

John #33

6:30-37

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“I Am the Bread of Life”

Intro: It is simply astounding how the good Lord uses the most common earthy things of life, things every man, woman and child can identify with, to illustrate the most profound heavenly _____! It is by the loving-kindness of God that in our text this Lord’s Day, identifies Himself as the Bread of _____.

A. As we read of the people of our text who had no spiritual appetite for the heavenly truth of Jesus and thus, were only concerned with having their physical hunger satisfied, let us prayerfully _____ our _____ while asking the Lord our God to grant us a spiritual appetite for heavenly truth. If we are not reverent toward the things of God, we will be just like those in this text, to whom the Lord ministered such wonderfully high and holy truths, but who missed the truth altogether desiring only to make Jesus their earthly king that He might serve their earthly purpose, rather than _____ Him for who He is: _____ of God, the King of kings and Lord of lords.

I. Jesus told the people that God desired that they _____ in Him, that the Father sent _____.

A. In a display of unbelief (showing that they did not believe as God requires) the people challenged Jesus saying that _____ work a miraculous sign that they could see that then _____ believe Him.

1. They wanted Him to _____ them - _____! A day earlier when He fed the five thousand they recognized Him to be the Prophet and intended to take Him by force to make Him their earthly king. The very next day they _____ that if He wanted them to believe in Him, that He would need to work another _____ whereby He would feed them again!

2. Further then, the loaves and fish that Jesus prayed over and multiplied were from earth, but Moses fed the people manna from heaven. Therefore, in their _____ selfish _____, it was not enough for them to believe Jesus having partaken of the miracle the day before, but now on the day after the Lord fed the five thousand from one boy’s sack lunch, such was insufficient proof for them. So, _____ that if they were to believe what Jesus said that it would be necessary for Him to feed them manna from heaven.

II. The Lord began to correct them saying, “... it is _____ who has given you the bread out of heaven, but it is _____ ...”

A. In merciful _____ Jesus began to show the people their spiritual blindness; to _____ them that they were spiritually _____ as they didn’t understand basic and evident truths of Scripture.

B. While they had an earthly physical “food which perishes” on their mind, Jesus began to speak to them about _____ spiritual “_____ which endures to eternal life.”

C. Jesus told them that the Heavenly Father was _____ them Bread from Heaven!

D. In contrast to the manna that fell from heaven during Moses' day, which temporarily sustained physical life, "the _____", the true bread, the greater spiritual bread which the manna foreshadowed, which God was presently supplying "is that which comes down out of heaven, and _____" spiritual "_____ " everlasting.

E. The spiritual bread of God grants eternal spiritual _____ the _____! It is not a bread that falls from heaven for the nation of Israel alone, but it will go out to feed all the nations of the world, for as the Apostle Peter said in Acts 10:34-35, "... God is not one to show partiality, but in every nation the man who fears Him and does what is right, is welcome to Him."

III. The people responded _____ Jesus to give them the _____ of God.

A. Sadly, their _____, "Lord, evermore give us this bread" is a show of respect, but only that they might receive food for their body, and not for their soul. Though their request sounds sincere, their thoughts were still _____.

B. _____ told them in no uncertain terms that He had been talking about Himself, that *He* is the Bread of Life whom the Father has sent, that *He* is the true bread the Father gives out of heaven, and *He* is the bread of God which comes down from heaven and _____ to the world!

1. Jesus invited the people to _____ to Him _____ believing promising that all who did would be spiritually satisfied.

2. Then Jesus confronted their persistent _____, for they had and yet, did not believe.

a. In so many words they said, "Show us another more convincing sign, then we will believe." And Jesus answered, "You are mistaken for you have seen Me and My signs and still you do not believe. _____ another sign will _____ bring you to _____! You do not understand how one comes to believe."

IV. The Lord Jesus spoke to them about the sovereignty of God in salvation, of the Sovereign _____ of God in the granting of faith! He pronounced, "All that the _____ Me shall come to Me, and the one who comes to Me I will certainly not cast out."

A. This is an exhortation to _____ one's sin and _____ upon the name of the God who saves! This is a call to quit depending upon one's own fallen reason, and to _____ in _____ alone.

Conclusion: Salvation is not a matter of the human will, but it is a matter of being born of God! Dear friends, insufficient evidence is not the cause of your failure to believe, but you fail to believe because you refuse to _____ the _____ who saves! Quit demanding more evidence for the clear and undeniable proof of God is all around you. If you do not believe Jesus, it is not for a lack of evidence, but it is because you are dead in your trespasses and sin. If you would be saved, _____ out _____ for mercy, asking Him to give you a spiritual appetite for heavenly truth.

Jesus said, "I am the bread of life; he who comes to Me shall not hunger, and he who believes in Me shall never thirst." _____, and _____!