

Sermon Series – “I AM”

Part 4 – “The Bread of Life”

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Scripture Reading: John 6:32-35

Like all verses in the _____, understanding the context of today’s study is important to gleaning the lessons Christ intended for His audience that day. On the day _____ teaching them that He was the _____ of life, Christ performed a miracle in _____ (*House of Fish*) that was intended to _____ the minds of those present, and those who would hear of it, to recognize His mission and who He was. Jesus, who as the prophecy foretold was _____ in _____ (*House of Bread*), multiplied a little _____ lunch of two fish and five _____ loaves to feed a multitude of what could have been almost 20,000 people (*i.e. 5000 men not counting women and children*), after which they gathered twelve _____ full of leftovers. But focused on the temporal _____, they missed the lesson of the eternal _____ Jesus came to provide. They wanted to make Him king and _____ on Him an earthly kingdom, instead of receiving the Heavenly one He came to give. Let us pray as we open God’s _____ to John 6 in study today.

Partaking of the Bread

1. What was _____ the Jews question to Jesus and how did He respond? v 22-27
2. How did Jesus introduce the simple work of _____ and faith in Him? v 28-29
3. How did their follow-up questions reveal their spiritual _____? v 30-31
4. How was Jesus to be the double _____ as the living manna? v32-51; Ex. 16:17-31
5. In addition to _____, how do we show we’ve accepted the Bread of life? v53-58

The people had referred Christ to the manna which their fathers ate in the wilderness, as if the furnishing of that food was a greater miracle than Jesus had performed; but He shows how meager was that gift when compared with the blessings He had come to bestow. The manna could sustain only this earthly existence; it did not prevent the approach of death, nor insure immortality; but the bread of heaven would nourish the soul unto everlasting life. The Saviour said, “I am that bread of life. Your fathers did eat manna in the wilderness, and are dead. This is the bread which cometh down from heaven, that a man may eat thereof, and not die. I am the living bread which came down from heaven: if any man eat of this bread, he shall live forever.” To this figure Christ now adds another. Only through dying could He impart life to men, and in the words that follow He points to His death as the means of salvation. He says, “The bread that I will give is My flesh, which I will give for the life of the world.”

The Desire of Ages, p. 530

May we truly eat the Bread of Life that we may live with Him forever!