

Their appetites were sinful – not because they enjoyed fresh bread and fish and fruits and vegetables and seasonings, but because of their wicked dissatisfaction with God's gracious provision.

Because of their lack of trust in God and their dissatisfaction with His food, they were willing to exchange plain, nourishing food eaten in freedom for a varied diet eaten in slavery!

They were willing to forget the mighty acts of God – the great plagues that had fallen on Egypt, the great Passover deliverance from destruction, the great exodus from the house of bondage, the great victory at the Red Sea, the great miracles and signs that God had already performed, and the great covenant promises that God was yet to fulfill. They were willing to forget all of that, and to go back to the overseer's whip, the never-ending demand for more bricks to build Pharaoh's great works, the attempts to control the Hebrews population by killing the children, and the small rations of food they were doubtless given as slaves! They were willing to go back to all of it, if they could only satisfy their appetites!

How easy it is, when we are failing to maintain a daily, vital faith in God and when strong temptation to satisfy some sinful desire begins to draw us away from God and toward the world, to forget what it was like before we became believers in Christ, and to forget God's many wonderful deliverances and mighty acts on our behalf since that time! How easily we forget, and how quick we are to