

The Bread of Life

John 6 / Isaiah 55

OT- Filled with types and Shadows of New Testament revelations, manifestations.

I. Buying Bread, Water and Wine

Isaiah 55:1 – “Ho! Everyone who thirsts, come to the waters and you who have no money, come buy and eat. Yes come, buy wine and milk without money and without price”.

John 6:5 – “Where shall we buy bread, that these may eat”?

Discussion - How can we buy bread without paying for it? Jesus demonstrated how by the breaking of bread (Read John 6:9-14). When we deny ourselves the pleasures of the flesh, crucifying the flesh, we identify with Christ and his crucifying his flesh. We “buy” our bread.

II. How Money Is Spent

Isaiah 55:2 – “Why do you spend money for what is not bread And your wages for what does not satisfy”?

John 6:27 – “Labour not for the meat which perisheth, but for the meat which endureth unto everlasting life, which the Son of man shall give unto you; for him hath God the Father sealed”.

Discussion – What things do we acquire with our wages? We use our wages to acquire natural things which can not satisfy the need of our souls.

III. Obtaining What Is Good

Isaiah 55:2b – Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good –

John 6:48-50 - I am that bread of life, your fathers did eat manna in the wilderness, and are dead. This is the bread which cometh down from heaven, that a man may eat thereof, and not die.

Discussion - What things that society, our peers, family and friends and ourselves deem to be good? Are they capable of sustaining or giving life? How can we obtain life? Eternal Life?

IV. Obtaining Life

Isaiah 55:6 – Seek the Lord while He may be found call upon Him while He is near.

John 6:51 – I am the living bread which came down from heaven; if any man eat of this bread, he shall live forever; and the bread that I give will be my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world.

Discussion – In the Old Testament, the Lord offered Himself by the preaching of His word, how can we receive life in the New Testament times?

V. Thinking Unlike Man

Isaiah 55:8 - My thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways; says the Lord.

John 6:37, 38 – All that the Father giveth me come to me will in no wise cast out. For I came down from heaven not to do mine own will but the will of him who sent me.

Discussion – Is there anything we consider unforgivable? Is forgiveness, pardon and salvation accessible to all? Why?

V. Promise Keeping

Isaiah 55:11 – So shall my word be that goes forth from my mouth; It shall not return to me void, but it shall accomplish what i please, and it shall prosper in the thing for which i sent it.

John 6: 39-40 – And this is the Father’s will which hath sent me, that of all which He hath given me I should lose nothing, but should raise it at the last day. (40) And this is the will of Him that sent me, that everyone which seeth the Son, and believeth on Him, may have everlasting life; and I will raise him up at the last day.

Discussion - What do these scriptures refer to? What must be accomplished? Keep in mind the following scripture –John 5:25-
“The Father calls, not all hear, those that do receive life”.
Where God gives grace, He gives a thirst for it.

BREAD

1. A natural resource; a natural food
2. made by bruising and crushing corn

Old Testament Bread:

1. Manna – Bread that fell from heaven. The Israelites gathered daily in the morning, a sign that encouraged the Israelites to make it into the promise land; common food not spiritual meat.
2. Shewbread – (A type of Christ) Old Testament Priests offered as a sacrifice.

New Testament Bread:

1. Christ – the true nourishment of the believer.
2. Bread of Life – A supernatural food that sustains the spirit unto eternal life (John 6:53).

Bread (flesh) To eat it, it must be broken.

Wine (blood) To drink it is must be poured out.

ACTIVITY--- BREAD & WINE

Definitions

Eateth – see

Drinketh – believe

Thirsteth – to acknowledge having a need

Other Scriptures worth noting -

John 6:19-21.

An example of the remnant journeying on earth during the absence of Christ and every wish fully and immediately satisfied – full blessing and rest when he joins them.