



GOOD CHEF

Use the
best and
freshest
ingredients



MASTER CHEF

**Turns something
ordinary, even stuff
rejected by others,
into an extraordinary
specialty fit for
kings.**

CHICKEN FEET



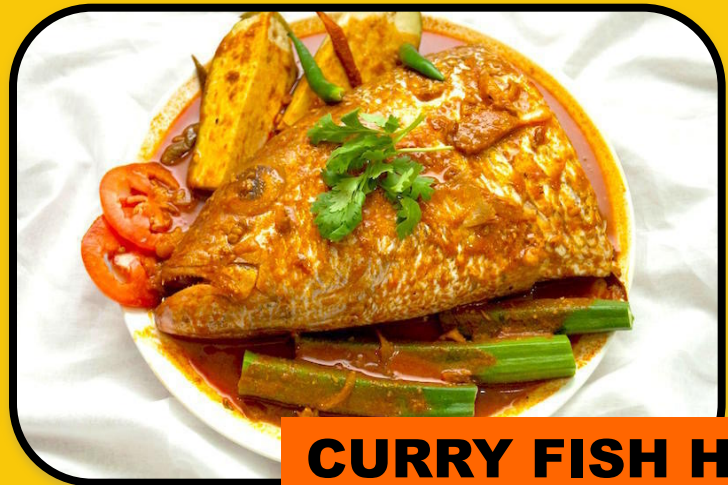
PORK STOMACH SOUP



FROG LEG PORRIDGE



CURRY FISH HEAD



THE SPECIALTY OF HEAVEN

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1 CORINTHIANS 1:26 – 31 (NIV 84)

“²⁶ Brothers, *think of what you were when you were called.* Not many of you were wise by human standards; not many were influential; not many were of noble birth. ²⁷ But God *chose the foolish things* of the world to shame the wise; God *chose the weak things* of the world to shame the strong.

1 CORINTHIANS 1:26 – 31 (NIV 84)

²⁸ He *chose the lowly things* of this world and the *despised things*—and the *things that are not*—to nullify the things that are, ...”

JUDGES 6:11-16 (NIV 84)

“The angel of the Lord came and sat down under the oak in Ophrah that belonged to Joash the Abiezrite, where his son Gideon was threshing wheat in a winepress to keep it from the Midianites. ¹² When the angel of the Lord appeared to Gideon, he said, “The Lord is with you, mighty warrior.”

JUDGES 6:11-16 (NIV 84)

13 “But sir,” Gideon replied, “if the Lord is with us, why has all this happened to us? Where are all his wonders that our fathers told us about when they said, ‘Did not the Lord bring us up out of Egypt?’ But now the Lord has abandoned us and put us into the hand of Midian.”

JUDGES 6:11-16 (NIV 84)

14 The Lord turned to him and said, “Go in the strength you have and save Israel out of Midian’s hand. Am I not sending you?” **15** “But Lord,” Gideon asked, “how can I save Israel? My clan is the weakest in Manasseh, and I am the least in my family.”

JUDGES 6:11-16 (NIV 84)

**16 The Lord answered, “I will be with you,
and you will strike down all the Midianites
together.”**



**Threshing
wheat is
usually
done
– on the
threshing
floor**



**Gideon was
threshing
wheat
– in a
winepress**

WHY?

WHO IS **Gideon**?

- **Weak clan**
- **Smallest tribe (Manasseh)**
- **Least in the family**
- **Very scared**

- **But God says**
“The Lord is with you,
Mighty Warrior”.

1 SAMUEL 16:3-12 (NIV 84)

“³ Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what to do. You are to anoint for me the one I indicate.” ⁴ Samuel did what the Lord said. When he arrived at Bethlehem, the elders of the town trembled when they met him. They asked, “Do you come in peace?”

1 SAMUEL 16:3-12 (NIV 84)

5 Samuel replied, “Yes, in peace; I have come to sacrifice to the Lord. Consecrate yourselves and come to the sacrifice with me.” Then he consecrated Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

1 SAMUEL 16:3-12 (NIV 84)

6 When they arrived, Samuel saw Eliab and thought, “Surely the Lord’s anointed stands here before the Lord.”

1 SAMUEL 16:3-12 (NIV 84)

7 But the Lord said to Samuel, “Do not consider his appearance or his height, for I have rejected him. The Lord does not look at the things man looks at. Man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart.”

1 SAMUEL 16:3-12 (NIV 84)

8 Then Jesse called Abinadab and had him pass in front of Samuel. But Samuel said, “The Lord has not chosen this one either.”

1 SAMUEL 16:3-12 (NIV 84)

9 Jesse then had Shammah pass by, but Samuel said, “Nor has the Lord chosen this one.” **10** Jesse had seven of his sons pass before Samuel, but Samuel said to him, “The Lord has not chosen these.”

1 SAMUEL 16:3-12 (NIV 84)

11 So he asked Jesse, “Are these all the sons you have?” “There is still the youngest,” Jesse answered, “but he is tending the sheep.” Samuel said, “Send for him; we will not sit down until he arrives.”

1 SAMUEL 16:3-12 (NIV 84)

12 So he sent and had him brought in. He (David) was ruddy, with a fine appearance and handsome features. Then the Lord said, “Rise and anoint him; he is the one.”

- **God **did not** select on the basis of appearance or human preference.**
- **God instead **chose David.****

WHO IS DAVID?

- **Youngest**
- **Forgotten by his father**
- **Assigned to look after sheep**
- **Despised by his oldest brother.**

1 SAMUEL 17:26-29 (NIV 84)

**“David asked the men standing near him,
“What will be done for the man who kills
this Philistine and removes this disgrace
from Israel? Who is this uncircumcised
Philistine that he should defy the armies
of the living God?”**

1 SAMUEL 17:26-29 (NIV 84)

27 They repeated to him what they had been saying and told him, “This is what will be done for the man who kills him.”

28 When Eliab, David’s oldest brother, heard him speaking with the men, he burned with anger at him and asked, “Why have you come down here?”

1 SAMUEL 17:26-29 (NIV 84)

And with whom did you leave those few sheep in the desert? I know how conceited you are and how wicked your heart is; you came down only to watch the battle.” ²⁹ **“Now what have I done?” said David. “Can’t I even speak?”**

PSALM 51:5 (NIV 84)

**“Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity,
And in sin my mother conceived me.”**

WHO IS DAVID?

- **Youngest**
- **Forgotten by his father**
- **Assigned to look after sheep**
- **Despised by his brother**
- **Something about his birth - bastard?**

**It's how we view our status,
abilities and accomplishments**

PHILIPPIANS 3:4-10 (NIV 84)

4 ...Indeed, if others have reason for confidence in their own efforts, I have even more! ⁵ I was circumcised when I was eight days old. I am a pure-blooded citizen of Israel and a member of the tribe of Benjamin—a real Hebrew if there ever was one!

PHILIPPIANS 3:4-10 (NIV 84)

I was a member of the Pharisees, who demand the strictest obedience to the Jewish law. ⁶ I was so zealous that I harshly persecuted the church. And as for righteousness, I obeyed the law without fault.

PHILIPPIANS 3:4-10 (NIV 84)

7 I once thought these things were valuable, but now I consider them worthless because of what Christ has done. ⁸ Yes, everything else is worthless when compared with the infinite value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord.

PHILIPPIANS 3:4-10 (NIV 84)

For his sake I have discarded everything else, counting it all as garbage, so that I could gain Christ ⁹ and become one with him. I no longer count on my own righteousness through obeying the law;

PHILIPPIANS 3:4-10 (NIV 84)

rather, I become righteous through faith in Christ. For God's way of making us right with himself depends on faith. ¹⁰ I want to know Christ and experience the mighty power that raised him from the dead. I want to suffer with him, sharing in his death....

WHO IS **Paul**?

- **Extremely religious**
- **Self-righteous**
- **Well-educated**
- **High position – Chief of Religious Police**

WHO IS Paul?

**Persecuted the Church –
approved the murder of Stephen
(Acts 8:1)**

**Some of the worst atrocities
in the history of religion is
committed in the name of
God.**

God **doesn't see
you as you are **now**.
God sees you as He
designed and
destined you to be.**



**“ Don’t underestimate
your value to God just
because you don’t seem
to measure up to the
world’s great and
significant. ”**

**The Divine
Chef is
at work.
YOU are
His Specialty.**

