

That You May Believe and Have Life: A Study in John

Lesson Three – The Bread of Life

John 6

John 6:26 *Jesus answered them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, you are seeking me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves.*

Q A. How have they “seen” signs and yet not seen them? What is a sign – how is that different from something amazing?

27 *Do not labor for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give to you. For on him God the Father has set his seal.”* **28** *Then they said to him, “What must we do, to be doing the works of God?”* **29** *Jesus answered them, “This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.”*

Q B. What is the “food that endures to eternal life?” Where does verse 27 say this comes from?

Q C. What sorts of things qualify as “food that perishes” and how can we be “laboring” for those things?

30 *So they said to him, “Then what sign do you do, that we may see and believe you? What work do you perform?”* **31** *Our fathers ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, ‘He gave them bread from heaven to eat.’”* **32** *Jesus then said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but my Father gives you the true bread from heaven. **33** For the bread of God is he who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.”* **34** *They said to him, “Sir, give us this bread always.”* **35** *Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst.*

Q D. In what ways was the manna from heaven a picture of Christ? In what ways is He the reality?

41 *So the Jews grumbled about him, because he said, “I am the bread that came down from heaven.”* **42** *They said, “Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How does he now say, ‘I have come down from heaven’?”* **43** *Jesus answered them, “Do not grumble among yourselves. **44** No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me*

draws him. And I will raise him up on the last day. from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die.

Q E. What is the reasoning the Jewish leaders give for not believing Jesus is the Christ?

Q F. What is the ultimate reason for their disbelief that Jesus gives in verse 44?

Q G. Look at Acts 21:30 and John 21:11 for usage of the same word that is translated “draws.” Considering this word, what is He saying in verse 44?

***51** I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. And the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.”**52** The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, “How can this man give us his flesh to eat?” **53** So Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. **54** Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day. **55** For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink. **56** Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me, and I in him. **57** As the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever feeds on me, he also will live because of me.*

Q H. What is the complaint against His teaching that the Jews make? Why do they see this in the way they do?

Q I . What does it mean to you to abide in Christ? For Christ to abide in you?

***66** After this many of his disciples turned back and no longer walked with him. **67** So Jesus said to the Twelve, “Do you want to go away as well?” **68** Simon Peter answered him, “Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life, **69** and we have believed, and have come to know, that you are the Holy One of God.”*

Q J. Looking at these verses, and thinking of your own life, what have believers learned? How does this relate to hungering and thirsting for Christ alone?

“Where shall we find such peace, and hope, and solid comfort as in serving Christ, however poorly we serve Him? Can we better ourselves by turning our back on Christ, and going back to our old ways? We cannot. Then let us hold on our way and persevere.” JC Ryle