

I AM THE BREAD OF LIFE (II)

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John 6:22-59

**“All that the Father giveth me shall come to me;
and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out.” John 6:36**

Jesus spoke these words the day after He fed 5000 men, plus the women and children who accompanied them, and did so with only 5 small barley-cakes and 2 fish. Multitudes followed Him the next day to Capernaum, where He was healing many who were brought to Him.

Jesus confronted them for their ignorance regarding His true identity, faulting them for following only “because ye did eat of the loaves, and were filled” (6:26). He knew that they sought only physical benefit from him, not discerning their spiritual needs nor His purpose and power to meet those spiritual needs.

They questioned His authority to admonish them, citing the manna their forefathers had received—six days per week for 40 years—during their wilderness wandering (Ex. 16:15-35). They attributed that provision to Moses, believing that he had given bread out of heaven. Jesus, by contrast, had fed them only once—with earthly food taken from a boy the previous day. Thus contrasting Jesus and Moses, they demanded proof of Jesus’ claim that He is the “Son of man” (6:27). Jesus responded:

1. Moses did not give bread from heaven, but “my Father giveth you the true bread from heaven, for the bread of God is he which cometh down from heaven, and giveth life unto the world . . . I am the bread of life” (6:33, 35).
2. “He that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst” (6:35).
3. “I came down from heaven not to do mine own will, but the will of him that sent me” (6:38).
4. “This is the Father’s will which hath sent me:”
 - A. “that of all which he hath given me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up again at the last day” (6:39).
 - 1) “All that the Father giveth me shall come to me . . .” (6:37a).
 - 2) “. . . him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out” (6:37b).
 - 3) “No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him: and I will raise him up at the last day” (6:44).
 - 4.) All who hear and learn from the Father will come, will believe, and will have everlasting life. “I am that bread of life” (6:46, 47, 48).
 - B. “Every one which seeth the Son, and believeth on him, may have everlasting life: and I will raise him up at the last day” (6:40).