

THE BREAD OF LIFE PART 2

JOHN 6:51-71

OPEN YOUR BIBLES TO THE GOSPEL OF JOHN CHAPTER 6. SO FAR IN THIS CHAPTER WE HAVE SEEN, JESUS FEED 10-20 THOUSAND PEOPLE WITH 5 LOAVES AND 2 FISH, JESUS SENT HIS 12 CLOSEST DISCIPLES INTO A STORM (NOT TO DESTROY THEM, BUT TO BUILD THEIR FAITH AND SANCTIFY THEM), JESUS WALKED ON THE WATER TO MEET THEM IN THE STORM (SHOWING US THAT NOT ONLY DOES JESUS HAVE AUTHORITY OVER THE STORM, BUT HE MEETS US THERE IN IT), AND FINALLY, AS WE STUDIED LAST WEEK, THE CROWDS THAT WERE FED AND HEALED BY JESUS HAVE BEEN CHASING HIM AROUND FROM PLACE TO PLACE (NOT FOR SALVATION, BUT FOR MORE FREE FOOD, ENTERTAINMENT, AND MIRACLES). JESUS LOVES THEM EVEN THOUGH THEY DO NOT TRULY LOVE HIM. SO, HE STARTS TO PREACH THE TRUTH ABOUT WHO HE IS. THE TRUE BREAD THAT HAS COME DOWN OUT OF HEAVEN. PHYSICAL BREAD WILL ONLY SUSTAIN YOU FOR A TIME, BUT SPIRITUAL BREAD (JESUS) WILL SUSTAIN YOU FOR ETERNITY. JESUS WILL BE PREACHING HARD TODAY IN THE TEXT WE WILL STUDY. SO, I TOO WILL BE PREACHING HARD. THE TRUTH WILL EITHER BLESS YOU, CONVICT YOU, OR OFFEND YOU. I PRAY IT'S NOT THE OFFENSE YOU TAKE, BUT THE BLESSING AND CONVICTION.

John 6:51-71 NIV

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.” ⁵² Then the Jews began to argue sharply among themselves, “How can this man give us his flesh to eat?” ⁵³ Jesus said to them, “Very truly I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. ⁵⁴ Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise them up at the last day. ⁵⁵ For my flesh is real food and my blood is real drink. ⁵⁶ Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me, and I in them. ⁵⁷ Just as the living Father sent me and I live because of the Father, so the one who feeds on me will live because of me. ⁵⁸ This is the bread that came down from heaven. Your ancestors ate manna and died, but whoever feeds on this bread will live forever.” ⁵⁹ He said this while teaching in the synagogue in Capernaum. ⁶⁰ On hearing it, many of his disciples said, “This is a hard teaching. Who can accept it?”

⁶¹ Aware that his disciples were grumbling about this, Jesus said to them, “Does this offend you? ⁶² Then what if you see the Son of Man ascend to where he was before! ⁶³ The Spirit gives life; the flesh counts for nothing. The words I have spoken to you—they are full of the Spirit and life. ⁶⁴ Yet there are some of you who do not believe.” For Jesus had known from the

beginning which of them did not believe and who would betray him. ⁶⁵ He went on to say, “This is why I told you that no one can come to me unless the Father has enabled them.”

⁶⁶ From this time many of his disciples turned back and no longer followed him. ⁶⁷ “You do not want to leave too, do you?” Jesus asked the Twelve. ⁶⁸ Simon Peter answered him, “Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. ⁶⁹ We have come to believe and to know that you are the Holy One of God.” ⁷⁰ Then Jesus replied, “Have I not chosen you, the Twelve? Yet one of you is a devil!” ⁷¹ (He meant Judas, the son of Simon Iscariot, who, though one of the Twelve, was later to betray him.)

. I PRAY THAT BLESSING AND CONVICTION COME TO US TODAY CHURCH AS WE HEAR THE WORDS OF JESUS. IT IS A SAD DAY WHEN A PROFESSING CHRISTIAN WALKS AWAY FROM JESUS AND THE TRUTH OFFENDED.

John 6:51 NIV

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.”

JESUS IS FIGURATIVELY DRAWING A LINE IN THE SAND. THE GOSPEL IS INCLUSIVE (GIVEN FOR THE LIFE OF THE WORLD) BUT EXCLUSIVE (I AM THE LIVING BREAD; IT WILL BE MY BODY BROKEN)

WHOEVER BELIEVES IN JESUS CHRIST (EATS) WILL LIVE FOREVER

JESUS IS POINTING TO HIS DEATH ON THE CROSS

HIS LIFE FOR THE RANSOM OF SINNERS, THE SUBSTITUTE

John 6:52-53 NIV

⁵² Then the Jews began to argue sharply among themselves, “How can this man give us his flesh to eat?”

⁵³ Jesus said to them, “Very truly I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you.

JESUS DOES NOT SHRINK BACK BUT GOES HARDER WITH HIS FIGURATIVE PREACHING. THEY ARE STILL THINKING OF THEIR BELLIES

JESUS EXPLAINS THAT THERE IS A DEEP PARTAKING OF HIM THAT MUST HAPPEN IN ORDER TO HAVE ETERNAL LIFE. UNLESS YOU BELIEVE FULLY IN JESUS, YOU HAVE NO ETERNAL LIFE IN YOU

DRINKING THE BLOOD MEANS FULL ACCEPTANCE OF HIS SACRIFICE

John 6:54-55 NIV

⁵⁴ Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise them up at the last day. ⁵⁵ For my flesh is real food and my blood is real drink.

AGAIN, JESUS IS PRESSING THE TRUTH. WHOSOEVER BELIEVES IN ME (TO THE POINT OF OBEDIENCE) SHALL BE ETERNALLY WITH GOD. YOU DENY YOURSELF AND TRUST ME AT MY WORD SO YOU SHALL BE SAVED & RESURRECTED AT THE LAST DAY MY WORD IS REAL FOOD AND MY SALVATION IS THE DRINK OF THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD

John 6:56-57 NIV

⁵⁶Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me, and I in them. ⁵⁷Just as the living Father sent me and I live because of the Father, so the one who feeds on me will live because of me.

THERE IS AN ABIDING THAT HAPPENS

JUST LIKE JESUS IS TOTALLY SUBMITTED TO THE FATHER, WE ARE TO TOTALLY SUBMIT TO JESUS. HE IS THE WORD MADE FLESH. THIS IS HOW WE LIVE A SUPERNATURAL LIFE. THE HOLY SPIRIT WILL HELP US ACOMPLISH THIS

John 6:58-59 NIV

⁵⁸This is the bread that came down from heaven. Your ancestors ate manna and died, but whoever feeds on this bread will live forever.” ⁵⁹He said this while teaching in the synagogue in Capernaum.

RELIGION CAN'T SAVE YOU, ONLY JESUS

John 6:60-61 NIV

⁶⁰ On hearing it, many of his disciples said, “This is a hard teaching. Who can accept it?”

⁶¹ Aware that his disciples were grumbling about this, Jesus said to them, “Does this offend you?”

MANY, NOT ALL

PEOPLE ARE COOL WITH THE MIRACLE WORKING JESUS

THEY LOVE THE JESUS WHO FEEDS THE POOR AND HEALS THE SICK. THEY DO NOT LIKE THE TRUTH THAT THEY MUST DENY THEMSELVES (GIVE UP SOVERIEGN AUTHORITY), PICK UP THEIR CROSS, AND LIVE LIKE JESUS

GRUMBLING LEADS TO STUMBLING

John 6:62-63 NIV

⁶² Then what if you see the Son of Man ascend to where he was before! ⁶³ The Spirit gives life; the flesh counts for nothing. The words I have spoken to you—they are full of the Spirit and life.

WHAT IF I ASCEND TO WHERE I CAME FROM? WOULD YOU BELIEVE IN ME THEN? WORKS OF OUR OWN ABILITIES IN AND OF THEMSELVES COUNT FOR NOTHING WHEN IT COMES TO SALVATION. WE CAN'T EARN OUR WAY INTO HEAVEN

THESE WORDS YOU MUST RECEIVE INTO YOUR SOUL ARE FULL OF THE HOLY SPIRIT AND SUPERNATURAL LIFE. WE SEE THE TRINITY INVOLVED WITH THE SALVATION OF MANKIND

John 6:64-65 NIV

⁶⁴ Yet there are some of you who do not believe.” For Jesus had known from the beginning which of them did not believe and who would betray him. ⁶⁵ He went on to say, “This is why I told you that no one can come to me unless the Father has enabled them.”

JESUS LEANS HARD ON THE SOVERIEGNTY OF THE FATHER
HE ALWAYS KNOWS THE CONDITION OF OUR HEARTS

Hebrews 4:2 NIV

² For we also have had the good news proclaimed to us, just as they did; but the message they heard was of no value to them, because they did not share the faith of those who obeyed.

HE KNOWS THE HEARTS OF HIS TRUE DISCIPLES, THE FAKE ONE’S, AND JUDAS

John 6:66 NIV

⁶⁶ From this time many of his disciples turned back and no longer followed him.

INTERESTING THAT THIS IS JOHN 6:66. THESE “DISCIPLES”
CHOSE THEMSELVES AND RELIGION OVER JESUS

PROFESSERS OF FAITH BUT NOT POSSESSERS OF FAITH

JESUS DID NOT MAKE THEM STAY, FREE WILL EXERCISED

John 6:67-69 NIV

⁶⁷ “You do not want to leave too, do you?” Jesus asked the Twelve.

THIS IS A QUESTION THAT REQUIRES ONE TO ARTICULATE A RESPONSE OF FAITH

⁶⁸ Simon Peter answered him, “Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. ⁶⁹ We have come to believe and to know that you are the Holy One of God.”

THIS IS THE CONFESSION OF EVERY TRUE BELIEVER

PETER ANSWERS FOR THE TWELVE-MINUS JUDAS

“WHERE ELSE CAN I GO?” YOU AND YOU ALONE LORD HAVE THE WORDS OF ETERNAL LIFE

Acts 4:11-12 NIV

¹¹ Jesus is

“the stone you builders rejected,
which has become the cornerstone.’

¹² Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved.”

TO BELIEVE AND KNOW THAT JESUS IS THE HOLY ONE OF GOD
IS INTIMATELY LINKED TO OBEDIENCE OF WHAT GOD HAS
ALREADY SHOWN YOU IN HIS WORD

IT IS A PERMANENT COMMITMENT TO FOLLOW JESUS NO
MATTER WHAT HAPPENS

John 6:70-71 NIV

⁷⁰Then Jesus replied, “Have I not chosen you, the Twelve? Yet one of you is a devil!” ⁷¹(He meant Judas, the son of Simon Iscariot, who, though one of the Twelve, was later to betray him.)

THIS IS THE FIRST TIME JOHN RECORDS JESUS USING THE TERM
“THE TWELVE” SIGNIFYING THE SELECTION OF THE APOSTLES
YET, JUDAS WOULD BE THE VESSEL TO BRING FORTH GOD’S
SOVEREIGN PLAN OF SALVATION. THROUGH BETRAYAL AND
THE UNBELIEF OF JUDAS, JESUS WOULD FINISH THE JOB ON
THE CROSS FOR MANKIND

SO, I ASK YOU CHURCH, WHERE ARE YOU AT TODAY?

HAVE YOU FULLY SURRENDERED YOUR LIFE TO THE AUTHORITY
AND SOVEREIGNTY OF GOD ALMIGHTY?

FORGIVENESS, GRACE, MERCY, AND BLESSING AWAIT YOU WITH
OPEN ARMS TODAY

