

John 6:30-44  
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REVIEW OF JOHN 6:22-29  
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**I. THEY HAD WRONG PRIORITIES** IN THEIR LIFE

**NOT BREAD THAT SUSTAINS LIFE - BUT BREAD THAT GIVES LIFE** Cf. 5:21

**II. THEY HAD WRONG PRESUMPTIONS** CONCERNING THEIR LABOR.

**NOT WORK AND BE SAVED BUT BE SAVED AND WORK** Cf. Eph. 2:8-10

**III. THEY HAD WRONG PROCEDURES** STIFLING THEIR LIFE.

**NOT SEE AND THEN BELIEVE BUT BELIEVE AND THEN SEE.** Cf. Jn. 11:40

**IV. THEY HAD WRONG PRESUPPOSITIONS CONCERNING GOD'S BREAD.** NOT PERISHABLE  
SYMBOLIC BREAD BUT ETERNAL TRUE BREAD

\*\*\*\*\*Call to worship Reading - **PSALM 78:5-32.**\*\*\*\*\*

**THE FOOD THAT ENDURETH TO ETERNAL LIFE** v. **27** is explained fuller in **30-40.**

**27** Must pick up that Jesus had told them to **labor for the food that endures to eternal life**, which food and life **the son would GIVE** unto you. (the Jews who were speaking to him) In **32** Jesus will tell them that this food has been given them by the Father and that it is the **true bread from heaven.**

**III. WE NEED TO WATCH OUT FOR WRONG PROCEDURES IN OUR LIFE**

**NOT SEE AND THEN BELIEVE BUT BELIEVE AND THEN SEE** **30-40** **READ 30-31.**

**If you show us a sign, we will believe.** But this is not a true statement. It sounds good and many men echo this same sentiment today, but the fact is that men who see the signs and miracles of God **DO NOT NECESSARILY BELIEVE!**

**THE DIVINE ORDER IS NOT SEE AND BELIEVE BUT BELIEVE AND YOU WILL SEE!**

- ❖ They had seen the Red Sea open for them and the Egyptian army destroyed.
  - They saw the cloud by day and the pillar of fire by night.
    - They heard the voice of God from Sinai and saw the mountain burn.
    - The Jews in the wilderness saw daily the provision of the Lord.
    - They saw water come forth from a rock; and quail rain down like dust.

**YET MANY OF THESE SAME PEOPLE DIED IN UNBELIEF!** (see **Psalm 78** !)

**SEEING A SIGN WILL NOT SAVE - - SEEING THE SAVIOR, AND BELIEVING ON HIS NAME, IS THE ONLY WAY TO BE SAVED.**

**"THE JEWS REQUIRE A SIGN AND THE GREEK'S SEEK AFTER WISDOM.** But we preach Christ crucified, unto the Jews a stumbling block, and unto the Gentiles foolishness." **1 Cor. 1:22.**

They had already asked for a sign in **2:18** and they kept up throughout His ministry asking for a sign. Jesus kept doing things like feeding the 5,000, healing invalids, turning water to wine etc. and the religious leaders kept coming and saying **SHOW US A SIGN AND WE WILL BELIEVE!**



*In the passage before us this morning the important thing for these folks to realize is that both Moses and Jesus had their ministries authenticated by God AND BOTH SHOULD BE LISTENED TO AND BELIEVED.*

#### IV. THEY HAD WRONG PRESUPPOSITIONS CONCERNING GOD'S BREAD

##### NOT PERISHABLE SYMBOLIC BREAD **BUT** ETERNAL TRUE BREAD

32. Jesus corrects the thinking of these Jews in regard to the **sign of the “bread in the wilderness.”** v. 32.

- ❖ 1<sup>st</sup>, it was not Moses who gave the bread, but God.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> The Father is still giving “Bread”
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> **THE TRUE BREAD IS JESUS AND NOT THE MANNA.**

Thus the superiority of Moses' sign of the bread over that of Jesus disappear. V. 32

The **purpose** in the **feeding of the 5,000** was not to demonstrate that He was able to meet the physical needs of the people, but rather to open the door of discussion so that He might reveal unto them the **TRUE BREAD**

#### WHAT ARE THE PROPERTIES OF THIS BREAD?

\*\*It is **TRUE BREAD** v. 32

Jesus begins a discussion of **the superior bread** that is now being offered to the Jews.

This bread is **contrasted to Moses' bread in that it is called THE TRUE BREAD.** 32

True in the sense that all other bread is but a shadow or a symbol of this bread which is now revealed as the **TRUE BREAD FROM HEAVEN.**

**Moses' bread was a temporary provision** for physical sustenance. It was a **type** of the **TRUE BREAD** which was to follow and which has now come in **CHRIST JESUS.**

\*\* **TRUE BREAD** is **HEAVENLY BREAD** v. 32b; 33a; 38a 50-51; 58.) (also 41-2;)

**His point of origin was Heaven!** By this it is meant that He is from heaven. This created quite a stir for the Jews present. They knew that He was claiming to be supernatural. This is why they were murmuring in vv. 41-42 **READ\*\*\*\* “...Is this not Jesus the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know?”**

JTB has already testified to the Jews about the pre-existence of Jesus in **John 1:30** “...preferred before me because **HE WAS BEFORE** me.”

Jesus confirmed further His pre-existence in **6:35** “I AM the **BREAD OF LIFE**”

**I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst.**

What does it mean to be the **BREAD OF LIFE?** V. 33 puts it this way” **READ 33\*\*\*\***

**Joh 6:33 For the bread of God is he which cometh down from heaven, and giveth life unto the world.**

**\*\*It is LIFEGIVING BREAD v. 33**

**WHO IS THIS LIFE FOR?**

It is for the **Jew - 32** "My Father giveth **YOU.**"

It is for the **world - 33** "giveth life **unto the world**"

It is for *those who BELIEVE 35.* "He that **COMETH** to me shall never hunger and he that **BELIEVETH on me shall never thirst.**" **35**

The Jews that Jesus was addressing at this point had not BELIEVED **36.** They had seen Him but failed to believe on Him. This raises the question then of

**JUST WHO CAN BELIEVE?.....**

**WHO CAN BELIEVE?**

**Those who come may believe 35** and v. **37** says that these are **those whom the FATHER GIVES THE SON** and that they will come to the Son and be received by the Son.

**GOD IS SOVEREIGN IN EVERY ASPECT OF LIFE. HE RULES AT THE TOP. NONE MAY QUESTION HIS WISDOM.**

As He asked Job in **Job 38-40** "Where wast thou when I laid the foundations of the earth? Declare it if thou hast understanding....."

Job had no reply to the **50** or **60** questions that God inquired of him because **MEN, UNLIKE GOD, ARE NOT SOVEREIGN.** God did not expect that Job would be able to answer any of His questions. Man is not capable of understanding the workings of God.

**BUT THIS DOES NOT MEAN THAT GOD IS NOT WORKING.**

**CONSIDER GOD'S INTERROGATION OF JOB. JOB NOR I NOR YOU CAN ANSWER THE QUESTIONS THAT ARE ASKED. BUT WE CAN BELIEVE THAT GOD HAS DONE THAT WHICH HE HAS DECLARED IN THESE CHAPTERS OF JOB. WHY? FAITH! HEB. 11:1-3.**

**I CAN'T EXPLAIN IT - BUT I CAN BELIEVE IT!**

**JUST SO WHEN IT COMES TO THE SOVEREIGN WORKINGS OF GOD IN SALVATION. I DON'T UNDERSTAND IT, BUT BY FAITH IN A RIGHTEOUS, HOLY, LOVING GOD WHO IS INCAPABLE OF MAKING ANY MISTAKES, I BELIEVE THAT GOD IS SOVEREIGN IN SALVATION.**

**It is not MY WILL that determines the salvation of an another individual, but GOD'S WILL! v. 44** Jesus says that "**No man can come unto me, EXCEPT THE FATHER, WHO HATH SENT ME, DRAW HIM; and I will raise him up at the last day.**"

**God, through the convicting ministry of the Holy Spirit** must be at work in the heart of any man before he can be saved. We cannot come to God apart from a work of God because we are totally separated from God by the vileness of our sin. **Romans 1.** If it were not for the MARVELOUS GRACE of God ALL of mankind would perish in the fires of hell! The salvation of the soul is not intrinsic within each man unless a work of God is performed in that life.

“Herein is love, not that we loved God, BUT THAT HE LOVED US AND SENT HIS SON TO DIE FOR US.”

**1Jn 4:10** **Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.**

GOD IS SOVEREIGN IN ALL OF THE UNIVERSE AND HIS WILL SHALL BE DONE - - - whether I understand it or can explain it or not!

I Can't sit in judgment on God's revealed plan. His WILL is just that - HIS WILL. I can't second guess it, I don't try to thwart it, I simply ACCEPT IT BY FAITH when I accept the salvation that comes from the bread of life.

Christ says in **38**. “...NOT TO DO MY OWN WILL, BUT THE WILL OF HIM WHO SENT ME.”

WHAT THEN IS THE WILL OF THE FATHER REGARDING THE SALVATION OF MEN?

**1<sup>ST</sup>** = V. **39**. The eternal security of those who come to Christ and believe on Him!

**2<sup>ND</sup>** v. **40** “that EVERYONE WHO SEETH THE SON, AND BELIEVETH ON HIM, MAY HAVE EVERLASTING LIFE.” And assurance of a future resurrection unto eternal life.

V. **30** “That we may SEE and believe thee...” uses the Gk. word IDOWMEN from EIDON the aorist form of HORAW. It is - 1<sup>st</sup> person plural; 2 Aorist; subjunctive. It denotes “to see, of bodily vision.” Cf. **6:36**. (It can mean a deeper perception such as in **Jn. 20:8**, however, here the word is 3<sup>rd</sup>. person singular; 2 Aorist; active; indicative.)

V. **40** “everyone who SEETH the Son, and believeth on Him...” uses the Gk. word THEOROW from which we get our English word “theater.” It has to do with being a careful spectator; a careful perusal of details in the object. It is Nominative; singular; present; indicative.

**Well then who is THE BREAD OF LIFE FOR? We have seen that He is for the JEW. He is for the WORLD. He is for those that the FATHER GIVES HIM and He is for EVERYONE WHO BELIEVES!**

\*\*It is SATISFYING BREAD. V. **35** (Never hunger nor thirst.)

Are you waiting on a sign from God today?

- God has sent Jesus to be the Bread of life.
  - ◆ He freely offers his salvation for those who would believe.
    - He is the true bread from heaven.
      - ◆ He is the LIFE-GIVING BREAD OF GOD.
      - ◆ The Jews saw, and did not believe, **36**,
      - ◆ **but those who believe without seeing, can have eternal life. 35.**

**Jn. 20:29** “Jesus said unto him, **Thomas, because thou hast seen me, thou hast believed; BLESSED ARE THEY THAT HAVE NOT SEEN, AND YET HAVE BELIEVED.**”

**I Peter 1:8** “Whom, having not seen, ye love; in whom, though now ye see Him not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory, **Receiving the end of your faith, EVEN THE SALVATION OF YOUR SOULS.**”

Do **you** know that joy unspeakable that comes when you receive the Bread of Life and in so doing obtain the SALVATION OF YOUR SOULS?

**Big Bang backlash: BICEP2 discovery of gravity waves questioned by cosmologists.**

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**Video:** In March, scientists from the Harvard-Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics announced their discovery of gravitational waves created at the dawn of the universe. These waves were created in a period of rapid expansion called cosmic inflation. This new evidence could prove the definitive confirmation of the inflation theory. But other researchers are not convinced.

It was the science story of the year: Astrophysicists held a news conference at Harvard on March 17 announcing that their [South Pole telescope had found evidence of gravity waves](#) from the dawn of time.

Cosmology doesn't get any bigger than this. The discovery was hailed as confirmation of a mind-boggling addendum to the big-bang theory, something called "cosmic inflation" that describes the universe beginning not in a stately expansion but with a brief, exponentially rapid, inflationary spasm.

Science is a demanding and unforgiving business, and great discoveries are greeted not with parades and champagne but rather with questions, doubts and demands for more data. So it is that, in recent days, scientists in the astrophysics community have been vocalizing their concern that the South Pole experiment, known as BICEP2, may have detected only the signature of dust in our own galaxy.

These doubters say, in effect, that rather than seeing the aftershock of the birth of the universe the scientists may have seen only some schmutz in the foreground, as if they needed to clean their eyeglasses.

This is a delicate issue. Careers and prizes are potentially at stake. So too is the credibility of a field that dares to probe the deepest secrets of the universe no matter where that search may lead.

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**"We expressed very carefully, as scientists do, the uncertainties that were inherent in the measurement we made," Kovac said. "And I think we got it right. It's unscientific to imagine that one could eliminate all kinds of uncertainty. The credibility of the scientific process doesn't rest on that. It rests on doing a careful job. In the four years that we analyzed this data set, we did a very careful job."**