

**JESUS IS THE BREAD OF LIFE! JOHN 6:30-40**

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**I. INTRODUCTION AND CONTEXT**Questions:

Are you hungry.....for Jesus?

- ✓ Is the Word of God alive in your heart?
- ✓ What has it taken for you to believe God?
- ✓ Have you ever asked God...show me and I will do it gladly for you?
- ✓ Do you believe Him or do you always want to achieve?
- ✓ What sign are you seeking in order to believe?
- ✓ What supernatural work are you looking for Jesus to do?

Your body lets you know when you are hungry. Your stomach growls; you may get cranky or feel a little light-headed. Did you know your spirit can also get hungry? Just as you feed your body daily, it is necessary to daily feed on the Bread of Life by spending time with God and in His Word. (AMF/Myers). Jesus is the Bread of Life!

In context, Chapters 1-6 shows the beginning of Jesus' ministry...His witness and choosing the disciples, the interview with Nicodemus, the Woman at the Well, the paralytic healing, the feeding of the 5,000, the walking on the water, how much more do we need to see! Now, in light of all that, there is always going to be conflict and controversy and opposition for Jesus! We as believers experience the same!! How much more for us as believers....grumbling/complaining ... in light of the incidents Jesus continue to demonstrate for us, and other supernatural incidents and miracles.

Jesus is the provider of not just physical needs but also spiritual ones! The Word of God, the Bread of Life, and the Manna always corrects us, even though the crowd, misrepresents the truth. The true bread is eternal life (new life/resurrected life). The manna does not come from Moses, it's provided by God. The Bread which supplies life is Christ who satisfies spiritual need forever. We must come to Him, who came to do the Father's will. The will of the Father is twofold: (1) that all who come to the Son (Jesus) will be received and not lost; (2) that all who see and believe on the Son will have everlasting life.

**11. THE LESSON: JESUS IS THE BREAD OF LIFE! Chapter 6:30-40**

<sup>30</sup> So they asked him, "What sign then will you give that we may see it and believe you? What will you do?" <sup>31</sup> Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written: 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'

**WHAT SIGN?** Give us a hint, a clue about who you are. When we see what's up, we'll commit then! Show us what you can do! Moses fed our ancestors according to the Scriptures!

People are always fickle!!! They demand a sign rather than exercising their faith!!! What sign can you give to prove that You are the Messiah and the Son of God? The multiplying of the bread does not prove it, for Moses gave us bread for 40 years. OMG, people. You are missing the point. Isn't this incredible that this questions was asked. Gosh, they were part of the crowd who ate the bread and fish. They were either forgetful or naïve!!!

### **GOD GIVES THE TRUE BREAD! (Vs. 32-33)**

<sup>32</sup> **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.**

<sup>33</sup> **For the bread of God is the bread that comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.”**

Jesus answered you don't even know the real significance of that Scripture, my Father offers the real bread. The Bread came down from heaven and is giving life to the world.

Oh, man! They still understood Him as speaking of temporal food!! God gives the true bread of life, not Moses! The abundant can fill the innermost by the Holy Spirit who can met every need and solve every problem. Jesus says I am ...the Bread of Life; the Light of the World, the Door of the Sheep; The Good Shepherd; the Resurrection and Life; The Way, Truth and Life and True Vine. (8:12; 10:7, 11; 11:25; 14:6; 15:1).

### **DON'T GET IT TWISTED! (Vs. 34)**

<sup>34</sup> **“Sir,” they said, “always give us this bread.” KJV: Then said they unto him, Lord, evermore give us this bread.**

They jumped at that!

The Samaritan woman said the same thing...thinking of it as actual food that you see and taste. But OMG, this is a different taste! We must understand the real meaning and see not with materialistic minds. He just said Moses did not give them real bread from heaven. What Jesus gives us is a permanent satisfaction for the human desire for life which hinges on belief!!!

To them, “belief” meant acceptance of his competence on the basis of miracles, to Jesus it meant commitment, not finally on the basis of the miracles, but on trust in his person. It means a relationship to our spiritual needs, security, and fellowship and guide, protector in life, hope in death, certainty, not simply for what he might do, this is what Jesus is saying all the time. Often times, it's beyond folk's comprehension, just as the miracle he did in their sight did not lead them to believe in him.

**DON'T MISUNDERSTAND JESUS! (Vs. 35-36)**

**<sup>35</sup> 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. <sup>36</sup> But as I told you, you have seen me and still you do not believe.**

Make an appointment with Jesus to meditate on Him the more so we will not misunderstand Him. Sing of Him! Praise Him! Study Him! Glorify Him!

**EVERYTHING GOD THE FATHER HAS PUT UNDER JESUS CONTROL! (Vs. 37)**

**<sup>37</sup> All those the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never drive away.**

Jesus is in control... "I am the Bread" said Jesus. He explicitly is saying this because we have seen Him in action, but you still don't really believe Him. Everyone comes to Jesus running, and once we are with him, we hold on to him and won't let go. We must do the will of the Father.

God, not Moses, gave bread, but you have seen me multiply bread and do all kinds of signs you still refuse to believe. You follow me on your sensual motives... what you see. God gave all believers which includes all the people who are his. How can one be sure that the Father has really given him to Christ? Will he come only to be rebuffed? Jesus made plain that human salvation is no surprise to God.

He summons to himself those by his Word and by his Spirit. We come only at his invitation!! However, the invitation is not restricted to any particular time or place, nor is it exclusively for any one nation, race or culture. It is "All". No one needs to fear that he will come in vain, for Jesus said emphatically that he would not refuse anyone. Man does not make his opportunity for salvation; he accepts its free offer. A superficial attachment to God is not enough, for if the desire for salvation is not inspired by God, true salvation will not result. No false or pretenders here!!

Beloved, we come by faith, repenting, and turning to Jesus with a whole heart, giving up sin(s) and consecrating ourselves to God forever and His Word, and will.

**HOW MANY TIMES DO I HAVE TO TELL YOU...I COME FROM HEAVEN (Vs. 38-40)**

**<sup>38</sup> For I have come down from heaven not to do my will but to do the will of him who sent me. <sup>39</sup> 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. <sup>40</sup> 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."**

This is it in a nutshell, everything is handed over to Jesus, and not a single detail is missed, upright and whole. This is what the Father wants: that anyone who sees the

Son and trusts who he is and what he does and then aligns with him will **enter real life, eternal life. Jesus' part is to put us on our feet alive and whole to be completed!**

Periodically, we must do a personal life review to see what he had done for us in a personal way. Six times in this immediate context, Jesus say that he "came down from heaven" (6:33, 38, 41, 50, 51, and 58). His claim is unmistakable. Repeatedly he affirm that he has come to do his Father's will. That will is clear here. Jesus will "lose none of all that he has given" him v. 39). Every book, every chapter, every verse is an invitation!

Not only does Jesus keeping ministry apply to this life, but he will "raise them up at the last day." This is a constant allusion to the Father who gave him the believers, who sent him to give eternal life, and who draws believers to him indicates that close relationship with the Father. So it's not only that Jesus' witness if that of a Prophet, he is a Son who speaks God's message, fulfilling the Father's purpose.

### **111. CONCLUSION: THE CONDITIONS OF ETERNAL LIFE!**

Come to Jesus Christ (v. 37)	Eat his flesh; drink his blood
Labor; be a follower of Christ	Reap; be born again
Hate the life of this world	Know God and Christ
Enter the right gate	Cause no offense
Keep his commandments	Forsake all; be faithful till death
Live free from sin; overcome sin	Continue in well-doing
Seek eternal life	Sow to the Spirit; believe and obey
Endure temptations	Let the promise live in you

### **1V. APPLICATION AND INVITATION: Believe!**

**Scripture 6:37: All those the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never drive away.**

#### **Hymn: "There's Room at the Cross for You"**

The cross upon which Jesus died...is a shelter in which we can hide. And its grace so free, is sufficient for me, and deep is its fountain, as wide as the sea.

Tho' millions have found Him a friend, and turned from the sins they have sinned, The Savior still waits to open the gates and welcome a sinner before it's too late.

The hand of my Savior is strong, and the love of my Savior is long; through sunshine or rain, through loss or in gain, the blood flows from Calvary to cleanse every stain.

There's room at the cross for you, there's room at the cross for you, Tho' millions have come, there's still room for one, yes, there's room at the cross for you.

**YES, THERE IS ONE MORE FOR JESUS!**