

# FOOD FOR THOUGHT

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*This sketch is based on John 4 vv 31-38 where the disciples get confused when Jesus talks about food.*

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Waiter

Customer in restaurant

*Customer is seated at table and waiter approaches.*

Waiter            Good afternoon, sir, can I get you something to eat?

Customer        I have food to eat that you know nothing about.

Waiter            I am sorry, sir, but we do not allow customers to consume their own food on the premises.

Customer        My food is to do the will of him who sent me, and to finish his work.

Waiter            And who did send you, sir? [*Suddenly gets worried*] It's not Egon Ronay or one of those restaurant food critics is it? You are not 'finishing the work' of the Good Food Guide by any chance? Asking us tricky questions to test us out...?

Customer        Do you not say 'four months more and then the harvest'?

Waiter            Well er, no, sir, we don't. Four months would be rather an excessively long time to wait for your meal, I think you'd agree, sir. We pride ourselves on quick service.

Customer        I tell you, open your eyes and look at the fields. They are ripe for harvest.

Waiter            Yes, the fields are particularly beautiful at this time of year.

Customer        Even now the reaper draws his wages, and even now he harvests the crop for eternal life, so that the sower and the reaper may be glad together.

Waiter Well, yes, the price of wheat has gone rocketing up. I expect the farmers and the food manufacturers are coining it in at present. I am sure they are very happy with their wages.

Customer Thus the saying, 'one sows and another reaps is true'.

Waiter Is it?

Customer I sent you to reap what you have not worked for.

Waiter You sent me? Oh.. I'm sorry. You are my boss, the owner of the restaurant. Why didn't you say so? I did not realise.

Customer Others have done the hard work.

Waiter Oh, you mean the chefs? Well, yes, they do work very hard.

Customer And you have reaped the benefits of their labour.

Waiter Hang on, I think that is a bit unfair. I do pull my weight. Serving at table is hard work as well. You are on your feet for hours on end. [*Looking to entrance*] And look, here are some more customers. Excuse me for a moment while I deal with them.

Customer Oh, they are not your customers; they want the food that I can give them.

*THE END*