

Bread To The Table, Bread From The Earth

The work of humankind brings bread to the table:

הביא לו רבי עקיבא שבלים וגלסקאות. אמר לו : אלו מעשה הקדוש ברוך הוא, ואלו מעשה ידי אדם. אמר לו : אין אלו נעים יותר מן השבלים?

The Roman governor asked Rabbi Akiba: Whose works are better, the works of God or the works of human beings?

Akiba brought out sheaves of wheat along with delicate cakes and said to him: These sheaves are the works of the blessed Holy One; and these cakes are the works of humans. Are not the cakes more pleasing than the sheaves?

(Midrash Tanhuma Tazria 5)

Blessing For Bread: *HaMotzi*

The work of God brings bread from the earth:

ברוך אתה ה' אלהינו מלך העולם המוציא לחם מן הארץ.

Overflowing are you, Adonai, our God, sovereign of the world, who brings forth bread from the earth.

(Mishnah Berachot 6:1)

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