

FINAL NOTES - THIS WEEK'S STUDY – 11/20-21/2023

(John 6:22-71) – The Bread from Heaven! Rejected by His Own! Many disciples Turn Away!

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OPENING PRAYER

Review from last week: The Fourfold Witness! Feeding the Five Thousand! Jesus Walks on the Sea!

THIS WEEK'S STUDY: The Bread from Heaven - Chapter 6:22-40! Rejected by His Own – vs. 41-59! Many disciples Turn Away – vs. 60-71!

I Am the Bread of Life

Joh 6:22 On the following day, when the people who were standing on the other side of the sea saw that there was no other boat there, except that one which His disciples had entered, and that Jesus had not entered the boat with His disciples, but His disciples had gone away alone—

Joh 6:23 however, other boats came from Tiberias, near the place where they ate bread after the Lord had given thanks—

Joh 6:24 when the people therefore saw that Jesus was not there, nor His disciples, they also got into boats and came to Capernaum, seeking Jesus.

Joh 6:25 And when they found Him on the other side of the sea, they said to Him, "Rabbi, when did You come here?"

- They may have found Him in the synagogue. (*Joh 6:59*) *These things He said in the synagogue as He taught in Capernaum.*
- **Rabbi, when did You come here?** Jesus did not answer their question but He moves to the wrong principle that they had acted from in their following Him. Even today people still do not understand about the moving of Jesus.

Joh 6:26 Jesus answered them and said, "Most assuredly (extra emphasis of truth), I say to you, you seek Me, not because you saw (perceived) the signs, but because you ate of the loaves and were filled.

- **You seek Me. You did not really see the real miracle.** You ate and you were filled, that is why you are seeking Me. But you really did not see the real purpose behind the miracle.
- **Jesus recognizes their motive in seeking Him was corrupt.** He knows not only what we do, but why we do it! Their motive was not that as was Nicodemus, who sought for Him, arguing from the power of His works to the truth of His word, but it was *because you ate of the loaves and were filled!* Too many follow Christ for loaves and not for love!
- **What is our motive for following Christ?** What is the supreme motive in our following Him now? The correct motivation is given to us at the end of the chapter. Peter says to Jesus, where would we go, for You have the words of everlasting life. We believe that You are the Messiah, the Son of God. The motive that can stand up through the thick and thin of life, is that which honors God and following Him is the recognition of who He is, the promised Messiah, the Savior of the world, the very Son of God, and that He alone is the source of spiritual truth. If we were to walk away from Him, we would walk away from all spiritual truth in this world. That is the proper motive! Their motive is way down below that. They are not interested in that at all. All they are interested in is that he would be someone who would meet their physical needs.

Joh 6:27 Do not labor for the food which perishes, but for the food which endures to everlasting life, which the Son of Man will give you, because God the Father has set His seal on Him."

- **God has placed His seal upon Him.** *“Labor not for the food which perishes.”* Jesus is not saying you should not work, but do not put too much emphasis on pursuing things that are passing away, at the expense of not pursuing *the food which endures to everlasting life!* Jesus is going to seek to bring them from a purely materialistic thinking into the spiritual realm. He is going to try to help them understand and to see what they did not see of the spiritual nature of what happened. As He talks to them in the realm of the Spirit, their thinking remains in the realm of the flesh.
- **This often is a problem that we have. As the Lord seeks to teach us things of the Spirit,** we tend to think in realms of the natural, the physical; and the Lord is constantly trying to draw us into the spiritual. The flesh profits nothing. *“Do not labor for the food which perishes, but for the food which endures to everlasting life, which the Son of Man will give you, because God the Father has set His seal on Him.*

Joh 6:28 *Then they said to Him, "What shall we do, that we may work the works of God?"*

- **They knew the law. They knew what God required of them in the law.** But they knew their inability to keep the law. So *“what shall we do that we might work the works of God?”* What can we do, that we might keep the law? They recognized that they needed help. I cannot keep the law of God. I want to do the works of God. So what shall we do that we might work the works of God, recognizing my inability to do so?
- **Is there a dynamic? Is there a power? Is there something that You can lead us to** that will help us that we might do the works of God?

Joh 6:29 *Jesus answered and said to them, "This is the work of God (not work that we perform, but work that God performs!) that you believe in Him whom He sent."*

- **This is how everlasting life is gained by believing in Jesus, whom the Father has sent!** Here comes this whole discussion now on everlasting life and that no one gets to heaven, Jesus says, on the basis of our own good works. Everlasting life is received by simply trusting in the Savior, that God has provided to the world and that Savior is Jesus! The only good work, so to speak, that a sinner can do, is to confess our sin to God, to ask for His forgiveness, and to put our faith in His Son. So, *this is the work of God that you believe in Him whom He sent.*
- **The word that is used here of this work that Jesus talks about, is the Greek word *ergo*,** which actually means work and it actually means to do something. Now Jesus is not saying that our putting our faith in Him for salvation is some kind of a work that is added to His finished work upon the cross, but it does make the distinction that in order to be saved, there must be a moment in time in our life where we deliberately and purposely put our faith in Jesus Christ. I trust in You as the solution to my sin problem. I trust in You for the forgiveness of my sins. I trust in you as heaven's Savior so that I might have everlasting life.
- **In other words, it is more than just believing that Jesus is the Son of God, believing that He provides salvation.** Keeping this as a pleasant thought in my mind, there is an actually a commitment being made here that does not constitute a work that gets added to the salvation. But it is more than just something tumbling around in my mind. It is something that I need to do in the course of my life. And that something is to *believe in Him of whom He sent.*
- **He can help you to be through the dynamic of the Spirit that you receive by believing on Jesus Christ.** (*Joh 7:39*) *But this He spoke concerning the Spirit, whom those believing in Him would receive; for the Holy Spirit was not yet given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.* So through the Spirit is the dynamic. Through believing in Jesus, there is the receiving of the Spirit. *“What shall we do, that we may work the works of God? This is the work of God, that you believe in Him whom He sent.* This is that work of God in your life that will enable you to keep God’s divine ideals.
- **God has not given up on you! The Lord is going to perfect that which concerns you.** (*Php 1:6*) *being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ.*

Joh 6:30 *Therefore they said to Him, "What sign will You perform then, that we may see it and believe You? What work will You do?"*

Joh 6:31 *Our fathers ate the manna in the desert; as it is written, 'HE GAVE THEM BREAD FROM HEAVEN TO EAT.'* (*Isa 54:13*)

- **Jesus had provided plenty of miracles as a foundation for His claims.** So, He speaks to them here and as they ask Him what miracle, additional miracle will you do? And then, if you are open to suggestions:
- **The idea is that Moses gave us the bread from heaven. He said there will be another prophet like unto himself.** Yes, you gave us bread yesterday, but that was just one day. Moses did it for forty years. They are thinking of the kingdom of God in the physical realm. They are still thinking of the full stomachs, and the kingdom to be established on the basis of the physical realm, rather than the spiritual kingdom. (*Rom 14:17*) *for the kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.* But they are thinking of food and drink. *Our fathers ate manna in the desert or in the wilderness.* What sign do you show us?

Joh 6:32 Then Jesus said to them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, Moses did not give you the bread from heaven, but My Father gives you the true bread from heaven.

- **Most Assuredly.** That “Verily, verily” or “Truly, truly,” is always an attention-getter. It is sort of, Listen carefully to what I am going to say.
- **Moses did not give you the bread from heaven.** Taking it from the manna, the physical sustenance that God gave to them in the wilderness, to the spiritual again. Moses did not give you that. *but My Father gives you the true bread from heaven.* The manna was but a shadow and figure, is now given, not to your fathers, who are dead and gone, but to you of this present age, for whom the better things were reserved! He is *now giving you that true bread from heaven.* As much as the throne of God's glory is above the clouds of the air, so as much does *the true bread from heaven, the spiritual bread* of the everlasting gospel excel the manna. In calling God, *My Father*, Jesus proclaims Himself greater than Moses. For Moses was faithful as a servant, but Christ as a *Son!*
- **But my Father gives you the true bread from heaven.** God gives you the true bread. *My Father gives you the true bread from heaven.* Jesus repeats this three more times (*Joh 6:33-bread of God;35 – bread of life; 48-51-bread of life, bread from heaven, living bread!*)

Joh 6:33 For the bread of God is He who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.

- **That is the true bread.** Jesus is saying. Now I am talking about a bread, speaking of Himself, that comes to satisfy not only the spiritual hunger of mankind, but then is able to give everlasting life to the partaker of that bread, the partaker of Him!

Joh 6:34 Then they said to Him, "Lord, give us this bread always."

- **Like the woman of Samaria, Give me this water, that I do not thirst** and have to come out here anymore.

Joh 6:35 And Jesus said to them, "I (no other, am the giver) am the bread of life. He who comes to Me shall never hunger, and he who believes in Me shall never thirst.

- **Jesus said to them, I am the bread of life!** They are talking about Moses and they are thinking of the comparison of the Prophet with Moses. But we remember that when Moses came to the burning bush, and the Lord spoke to him, telling him to go to the Pharaoh and to demand the release of the Israelites from their bondage and slavery in Egypt, Moses said, But they will not believe me. Who shall I say has sent me? What was God's answer? (*Exo 3:14*) *And God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM." And He said, "Thus you shall say to the children of Israel, 'I AM has sent me to you.*
- **So here Jesus said, I AM. This is one of those places where Jesus is using this name for Jehovah for Himself.** The seven “*I AM*” statements in the Gospel of John. 1) (*Joh 6:48*) *I am the bread of life.* 2) (*Joh 8:12*) *I am the light of the world.* 3) (*Joh 10:9*) *I am the door.* 4) (*Joh 10:11*) *I am the good shepherd.* 5) (*Joh 11:25*) *I am the resurrection and the life.* 6) (*Joh 14:6*) *I am the way, the truth, and the life.* 7) (*Joh 15:1*) *I am the true vine.*
- **Jesus also said, (John 8:58) Before Abraham was, I am.** In the garden when the soldiers came to arrest Him, Jesus said, Who are you looking for? He said, (*John 18:4-6*) *I am He.* *And they fell backwards on the ground!* So, “I am, that *ego eimi, I am the bread of life.*”
- **He who comes to Me shall never hunger, and he who believes in Me shall never thirst.** What radical statements! Jesus said to the woman of Samaria, (*Joh 4:14a*) *but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst.* Again, He is talking to them in the realm of the Spirit. You will never hunger;

you will never thirst. Recognizing that there is deep inside of every man, a hunger for a meaningful experience and relationship with God.

- **As David said in (Psa 42:1-2a) *As the deer pants for the water brooks, So pants my soul for You, O God.* [2a] *My soul thirsts for God, for the living God.*** How I thirst for God, how I hunger for a meaningful experience and relationship with God. Jesus is declaring that He is the bread of life. If you come to Him, you'll be satisfied! You will not hunger again! You will not thirst again because in Him you will find that for which the Spirit hungers and thirsts, the meaningful relationship with God!

Joh 6:36 But I said to you that you have seen Me and yet do not believe.

- **The rejection of Me makes manifest the deeper problem, in that is you do not know God the way you think you know Him!** And you do not have the relationship with God that you think that you have! Jesus has just put a torpedo in the side of their traditional Judaism as it was practiced under the scribes and the Pharisees of Jesus' time.
- **Jesus is saying, you do not know the Father if you do not know the Son!** What He is saying here is absolutely revolutionary, in the conversation to them, and if you were of the Father, you would come to Me!

Joh 6:37 All that the Father gives Me will come to Me, and the one who comes to Me I will by no means cast out.

- **What a beautiful promise! *The one who comes to Me I will by no means cast out.*** Here you have both sides of the coin. "All that the Father gives Me will come to Me." That is divine sovereignty. But human responsibility, choice— ***The one who comes to Me I will by no means cast out.*** When we think of this in light of predestination and election, if you come to Jesus, asking forgiveness of sins, submitting yourself to follow Him as Lord, acknowledging Him as Lord, He does not go down a list to find out if your name is on it! He does not say, Oops, oops, somebody goofed. Sorry your name's not here. That does not happen! (***Rev 22:17c***) *Whoever desires, let him take the water of life freely.* You might say, well, I cannot reconcile that. Of course you cannot. No one else can and that is why they argue so much.

Joh 6:38 For I have come down from heaven, not to do My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me.

- **What a marvelous statement! We hear it again in the garden, (Luk 22:42) saying, "Father, if it is Your will, take this cup away from Me; nevertheless not My will, but Yours, be done.** I did not come to do My own will. That should be true of every one of our lives! We should not be here to do our own will. But we should be here to do the will of the Father!
- **Life is really found when we submit ourselves into doing the will of God!** That is where fulfillment comes. I was created for His good pleasure. If I seek my own pleasure and live for my own pleasure, I am going to live an empty, vacuous life. But if I will learn to live to please Him, and if I will seek to please Him, I will find a very rich and fulfilling and overflowing cup! My life will be an overflowing cup! Oh the pleasure, and I do always those things, Jesus said, that please the Father. *I did not come to do My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me.*

Joh 6:39 This is the will of the Father who sent Me, that of all He has given Me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up at the last day.

- **He will keep us and raise us up on that last day!** Once we come to Him, He is not only able to save, but He is then able to keep!
- **They were troubled by His claims to be the Son of God, coming from heaven. Also of God's election involved in salvation and then human responsibility, our responsibility to choose God.**

Joh 6:40 And this is the will of Him who sent Me (repeating), that everyone who sees the Son and believes in Him may have everlasting life; and I will raise him up at the last day."

- **So if you ever have trouble in reading the scriptures and understanding the overlap differences between God's election and human's responsibility, know that Jesus does understand!** He does not tie all of this down and get down into the technicalities with a scalpel and all, but both of them are true. He communicates both of them as true. God elects! We have a responsibility to believe!

Joh 6:41 *The Jews then complained about Him, because He said, "I am the bread which came down from heaven."*

Joh 6:42 *And they said, "Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How is it then that He says, 'I have come down from heaven'?"*

- **That is, seeing Jesus in the true light of the Spirit.** Seeing in the sense of comprehending, understanding the realm of the Spirit. Those that really see the Son. It is the Father's will, *that everyone who sees the Son and believes in Him may have everlasting life; His promise, and I will raise him up at the last day.*
- **Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know?** Their familiarity with Him. Isn't this Jesus? We know His father and mother, Joseph, and Mary.

Joh 6:43 *Jesus therefore answered and said to them, "Do not murmur among yourselves.*

Joh 6:44 *No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent Me draws him; and I will raise him up at the last day.*

- **Another interesting statement! No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent Me, draws him.** But the Father seeks to draw all men to Jesus Christ. All of us who came, have come as the result of the Spirit drawing us, the Father drawing us. It is my responsibility, however, to yield to the Father. *(2Pe 3:9) The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is long-suffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance.* So there is the divine operation of God, but there is also that necessity of human response to the work of God.
- **And I will raise him up at the last day.** Christ will be the efficient cause, as well as He is the model (prototype), the earnest, and first fruits of the resurrection of the dead. He will indeed raise all the dead by His power, but the saints particularly, by virtue of union to Him, as the members of His body, and in the first place; the very same shall rise, and with the same numerical body, which was given to Him, and believe in Him.

Joh 6:45 *It is written in the prophets, 'AND THEY SHALL ALL BE TAUGHT BY GOD.' Therefore everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to Me.*

- **Again the reminder to the Jews, if you knew the Father at all.** Much less how well you think you know the Father; we would not be having this discussion. You would not be resisting Me on this. You would become my disciples immediately again. You think I am your problem. Your problem is your relationship with God.

Joh 6:46 *Not that anyone has seen the Father, except He who is from God; He has seen the Father.*

- **Jesus said, I can speak with authority concerning the Father in a way that you never could,** because I have come from the Father and I have seen the Father. Who can represent someone better than being an eyewitness of the Father, as Jesus was. So they are pushing back at Him. He is not budging, not one inch, in terms of who and what He is.

Joh 6:47 *Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me has everlasting life.*

- **This is basically what He said to Nicodemus who was seeking the method or the way** by which he might be born again. And Jesus said, *(Joh 3:16) For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.* So again, **Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me has everlasting life!** He just brings the offer in front of them one more time. Salvation, a relationship with God, is on the basis of faith or trusting in Jesus for that everlasting life!

Joh 6:48 *I am the bread of life.*

- **They murmured at that. They had problems with it.** *(Joh 6:42) And they said, "Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How is it then that He says, 'I have come down from heaven'?"* We know His father and mother, how is it that He said He came down from heaven and that, "I am the bread of life?"

Joh 6:49 *Your fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, and are dead.*

Joh 6:50 *This is the bread which comes down from heaven, that one may eat of it and not die.*

- **Death has two biblical definitions.** One, the separation of the consciousness from the body, when your brain no longer functions, you are dead. The other definition is the separation of your consciousness from God. If you are living without a consciousness of God, without an awareness of God, with no thought of God, you are dead spiritually! The Bible says that a person who lives only for pleasure, is dead while they are still alive. Jesus is using here this second definition when He says that if we believe in Him, we will never die! You will never be separated from God consciously!
- **I am extremely thankful and becoming more thankful every day** that He is not talking about I am going to have to live forever in this body! That is not a happy prospect as the body is going to pieces. But He is talking about the Spirit again, the things of the Spirit!

Joh 6:51 I am the living bread which came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever; and the bread that I shall give is My flesh, which I shall give for the life of the world."

- (2Co 5:21) *For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.* He died that we might live! *The bread that I shall give is My flesh.* He said to His disciples when He broke the bread, (1Co 11:24b) *and when He had given thanks, He broke it and said, "Take, eat; this is My body which is broken for you; do this in remembrance of Me.*
- (Isa 53:5-6) *But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; The chastisement for our peace was upon Him, And by His stripes we are healed. [6] All we like sheep have gone astray; We have turned, everyone, to his own way; And the LORD has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.* He bore our sins. He gave His body, His flesh as a sacrifice, a sin offering for you and for me!

Joh 6:52 The Jews therefore quarreled among themselves, saying, "How can this Man give us His flesh to eat?"

Joh 6:53 Then Jesus said to them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink His blood, you have no life in you.

- **If you do not partake of Me, if you do not recognize that I have given My life for you as a sacrifice,** an atoning sacrifice for your sin, if you do not recognize that, **you do not have life!** You do not have spiritual life. Again, He is talking in the realm of the Spirit and their thinking is in terms of the flesh. This is the conflict that is going on. They are on two different levels.
- **Often as we are trying to explain to people about Jesus Christ** and the gospel of Jesus Christ, you are on two different levels. They are only thinking on the physical level. You are talking in the realm of the Spirit and they cannot comprehend. They do not understand! It is just mumbo-jumbo. Yet, to you it is very clear! It is very plain! So here Jesus is talking on the level of the Spirit, but they are thinking on the level of the flesh.

Joh 6:54 Whoever eats My flesh and drinks My blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day.

- and brings that change. That is what He is talking about. And then, believing in Him, the Holy Spirit comes into our lives now, Christ and the Person of the Holy Spirit. We have everlasting life, and He *will raise us up at the last day!*

Joh 6:55 For My flesh is food indeed, and My blood is drink indeed.

- **We are brought to the communion table.** (1Co 11:24) *and when He had given thanks, He broke it and said, "Take, eat; this is My body which is broken for you; do this in remembrance of Me.* Nourished and strengthened by the body of Christ.
- **There we take the cup.** (1Co 11:25) *In the same manner He also took the cup after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in My blood. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."* Partaking of Christ. The blood of Christ cleansing us from all sin!

Joh 6:56 He who eats My flesh and drinks My blood abides in Me, and I in him.

Joh 6:57 As the living Father sent Me, and I live because of the Father, so he who feeds on Me will live because of Me.

Joh 6:58 This is the bread which came down from heaven—not as your fathers ate the manna, and are dead. He who eats this bread will live forever.

Joh 6:59 These things He said in the synagogue as He taught in Capernaum.

- **There is the spiritual life! It is in the partaking** of Jesus Christ.
- **Jesus is offering a greater miracle than the 40-year miracle for the children of Israel in the wilderness!** There is something much, much bigger and better than that! And that is to be born again! To have Me come into your life, by spiritually eating bread and drinking blood. Then by the Holy Spirit, changing your life, by coming into your life, making a complete transformation by being born again, and being made into the likeness of Christ!

The Words of Eternal Life

Joh 6:60 Therefore many of His disciples, when they heard this, said, "This is a hard saying; who can understand it?"

Joh 6:61 When Jesus knew in Himself that His disciples complained about this, He said to them, "Does this offend you?"

Joh 6:62 What then if you should see the Son of Man ascend where He was before?

- **Is this bothering you? He said. When it actually happens.** Their concept of the Messiah was materialistic. He has fed us, we are full. Let us make Him the Messiah. It was materialistic. The Messiah that they were looking for; One that would feed them without any effort on their part.
- **Jesus knows that He is to give His life, His body. He is to be a sacrifice.** So, He is talking to them about My flesh being food indeed. My blood being drink indeed. You must partake. But He is talking about the cross and the sacrifice that He is going to make for sins.
- **So He said, Does this offend you? What is going to happen when you see Me on the cross?** When you do not see Me overthrowing the Roman government? When I do not lead the armies against the armies of Rome? This may offend you but when you see Me on the cross, and even the disciples that stuck with Him, even Peter who said, Lord, where can we go? You have the words of life. Even they were offended. Jesus said, (***Mat 26:31***) *Then Jesus said to them, "All of you will be made to stumble because of Me this night, for it is written: 'I WILL STRIKE THE SHEPHERD, AND THE SHEEP OF THE FLOCK WILL BE SCATTERED.'*
- **All of you are going to be offended this night because of Me.** He is referring to the cross and the cross was a stumbling block to them. So when He begins to talk of His cross, it is difficult. They are murmuring and many of them turned and did not follow Him anymore. They could not handle that. They could not handle the concept of the spiritual kingdom of God because they were thinking only in terms of the material. We are told, (***Joh 6:60***) *Therefore many of His disciples, when they heard this, said, "This is a hard saying; who can understand it?"*

Joh 6:63 It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing. The words that I speak to you are spirit, and they are life.

- ***It is the Spirit that gives life, the flesh profits nothing. The Spirit is always trying to lift us from*** this unprofitable realm of the material world into the profitable realm of the spiritual world. The superiority of the Spirit over the flesh. The spiritual realm over the material realm. Something that Jesus was teaching constantly.
- ***The words that I speak to you are spirit, and they are life. It is the Spirit who gives life, the flesh profits nothing! God help us to really grasp that!***

Joh 6:64 But there are some of you who do not believe." For Jesus knew from the beginning who they were who did not believe, and who would betray Him.

Joh 6:65 And He said, "Therefore I have said to you that no one can come to Me unless it has been granted to him by My Father."

Joh 6:66 From that time many of His disciples went back and walked with Him no more.

- **Jesus did not fit into what they wanted the Messiah to be, so they walked away.** I have my own ideas what God is like; what is required for salvation. What You are saying does not match that. They turned on their heels, abandoning Him, and went back to their former lives. He begins a sermon, probably with

thousands of people in the audience. By the time He is done with this sermon, only the twelve disciples are left standing in front of them. Because the crowd did not want truth. They were there for all other kinds of motives, but not for the truth that Jesus spoke about salvation and who He was.

- **Jesus does something here that is very, very needed!** He deliberately tested the commitment of these disciples to Him with doctrine. With truth. With teaching about absolute truth, about who He is and what He had come to do; about His heavenly origin and the fact that the salvation is found in Him and Him alone; talking about His deity, about sanctification, the demands of the Christian life, the life that God calls us to. His words cut right through that crowd, dividing the false disciples from the true disciples. So here **they are tested. Their commitment is tested by the word of God, which is all important!**

Joh 6:67 Then Jesus said to the twelve, "Do you also want to go away?"

Joh 6:68 But Simon Peter answered Him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.

- **Where can you turn?** As we look back at the world, there is really nothing to go back to. We might have difficulties. We might have problems. We might not understand exactly and fully know what the Lord is seeking to teach us. But where can we go? We know that the world has nothing! It is empty, it has nothing to offer! *Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.*

Joh 6:69 Also we have come to believe and know that You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."

- *We have come to believe. They believed the doctrine that* Jesus was the Messiah, promised to the fathers and expected by them; that He was not a mere man, but the Son of the living God! In times of temptation it is good to stick with what you know, not turning to what you do not know!
- *And know that You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.* We see the degree of their faith, that it rose up to a full assurance! We know! We are sure! We have known it by experience; this is the best knowledge. When we have so strong a faith in the gospel of Christ as boldly to venture our souls upon it, knowing whom we have believed, then, and not till then, shall we be willing to venture everything else for it.

Joh 6:70 Jesus answered them, "Did I not choose you, the twelve, and one of you is a devil?"

Joh 6:71 He spoke of Judas Iscariot, the son of Simon, for it was he who would betray Him, being one of the twelve.

- **So John lets us know that Jesus all along was aware of Judas,** of what he was doing and what he was going to do. And yet ordained of God for this purpose.

SUMMARY:

- **So, we come to the end of this beautiful, beautiful chapter. Think about what we learned** about everlasting life that He offers, which is received by faith. It is received as a gift! We are not to demand our own personal miracles of God as a foundation for our faith in Him.
- **Our faith is to be based upon something far more stable than any miracle we could demand of God!** That which is based upon the Word of God and His promises! When we do, we are going to experience the spiritual satisfaction of knowing we are now engaged in what we have been created for! This spiritual birth, which so satisfies that I no longer am looking for anything else, because I have come into contact with and am experiencing the absolute truth.
- **Then we are to rest in the confidence that Jesus is not only able to save, but He's able to keep us and to deliver us one day into the glory of heaven!** So the reality of our commitment to Jesus of our salvation will be exhibited in our adherence to His words, all of them, however hard they might be for us to understand. And that message that Jesus spoke to this group, is as needed today, and is as timeless today as it ever was!
- **Oh how thankful we are! We thank You, Lord!**

CLOSING SONG:

GIVE THANKS – Maranatha Music (2:28/2:31)

*Give thanks with a grateful heart, Give thanks to the Holy One
Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son (2X)
And now let the weak say, "I am strong", Let the poor say, "I am rich"
Because of what the Lord has done for us (2X)
Give thanks (2X)*

CLOSING PRAYER:

Read and study *John Chapter 7*

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