

THE BREAD OF LIFE

JOHN 6:32-51

OPEN YOUR BIBLES TO THE GOSPEL OF JOHN CHAPTER 6.

LAST WEEK WE COVERED THE MASSES OF PEOPLE CHASING AFTER JESUS. NOT FOR SALVATION, BUT FOR MORE FREE FOOD. JESUS AND THE 12 DISCIPLES HAD FED AT LEAST 10-20 THOUSAND PEOPLE WITH A LITTLE BOY'S LUNCH AND WORD HAS SPREAD. JESUS IS NOW IN CAPERNAUM AND THESE JEWISH PEOPLE (WHO ARE LOCKED IN TO THEIR RELIGION) CANNOT SEE THAT THE MESSIAH STANDS BEFORE THEM. THE LORD NOW BEGINS HIS SERMON TO MINISTER TO THESE LOST RELIGIOUS FOLK. JESUS LOVES THEM EVEN THOUGH THEY DO NOT LOVE HIM. THEY ARE ONLY INTERESTED IN WHAT JESUS CAN DO FOR THEM TO MAKE THEIR LIFE MORE COMFORTABLE. THIS SAD TRUTH TRANSCENDS TIME TO THIS VERY DAY. THE TRUTH JESUS SHARES WITH THEM, TRANSCENDS TO US TODAY. ALL THOSE WITH EARS, LET THEM HEAR THE TRUTH THAT PROCEEDS FROM THE MOUTH OF GOD THE SON.

John 6:32-51 NIV

³² Jesus said to them, "Very truly I tell you, it is not Moses who has given you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. ³³ For the bread of God is the bread that comes down from heaven and gives life to the world."

³⁴ "Sir," they said, "always give us this bread."

³⁵ Then Jesus declared, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty. ³⁶ But as I told you, you have seen me and still

you do not believe. ³⁷ All those the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never drive away. ³⁸ For I have come down from heaven not to do my will but to do the will of him who sent me. ³⁹ And this is the will of him who sent me, that I shall lose none of all those he has given me, but raise them up at the last day. ⁴⁰ For my Father's will is that everyone who looks to the Son and believes in him shall have eternal life, and I will raise them up at the last day."

⁴¹ At this the Jews there began to grumble about him because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven." ⁴² They said, "Is this not Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, 'I came down from heaven'?"

⁴³ "Stop grumbling among yourselves," Jesus answered. ⁴⁴ "No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws them, and I will raise them up at the last day. ⁴⁵ It is written in the Prophets: 'They will all be taught by God.' Everyone who has heard the Father and learned from him comes to me. ⁴⁶ No one has seen the Father except the one who is from God; only he has seen the Father. ⁴⁷ Very truly I tell you, the one who believes has eternal life. ⁴⁸ I am the bread of life. ⁴⁹ Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, yet they died. ⁵⁰ But here is the bread that comes down from heaven, which anyone may eat and not die. ⁵¹ I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats this bread will live forever. This bread is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world."

LET'S GET STARTED

John 6:32-34

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JESUS BEGINS DIRECTING THEIR FOCUS FROM MAN TO GOD. MOSES DIDN'T FEED YOU, MY FATHER DID. NOW, THE FATHER HAS SENT THE TRUE SUSTENANCE OF LIFE THAT HAS COME FROM HEAVEN AND STANDS BEFORE YOU UNFORTUNATELY, THEY STILL THINK IT'S FOOD. BUT JESUS HAS THEM RIGHT WHERE HE WANTS THEM, “GIVE US THIS BREAD”

John 6:35-35 NIV

³⁵ Then Jesus declared, “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

THIS IS THE FIRST OF SEVEN I AM STATEMENTS THAT JESUS WILL CALL HIMSELF (USING METAPHORS) TO DECLARE THE TRUTH OF HIS SAVING RELATIONSHIP TOWARD THE WORLD

THOSE WHO COME TO ME AND BELIEVE IN ME WILL NEVER SEEK SATISFACTION FROM ANY OTHER SOURCE...PEOPLE WHO WALK IN THE SUNSHINE HAVE NO USE FOR CANDLES

I AM ESSENTIAL FOR LIFE, NOT JUST PHYSICAL LIFE BUT ETERNAL LIFE, I AM GOD THE SON INVITING YOU TO PLACE

YOUR FAITH IN ME AND FORSAKE YOUR PRIDE, EGO, YOUR PAST, AND THE WORLD SYSTEM AROUND YOU

Matthew 5:6 NIV

⁶ Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

JESUS IS OFFERING COMPLETE SATISFACTION OF ONE'S SOUL

John 6:36 NIV

³⁶ But as I told you, you have seen me and still you do not believe.

YOU CAN'T FOOL GOD, HE KNOWS YOUR HEART

John 6:37 NIV

³⁷ All those the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never drive away.

THIS STATEMENT BY JESUS CLEARLY TEACHES THE SOVEREIGNTY OF THE FATHER OVER ALL WHO COME TO JESUS
WE HAVE A CHOICE TO "COME TO JESUS" BUT WE CAN NOT UNLESS THE HOLY SPIRIT HAS ENABLED US TO DO SO

1 Peter 2:9 NIV

⁹ But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.

ONCE SAVED ALWAYS SAVED, JESUS WILL NEVER DRIVE HIS PEOPLE AWAY

WHAT ABOUT PEOPLE WHO WALK AWAY FROM THE FAITH?

1 John 2:19 NIV

¹⁹ They went out from us, but they did not really belong to us. For if they had belonged to us, they would have remained with us; but their going showed that none of them belonged to us.

TRUE BELIEVERS AND FALSE BELIEVERS LOOK THE SAME PHYSICALLY, NOT SPIRITUALLY...YOU SHALL KNOW THEM BY THEIR FRUIT

John 6:38-40 NIV

³⁸ For I have come down from heaven not to do my will but to do the will of him who sent me. ³⁹ And this is the will of him who sent me, that I shall lose none of all those he has given me, but raise them up at the last day. ⁴⁰ For my Father's will is that everyone who looks to the Son and believes in him shall have eternal life, and I will raise them up at the last day."

JESUS GUARANTEES:

I HAVE COME TO SUBSTITUTE MY LIFE FOR THE SINNERS MY FATHER HAS DRAWN TO ME AND I WILL NOT LOSE ONE I WILL RAISE THEM UP AT THE LAST DAY AND GIVE THEM RESURRECTED BODIES FIT FOR ETERNITY IN GLORY

THIS IS THE DOCTRINE OF THE FINAL PERSEVERENCE OF TRUE BELIEVERS...THIS BRINGS MUCH COMFORT TO THE BORN - AGAIN BELIEVER

DOES THIS MEAN WE GET TO LIVE HOW EVER WE WANT?
ABSOLUTELY NOT

1 John 2:3-6 NIV

³ We know that we have come to know him if we keep his commands. ⁴ Whoever says, "I know him," but does not do what he commands is a liar, and the truth is not in that person. ⁵ But if anyone obeys his word, love for God is truly made complete in them. This is how we know we are in him: ⁶ Whoever claims to live in him must live as Jesus did.

THIS IS NOT PERFECTION BUT THE DIRECTION OF AFFECTION

John 6:41-42 NIV

⁴¹ At this the Jews there began to grumble about him because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven." ⁴² They said, "Is this not Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, 'I came down from heaven'?"

WE KNOW YOU JESUS, WE WATCHED YOU GROW UP
JOSEPH WAS JESUS' LEGAL FATHER IN HIS HUMANITY, MARY, HIS MOTHER; THESE RELIGIOUS JEWS HAVE NOT HAD THE REVELATION THAT IS GIVEN IN THE SCRIPTURES THAT JESUS CHRIST IS THE COMING MESSIAH, BORN OF A VIRGIN

1 Corinthians 1:22-24 NIV

²² Jews demand signs and Greeks look for wisdom, ²³ but we preach Christ crucified: a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, ²⁴ but to those whom God has called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.

TO HAVE THIS REVELATION IS A PRIVILEGE, BE GRATEFUL AND
STAND FIRM ON YOUR FAITH IN CHRIST
BLESSED ARE YOU WHO BELIEVE JESUS CHRIST IS KING, THE
SON OF GOD

John 6:43-45 NIV

⁴³ “Stop grumbling among yourselves,” Jesus answered. ⁴⁴ “No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws them, and I will raise them up at the last day. ⁴⁵ It is written in the Prophets: ‘They will all be taught by God.’ Everyone who has heard the Father and learned from him comes to me.

OUT OF THE MOUTH OF JESUS, ABSOLUTELY NO ONE CAN
MUSTER UP THE POWER IT TAKES TO RECEIVE JESUS AS LORD
AND REPENT.....HUMANS ARE RESPONDERS (OUR CHOICE) NOT
INITIATORS (DRAWING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT)

HEARD/AKOUO/UNDERSTAND, OBEY

IT IS A DEVINE GRACE OF GOD INCLINING OUR WILL TO COME

JESUS QUOTES ISAIAH 53:6 SAYING ALL OF HIS PEOPLE WILL BE TAUGHT BY GOD, HEAR HIS VOICE, AND RECEIVE CHRIST

Ephesians 2:1-2 NIV

² As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, ² in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient.

Ephesians 2:4-5 NIV

⁴ But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, ⁵ made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved.

YES, WE MAKE A CHOICE, BUT IT IS BECAUSE OF GOD'S MERCY AND GRACE THAT WE CHOOSE CORRECTLY

John 6:46-47 NIV

⁴⁶ No one has seen the Father except the one who is from God; only he has seen the Father. ⁴⁷ Very truly I tell you, the one who believes has eternal life.

ONCE AGAIN JESUS STATES HIS DIETY AS THE SON OF GOD
AMEN AMEN THE ONE WHO BELIEVES THIS HAS ETERNAL LIFE

John 6:48-51 NIV

⁴⁸ I am the bread of life. ⁴⁹ Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, yet they died. ⁵⁰ But here is the bread that comes down from heaven, which anyone may eat and not die. ⁵¹ I am

the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats this bread will live forever. This bread is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world.”

THE PHYSICAL BREAD FROM HEAVEN DID NOT BRING ETERNAL LIFE, ONLY TEMPORAL LIFE AND WAS JUST FOR JEWS
THE SPIRITUAL BREAD (JESUS) BRINGS LIFE ETERNALLY AND IS FOR ANYONE

“EATS” IS METAPHORICAL FOR “BELIEVES IN JESUS”

Psalm 34:8 NIV

⁸Taste and see that the Lord is good;
blessed is the one who takes refuge in him.

BREAD LOOKED UPON WILL NOT NOURISH US, BUT BREAD FED UPON WILL!!