

When God provided manna for the children of Israel in the wilderness, Moses told the people: "Let no-one leave any of it till morning." (Exodus 16:19) When some of them did not heed Moses' words and kept some until the next morning, it bred worms and stank.

This reminds us of the law that the children of Israel had to observe when they brought the peace offering for thanksgiving: "The flesh of the sacrifice of his peace offering for thanksgiving shall be eaten the same day it is offered. He shall not leave any of it until morning." (Leviticus 7:15) These two verses speak of partaking fresh and not leaving the manna or the meat from the sacrifice to turn stale. In the same way, whenever you partake of the Holy Communion, ask the Lord for a fresh revelation of what He did for you at the Cross. Never become so familiar with the Holy Communion that you start to see it as common and ordinary. You are holding the broken body of the Son of God and drinking of His shed blood.

Would you like to have a fresh revelation of the Holy Communion? In today's Scripture passage, God's Word tells us that through the Cross, our Lord Jesus consecrated a "new and living way" for us to draw near to God, not with fear and trepidation, but with boldness. He allowed His own flesh to be torn so that we can have free access to our loving Father today. Note the original Greek word used for "new" here. It is the word *prospatos*, and it means "lately slaughtered, freshly killed". Why did the Holy Spirit use this unusual word here? It is because whenever you partake of the Holy Communion, God does not want you to partake as though you are commemorating a historical event that took place long ago. The Cross transcends time. As you partake of the Holy Communion in remembrance of Him, see your Lord Jesus before you, as though you are right there at Calvary. See your Lord Jesus freshly slain, bearing all your sins, sicknesses and carrying all your pains. Don't partake ritualistically, but press in for a fresh revelation of His amazing love that was demonstrated at the Cross.

Hebrews 10:19-20 "Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way, which He hath consecrated for us, through the veil, that is to say, His flesh..."