

John #36

6:41-51

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“If Anyone Eats of This Bread, He Shall Live Forever”

Intro: This morning as we begin our study of the paragraph beginning at verse 41, and we read the very first words which say, “The Jews therefore were grumbling ...”, we find that though the subject matter remains the same, there is a different _____ involved. This group is more contentious than the previous, as these directly _____ the Lord contesting what He said.

A. What we have in our text this Lord’s Day is largely a repeat of what we read in the previous paragraph, but since John the Beloved, as moved by the _____, again wrote of these things as relayed to a different audience, we will study them again. Obviously, these truths are of such importance that the Holy Spirit inspired John to reiterate them in a slightly different context. And so, in being _____ to the _____ we will reiterate them. May we gain from these holy verses of Scriptures the truth which _____ to _____.

I. The Jews were _____ about Jesus.

A. Knowing of His earthly heritage, the Jews _____’ claim to be “the bread that came down out of heaven.”

1. They did not understand His Incarnation, nor did they have an understanding of His immaculate conception and the virgin birth, so _____ within and amongst themselves that He had no basis upon which to make a claim that He came down from heaven.

II. Jesus answered their unbelief by _____ them from their spiritual inability _____ Sovereign _____ who alone grants faith!

A. Many see this true statement, “No one can come to Me, the _____ who sent Me draws him ...” and our teaching of it as arrogant and mean-spirited for they understand it to exclude people from salvation. But nothing could be further from the truth. To the contrary, it is a loving _____ meant to turn people from their feeble selves to the Almighty God so that they will _____!

1. These words that Jesus spoke saying, “No one can come to Me, unless the Father who sent Me draws him ...” are words of infinite _____ and mercy, and are _____ to all who hear.

B. And Jesus made this _____ saying that all whom the Father draws to Him, He Himself will raise up on the last day to _____.

C. Jesus mercifully gave a _____ by which people can recognize whether or not they have been taught by the Heavenly Father. Those who hear and learn from the Father will in fact come to Jesus in _____ Him to be the Christ.

1. _____ mercifully told the Jews to listen to Him because He has _____ the Father and is sent from the Father to _____ the Father to us! (Cf. 1:18, 6:46; Matt. 17:5; Heb. 1:1-3).

III. Jesus made it clear that all who _____ in Him _____ eternal _____.

A. What is it that we must _____? Jesus said, verse 48, "I am the bread of life." We must believe His word, that He is who He says He is, that _____ "the bread of _____ sent from heaven."

1. Christ _____ the bread of life who has come down out of heaven sent of the Father, who miraculously satisfies the longing soul granting _____ everlasting.

B. _____ foretold of His purpose and how He would grant eternal life: that He would sacrificially give His body for the many; that He would die upon the cross to _____ the _____ of men.

Conclusion: Because Jesus gave of Himself by sacrificially laying down His life, all who eat of "this bread" - that is, who partake of Him by coming to Him in faith believing "shall live forever."

If you believe in Jesus, then _____ to God thanking Him for His saving grace, for He drew you to Christ. If you have not believed, then cry out _____ for mercy, and the God who delights in showing mercy will _____ you _____ in Christ Jesus, and you will be saved!

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