy Word remaining in our mind
Is only knowledge burdensome,
But when it to the spirit goes
Then life and spirit it becomes.

8. ’Tis only when our spirit acts
To take Thy Word and contact Thee,
We truly feed upon Thy Word
And touch Thyself most inwardly.

9. Lord, teach us how to exercise
Our spirit when Thy Word we read;
Then will our spirit nourished be
As thus upon Thyself we feed.