

# Ezekiel 16:19

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

My meat also which I gave thee, fine flour, and oil, and honey, wherewith I fed thee, thou hast even set it before them for a sweet savour: and thus it was, saith the Lord GOD.

## Analysis

**My meat also which I gave thee, fine flour, and oil, and honey**—The threefold provision (solet נָטוֹ, finest flour; shemen שָׂמֵן, oil; debash דְבָשׁ, honey) recalls the Promised Land's abundance (Deuteronomy 32:13-14). God supplied covenant blessings, yet **thou hast even set it before them for a sweet savour** (רִיחֵן נִיחּוֹדָה, reach nichoach)—the technical term for sacrifices pleasing to YHWH (Leviticus 1:9).

The horror: Israel offered God's provision to Baal and Asherah as reach nichoach, deliberately using covenant language for idolatrous worship. This parallels the Corinthian error of eating idol-meat (1 Corinthians 10:18-21)—you cannot drink the Lord's cup and demons' cup. **Thus it was, saith the Lord GOD**—divine testimony confirms Jerusalem's judicial guilt.

## Historical Context

The grain, oil, and honey offerings to Baal and fertility goddesses were documented in Hosea 2:8 and condemned throughout the prophets. Excavations at Canaanite high places reveal burnt offering remains of agricultural products mixed with incense, confirming these syncretistic practices permeated Judean worship.

## Related Passages

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**John 15:13** — Greatest form of love

**1 John 4:8** — God is love

## Study Questions

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1. In what ways might modern believers use God's material blessings to serve idols (consumerism, status, pleasure)?
2. How does Paul's teaching on food offered to idols apply to using God's gifts in morally compromised situations?

## Interlinear Text

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אֲשֶׁר	וְנִתְתַּת	יְהוָה	לְךָ	סְלָתָה	תִּשְׁמַן	וְדַבֵּשׁ	תִּשְׁמַן	וְלִחְמִי
My meat	H834	also which I gave	H0	thee fine flour	H5560	and oil	H8081	and honey
H3899		H5414			H1706			
בְּאֵת	בְּאֵת	וְנִתְתַּת	יְהוָה	לְפָנֶיךָ	מִן	בְּיַהְיָה	בְּיַהְיָה	בְּיַהְיָה
wherewith I fed	also which I gave	it before		savour	them for a sweet			H1961
H398	H5414	H6440		H7381	H5207			
וְאֵת	וְאֵת	וְאֵת						
and thus it was saith	the Lord	GOD						
H5002	H136	H3069						

## Additional Cross-References

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**Ezekiel 16:13** (Parallel theme): Thus wast thou decked with gold and silver; and thy raiment was of fine linen, and silk, and broidered work; thou didst eat fine flour, and honey, and oil: and thou wast exceeding beautiful, and thou didst prosper into a kingdom.