

LIFE IS A FRIDGE

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Jesus often used parables, as a way of comparing natural and familiar practices, to reveal spiritual truths that are often less obvious. The following is a modern parable on a worthy topic. The parable of the fridge (my observation), starts by noting the principles of refrigeration. A fridge creates the right temperature to best maintain the quality and life of our food... food being a primary source of life and health. God offers exactly the same spiritual principle, through the anointing of the Holy Spirit... maintaining the life of our soul.

How a fridge works... *The fridge has four main components - the inside space where food needs to be preserved, the coolant, the radiator and the motor. The coolant does most of the hard work. The coolant starts off as a liquid, absorbs heat from the inside space of the fridge and then it turns into a gas. The gas then travels to the radiator at the back via the motor. The motor compresses the gas, turning it back into a liquid causing the coolant to give off heat, which is transferred to the environment by the radiator. The coolant liquid then starts the cycle again and repeats it continuously. The following scriptures will show how the Holy Spirit works on very similar principles.*

If the refrigerant is going to be effective, it needs to change into another form or the fridge can't extract enough heat to preserve food. *The gas needs to be pressurised then pumped through the expansion valve (narrow opening, releasing heat), after which it evaporates and again draws heat out of its surroundings... This principle is the same as the salvation laws that God has offered us. **MAT 7:14** Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it. Spiritual changes are needed. Peter spoke of this at Pentecost when people received the Holy Spirit with the bible evidence of speaking in tongues... they were changed from their previous state. Without this narrow way... salvation is impossible.*

Humans are mortal and subject to perishing... we need a workable system for life preservation. *There are two areas in a fridge for preserving food... the fridge for short term care and the freezer for long term storage. God offers exactly the same opportunity for our lives. **ROM 8:9** But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his. **10** And if Christ be in you, the body is dead because of sin (the body is perishing because it has a short term shelf life); but the Spirit is life because of righteousness (the anointing of the Holy Spirit). **11** But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken (preserve) your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you. We will be changed from short term residents to long term inhabitants.*

There is a law of physics called the Second Law of Thermodynamics... *When you have two things that are different temperatures that touch or are near each other, the hotter surface cools and the colder surface warms up.*

JAM 4:8 Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. *Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and purify your hearts, ye double minded. This is a law of the spirit, equal in principle to the 2nd Law of Thermodynamics. As we serve God, our sin is effectively taken from us and his ongoing life is refreshed within us. A refrigerator does not cool items by lowering their original temperatures directly; instead, the refrigerant draws heat away, leaving the surrounding area much colder. Even though we try to minimise our worldliness and sin, we can never be sin free without the ever present cleansing (cooling) of the spirit. **1JOH 1:8** If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. **9** If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Remaining in the fridge so to speak, allows a continuous exchange of sin for mercy to occur (drawing off heat is continuous... not once off).*

There is only one fridge and it works the same for whatever is put within it. **HEB 10:16** *This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, saith the Lord, I will put my laws into their hearts, and in their minds will I write them; **17** And their sins and iniquities will I remember no more. **18** Now where remission of these is, there is no more offering for sin. There is no other way of preserving our life: let God take the heat.*

Don't leave the door open or expose someone else to spoilage. **REV 3:16** *So then, because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spew thee out of my mouth. Differing foods have a varying shelf life, we need to stay spiritually alive as long as possible. We don't know when our use by date may be up. Like healthy foods... many people shun them for more tasty treats... it's the same with spiritual duties, many prefer the jobs that look and feel better than the ones that achieve what God wants. **JOH 6:27** Labour not for the meat which perisheth, but for that meat which endureth unto everlasting life, which the Son of man shall give unto you: for him hath God the Father sealed (protected in an insulated place of safety).*

The parable of the fridge reminds us that we are different now (God also preserves the spirit even though the body perishes... our body is in God's fridge but our spirit in the freezer). When the Lord returns, we will have a new body and be free of all mortal influences forever. Remember, all sin starts by doubting God... cool it!!