

John 6:27-59
"I am the Bread of Life"

John 6:35, 48, 51 Jesus' claim of being "the bread of life" constitutes the first of seven "I am" sayings recorded in this Gospel.

- I. Transition between feeding the 5000 and discourse about His being the bread of life Vs 16-21
- II. Conversation with the crowd whom Jesus had fed the day before Vs 22-59 (The discourse in these verses transpired in the synagogue in Capernaum Cf. Vs 59)
- A. Many of those whom Jesus had fed, realizing Jesus and his disciples had _____ the Sea did the same Vs 22-24
- B. Jesus pointed out to the crowd that he was _____ of the reason they followed him-they were hungry and wanted him to provide more food Vs 25-26
1. They were following him for what they could _____ from him
 2. They did not follow because he had performed a miracle in providing the food
 3. They were only wanting to satisfy their _____ need without considering that God had performed a miracle the day before to supply their food
- C. Jesus turned the conversation so as to teach them a great truth about his _____ and their greatest need Vs 27-59
1. The conversation starter Vs 27
 - a. Focus on what truly is important _____
 - b. The _____ is not as important as the eternal
 - c. The eternal comes from the _____ of God
 2. The four questions from the _____ and unbelieving Vs 28, 30, 42, 52
 - a. *Then said they unto him, What shall we do, that we might work the works of God? Vs 28-29*
 1. Jesus' answer focused on the need of their _____ Vs 29
 2. To do God's work, one must first believe on the One whom God sent-_____
 - b. *They said therefore unto him, What sign shewest thou then, that we may see, and believe thee? what dost thou work? Vs 30-40*
 1. Their question proved what Jesus had said to them earlier Cf. Vs 26
 2. The people raised the topic of manna because they were hungry and wanted _____ to eat Vs 31
 - a. Their statement seemed to _____ the miracle Jesus had done the day before
 - b. "Moses gave manna from _____", you fed us bread and fish from a _____ boy's lunch
 3. Jesus expounded on the topic the people had raised-_____ Vs 32-41
 - a. Moses did not give the manna from heaven, _____ gave it Vs 32a
 - b. The manna from Moses was temporal, the true bread from heaven is _____ Vs 32b
 - b. The bread from heaven is _____ and he gives eternal life Vs 33
 - c. The people still only want _____ satisfaction Vs 34
 - d. Jesus elaborates on the "Bread from Heaven" Vs 35-40
 1. He makes it clear to them _____ the "Bread from Heaven" is Vs 35
 2. He makes it clear to them that in order to have the "Bread from Heaven" one must _____ on Jesus Vs 36
 3. He makes it clear to them that there is a _____ power at work in order for one to believe on Jesus, and

the one who does believe shall _____ be rejected by
God Vs 37-40

- c. *And they said, Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? how is it then that he saith, I came down from heaven? Vs 41-51*
1. Due to their _____ they only saw Jesus as the son of Joseph and Mary and were unwilling to consider the miracles he had done to prove he was the Son of God
 2. _____ the thoughts of their heart, Jesus responded Vs 43-51
 - a. Jesus made it clear that coming to him by faith _____ the supernatural work of God in their heart Vs 44
 - b. The OT prophets had spoken of Jesus, and those who _____ the prophets would have no problem believing on Jesus Vs 45
 - c. He continues to give them hard truths understandable only by the _____ of the Father illuminating their mind Vs 46-51
 1. He had seen and _____ with God, the Father Vs 46
 2. To believe on Jesus one would _____ eternal life Vs 47
 3. He was the "Bread of Life", the true, _____-giving manna from God Vs 48
 4. The OT Jews which ate the manna _____ because it only met the temporal need. (This is only what the audience wanted-food to satisfy their hunger at that moment, but Jesus was offering spiritual food that would bring eternal life) Vs 49-51
 - (1) The manna which their ancestors ate did _____ give eternal life Vs 49
 - (2) The "bread" which Jesus' audience needed was _____ bread, which he was and is Vs 50-51

- d. *The Jews therefore strove among themselves, saying, How can this man give us his flesh to eat? Vs 52-59*
1. The statements of Jesus caused the unbelieving to _____ among themselves as to how they could "eat Jesus flesh"
 2. Jesus _____ giving them truth, even though truth had caused their debating and arguing Vs 53-59
 - a. Jesus began to speak in terms that only the spiritually _____ would understand Cf. Vs 44-48
 - b. Jesus continued the "manna" idea as he shared the fact that He was the true "bread from Heaven", and that he was _____ of giving eternal life to the recipient

III. The _____ of Truth on the unbelieving and the believing Vs 60-71

A. The _____ Vs 60-66, 70-71

1. For them the truth was not _____ Vs 60
2. Spiritual truth from God can _____ be understood as God illuminates the mind Vs 61a-64a
3. For them the truth drove them _____ from the Lord Vs 66
4. Even in a crowd of believers there is apt to be one who is only _____ Vs 70-71

B. The _____ Vs 67-69

1. The truth _____ their understanding
2. "Where else is there to go but to the _____ One who has eternal life to give" Vs 67-68
3. The truth will _____ one's belief in Jesus as the only way to eternal life Vs 69