

## **The True Bread from Heaven**

**John 6:25-40 (Page 76 in the BPB)**  
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### **Context:**

Feeding of the Five Thousand (6:1-14)

The Disciples Cross the Sea and Jesus Walks on the Water (6:15-24)

The Bread of Life Discourse (6:25-59)

The Response to the Bread of Life Discourse (6:60-71)

“These things He said in the synagogue as He taught in Capernaum.” (6:59)

The discourse follows the pattern of a dialogue between, on the one hand, the crowd and the Jews and, on the other hand, Jesus.

### **Question & Answer**

**<sup>25</sup>When they found Him on the other side of the sea, they said to Him, “Rabbi, when did You get here?”**

**<sup>26</sup>Jesus answered them and said,**

**“Truly, truly, I say to you, you seek Me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate of the loaves and were filled.**

**<sup>27</sup>“Do not work for the food which perishes, but for the food which endures to eternal life,**

**which the Son of Man will give to you, (Son of Man - 1:51; 3:13; 5:27 from Daniel 7:13-14)**

**for on Him the Father, God, has set His seal.”**

(seal – of authentication and/or approval – possibly referring to Jesus’ baptism (1:33-34; Matt. 3:16-17))

Like Nicodemus and the Samaritan woman the crowd does not understand that Jesus is speaking to them about spiritual realities rather than physical and earthly realities.

## **Question & Answer**

**28**Therefore they said to Him, **“What shall we do, so that we may work the works of God?”**

Similar to the question from the rich young ruler in Matthew 19:16. “Teacher, what good thing shall I do that I may obtain eternal life?”

**29**Jesus answered and said to them,

**“This is the work of God, that you believe in Him whom He has sent.”**

## **Question & Answer**

**30**So they said to Him, **“What then do You do for a sign, so that we may see, and believe You? What work do You perform?”**

**31**“Our fathers ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, **‘HE GAVE THEM BREAD OUT OF HEAVEN TO EAT.’**”

Ex. 16; Num. 11:7-9; Neh. 9:15; Ps. 78:23-24; 105:40-41

**32**Jesus then said to them,

**“Truly, truly, I say to you, it is not Moses who has given you the bread out of heaven, but it is My Father who gives you the true bread out of heaven.**

True bread – true food & true drink (6:55); true worshipers (4:23); true vine (15:1); the only true God (17:3)

Out of heaven – 3:11-13

**33**“For the bread of God is that which comes down out of heaven, and gives life to the world.”

## **Statement & Response**

**<sup>34</sup>Then they said to Him, “Lord, always give us this bread.”**

Like the Samaritan Woman in John 4:15

**<sup>35</sup>Jesus said to them,**

**“I am the bread of life;**

Other “I am” statements:

The Light of the world – 8:12; the door/gate of the sheep pen – 10:7, 9; the Good Shepherd – 10:11, 14; the resurrection and the life – 11:25; the way, the truth and the life 14:6; the true vine – 15:1, 5

**he who comes to Me will not hunger,**

**and he who believes in Me will never thirst.**

Matthew 5:6 “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.”

Isaiah 55:1-2

**<sup>36</sup>“But I said to you that you have seen Me, and yet do not believe.**

**<sup>37</sup>“All that the Father gives Me will come to Me,**

**and the one who comes to Me I will certainly not cast out.**

**<sup>38</sup>“For I have come down from heaven,**

**not to do My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me.**

“The will of Him who sent Me.” John 4:34; 5:30

<sup>39</sup>“This is the will of Him who sent Me,  
that of all that He has given Me I lose nothing,  
but raise it up on the last day.

<sup>40</sup>“For this is the will of My Father,  
that everyone who beholds the Son  
and believes in Him will have eternal life,  
and I Myself will raise him up on the last day.”

### **Application**

**Assurance for the believer.**

**Encouragement for Evangelism and Missions.**