

“I Am the Bread of Life” (Conclusion)

(Compiled by Paul R. Blake)

Introduction:

A. Lesson One: The Significance of the Bread

B. Lesson Two:

1. The Source of the Bread
2. The Savoring of the Bread
3. The Supply of the Bread

C. John 6:35 - “And Jesus said to them, I am the bread of life. He who comes to Me shall never hunger, and he who believes in Me shall never thirst.”

1. “Jesus Christ is the bread which gives life and preserves from death. The person who receives my doctrine, believes in me as the great atoning sacrifice, and yields to the will of my Father shall be perfectly satisfied, and never more feel misery of spirit. All the guilt of his sins shall be blotted out, and his soul shall be purified unto God; and, loving him with all his heart, he shall rest, fully, supremely, and finally happy, in his God.” (Clarke’s Commentary on John)

II. THE SOURCE OF THE BREAD OF LIFE

A. Where does this bread come from? Out of heaven

1. The people compared the miracle bread to manna; God fed Israel with manna in the wilderness to sustain their physical lives - Ex. 16:14-15
 - a. According to Jewish history, there was a tradition that when the Messiah came, he would restore the miracle of the manna.
 - b. The people confused the miracle bread with the Bread of Life, assuming it was the manna sign of the Messiah, a sign God never gave them in prophecy
 - c. Psalm 78:24; John 6:32
2. The bread that comes down out of heaven is not of or from men.

B. From the Father - 30-32

1. Even the manna did not come from Moses, but from God the Father.
2. Manna was a symbol under the Old Law of God’s teaching.
3. Jesus is the true bread, the symbol of the new covenant - 37-39
4. John 8:28-29, 5:26-29, 6:44-46.
 - a. The Father draws us to Jesus.
 - b. He does this through teaching.
 - c. We must learn in order to be drawn by the Father.
 - d. When we learn, we come to Jesus.
 - e. Jesus is of the Father, and the only One who has seen the Father, and so He is in the unique position to reveal His will.

III. THE SAVORING OF THE BREAD OF LIFE

A. What do we do with this bread?

1. Labor for the food that never perishes - 27. Labor for the spiritual, as it is eternal - Ecc. 5:11-16; Matt. 6:19-21

2. Believe on Him Whom the Father has sent - 29. It is so much more than simply mental affirmation - James 2:14, 24, 26
3. Hear and learn of the Father - 45; John 8:31-32, 14:10, 7:16-17
4. Eat of the bread - 51, 58
 - a. 2Tim. 2:15; Acts 17:11; Matt. 5:6; Luke 4:4; Jer. 15:16
5. Eat of his flesh and drink of his blood - 54. Partake of His life, His mission, His sufferings, His sacrifices
 - a. Matt. 16:24-25; Gal. 2:20; Phil. 1:20; Gal. 6:14

IV. THE SUPPLY OF THE BREAD OF LIFE

A. What does this bread do to us?

1. Gives life - 33
 - a. He becomes our reason for living - Phil. 1:21
 - b. He is the sources of our living - Matt. 6:33
2. Gives eternal life - 27, 40, 47, 51, 54, 58
 - a. John 3:16; 1Tim. 1:16
3. Gives us a place in the resurrection - 39, 44, 54
 - a. Phil. 3:10-11; 1Peter 1:3
4. Gives us into the care of the Father - 37, 44; 1Peter 5:6-7
5. Gives us into the fellowship of the Son - 56
 - a. 1John 1:3; John 14:21
6. Gives us the power to live like Jesus - 57
 - a. 2Peter 1:4; John 1:12; 1Cor. 15:22; 1John 4:9