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Is 55:1-2 "Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and he who has no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food."

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Matthew 14:13-21 ESV

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Jer 15:16 Your words were found, and I ate them, and your words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart, for I am called by your name, O LORD, God of hosts.

Jn 6:33 "For the bread of God is he who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world."

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Ge 49:28 All these are the twelve tribes of Israel. This is what their father [Jacob] said to them as he blessed them, blessing each with the blessing suitable to him.

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