

John 6 (2)

Bread of Life discourse

He says I will provide the things that do not perish. The work of God is to believe in Him Whom He sent. We have to believe. This supersedes everything. Nothing else can be acceptable.

Now they want Him to do a sign. To show His credentials. Like Moses did. A sign to prove Who He is. They had seen many signs.

They quote from Psalm 78:24- he gave them bread from Heaven to eat. Exodus 16:4.

V32-33 : Moses did not give them the bread; the Father did. Moses did not give the manna or the water.

Now the Father gives the True Bread. It is *HE* who comes down and gives life. It is a Person; it is Heavenly bread. Manna nourished bodies; this nourishes souls. Calls God His Father; greater than Moses. Manna was a type and a shadow. It was perishable. Manna is Torah; Law; they have to do the work. He is Bread of the New Covenant; He does the work. Manna was only for the Israelites; Christ is for the whole world. There was manna for all and Christ is sufficient for all. Manna was preserved in the Ark; Bread of Life is in the Eucharist and tabernacle.

V 35-40: I am the Bread of life - come to Me and you will hunger. The Father's will is that those who believe will be saved. He says that He has come down from Heaven. Greek means continues to come down. Voluntarily descended from Heaven. Will of the Father. Greek means contemplate with the mind more than see with the eye. "Eye of faith. " Clearly states that He is the Mediator; He is the means of salvation. He states what His mission is. Not about His comfort.

Plan of salvation.

V41-42; They want the bread of life but now they complain about Him and what He had just said. We know his father and mother. Complain when they realize that He was the bread he was talking about. They should have reacted by worshipping Him.

V43-45: Stop complaining. Only those who have heard from the Father will come to Christ. They are taught by God; Isaiah 54:13. Faith and knowing Him is supernatural. Then you will have everlasting life. No one has seen the Father; only He that came from the Father.

V 48-51: I am the Bread of Life. Eating this Bread brings spiritual, everlasting life. Those that ate the manna had only physical nourishment. Manna was not spiritual protection- they still rebelled.

The people could not believe this or even think about it.

V53-56: He does not retract what He just said. If you don't eat the Flesh and drink the Blood you don't have life in you. More intimate union. Full spiritual life. We abide in Him – in Greek it is a continual act.

V 60-71: Hard saying. People who had followed Him for a while turned away. They were not willing to hear and explanation of the teaching. He does not go after them. Asks if they see another sign will they believe- Ascension. The Spirit gives life- these things have to be divinely understood. Can't understand them in the flesh. The Spirit works on our understanding. Spirit is present in all the Sacraments. The flesh does not profit anything. But, because we have senses they are used.

He knew their thoughts. He knew even the secret rebellions and doubts.

The Spirit opens our minds to the realities that carnal people cannot understand or see. Paul says these things are "foolishness" to them. So the words and actions of Christ does not profit them. Includes nominal Christians. All is based on faith.

When you are called and drawn but the Father and alive in the Spirit, you understand and want to stay with Him even if others leave.

⁶⁸But Simon Peter answered Him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.

⁶⁹Also we have come to believe and know that You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."

