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A SEED THOUGHT

During harvest there is reaping, with separation of tares from wheat. Then follows the gathering into the barn. After a little time to season, comes the threshing; then the *winnowing*. Next comes the grinding of the pure grain; followed in due time by the *kneading together* of the fine flour. Finally the oven does its work, (well heated) and the bread is ready for the hungry.

Jesus said: “The bread of God is that which comes down out of heaven, and gives life to the world. ... If any one eat of this bread, he shall live forever; yea, and the bread that I will give is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world.” John 6:33,51.

Paul said: “The cup of blessing for which we bless God—is it not a participation of the blood of the Anointed One? The loaf which we break—is it not a participation of the body of the Anointed One? *Because there is one loaf, we, the many, are one body; for we all partake of the one loaf.* 1 Cor. 10:16,17.—*Emphatic Diaglott.* Notice context in verses 6,11-13. Are we not in the barn being threshed, with good prospect of a winnowing? If so, the grinding of the purified should follow, and a *kneading together*, perhaps *mingled with oil*, which the heated oven will only better prepare for the Master’s use and our future work.

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