

## ***Pork, Quail or Manna?***

I am not here to say that anybody that doesn't take every one of these steps (*as given in Elder Frazee's 8 part study in Preparing for Marriage*) in exactly this order is doing a wicked thing or even the wrong thing. That isn't the point. In this class we are studying the ideal. Many people seem to be perfectly satisfied, or at least reconciled to settling for far less than the ideal.

But my business is to present to you the ideal. I hope that in your heart you want the ideal. The more you want the ideal, the more you will appreciate these studies. But the reason that I mention this point is this: Be very careful how you judge or condemn somebody else who doesn't quite follow this, or does something different. You will have to leave that with them and God.

You know, when the children of Israel came out of Egypt, the Lord put them on an ideal program and He gave them what to eat? Manna. And after they'd had that a while they became quite dissatisfied, and what did they want? They wanted some flesh.

Did God give them some? Yes.

Did He give them some swine's flesh? No.

Did He give them some oysters? No.

What did He give them? Quail.

And that is what the Bible calls what kind of meat? Clean meat. Yes.

Was it better than the fleshpots of Egypt? Yes.

Was it as good as the manna? No.

But who gave it to them? God did.

Why? They wanted it so bad.

And I can tell you this, my dear friends, what I am studying with you in these classes is not swine's flesh. It is not even quail. It is manna. And there are millions that are going for the fleshpots of Egypt. And there are multitudes who cry for the quail. And God even lets them have it, some times, but some times we find young people whose hearts go out for God's highest ideals. It is to satisfy that longing that these classes are given.

So if you want manna, we are getting it straight from heaven through the Bible and the Spirit of Prophecy. But remember, if somebody else does it a different way, don't condemn them, don't judge them, maybe the Lord let them have some quail.

