

Unbelievers

John 6:35-40

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. 36 "But I said to you that you have seen Me and yet do not believe. 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. 38 "For I have come down from heaven, not to do My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me. 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. 40 "And this is the will of Him who sent Me, that everyone who sees the Son and believes in Him may have everlasting life; and I will raise him up at the last day."

REMEMBER OUR BACKGROUND

Remember that here in chapter 6 Jesus has fed the 5,000 plus women and children. They have decided to make Him King, but Jesus crosses the Sea of Galilee by night walking on the water. The next day when the multitudes could not find Him they ran around the end of the lake and found Jesus.

It was then that Jesus began the discourse that we are now in the middle of. John 6:26 Jesus answered them and said, "Most assuredly, I say to you, you seek Me, not because you saw the signs, but because you ate of the loaves and were filled. 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."

Then begins this little war between Jesus and the Jews. 28 Then they said to Him, "What shall we do, that we may work the works of God?" 29 Jesus answered and said to them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in Him whom He sent." 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? 31 "Our fathers ate the manna in the desert; as it is written, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'" 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. 33 "For the bread of God is He who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." 34 Then they said to Him, "Lord, give us this bread always."

It is now evident that these who have sought out Jesus are there for the wrong reasons. They are in this for themselves. And if Jesus will not play their way then they will abandon Him. They will show Him and then where will He be. They suppose that He wants the same thing they want for Him, to be King. People of corrupt minds usually think that people think just like them.

So how will Jesus handle this? Will He wring His hands? Will He be disappointed and discouraged that the multitudes will forsake Him? Let us consider the answer.

- I. They have seen Him.
 - A. They have seen the signs and heard His teachings.
 - B. It is amazing how two people can see the same things and have two different

perspectives.

1. These Jews saw Jesus only as someone who could satisfy their physical needs.
2. He could feed a multitude from nothing.
3. He would make a good king to deliver them from the Romans.
4. Others saw in these signs the Messiah who was to come.
5. Even the Samaritan woman at the well found Him to be the Messiah.
6. She had been seeking water to satisfy her body and came away with water to satisfy her soul.
7. People see what they want to see, and no matter the evidence they will never see what they are not looking for.

C. Isaiah had wrote of these people.

1. Matthew 13:13-16 (NKJV)13 Therefore I speak to them in parables, because seeing they do not see, and hearing they do not hear, nor do they understand. 14 And in them the prophecy of Isaiah is fulfilled, which says: 'Hearing you will hear and shall not understand, And seeing you will see and not perceive; 15 For the hearts of this people have grown dull. Their ears are hard of hearing, And their eyes they have closed, Lest they should see with their eyes and hear with their ears, Lest they should understand with their hearts and turn, So that I should heal them.' 16 "But blessed are your eyes for they see, and your ears for they hear;

D. Paul clues us in on this.

1. 1 Corinthians 2:13-14 (NKJV)13 These things we also speak, not in words which man's wisdom teaches but which the Holy Spirit teaches, comparing spiritual things with spiritual. 14 But the natural man does not receive the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; nor can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.
2. 2 Corinthians 4:3-4 (NKJV)3 But even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing, 4 whose minds the god of this age has blinded, who do not believe, lest the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine on them.

E. Notice what Jesus says elsewhere.

1. John 3:3 (NKJV)3 Jesus answered and said to him, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.

II. Yet they do not believe.

- A. It was not because Jesus had not made Himself plainly known to them.
- B. It was not because they were physically unable.
- C. Rather it was because they were unwilling.
 - 1. Jn 5:40 But you are not willing to come to Me that you may have life.
 - 2. They have no desire for the things of God, they are natural and seek only natural things.
 - 3. When I was a kid on the farm, our animals were few. We had cattle and we had a couple of dogs. Now I could have given my dog oats to each but he would not have ate them. Not because he was not able to but because he had no desire for oats. But if I gave him some meat, he would swallow it without even tasting it. Now if I gave the cow some meat, she would not of be interested in it at all. But if I offered her some oats she would eat them right down. What was the difference. Both animals went after what they were interested in.
 - 4. So it is with humans. They are interested in those things that satisfy their desires. And naturally speaking they have no desire for God, the true God.
 - 5. 1 Corinthians 1:18, 22-24 (NKJV) 18 For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. 22 For Jews request a sign, and Greeks seek after wisdom; 23 but we preach Christ crucified, to the Jews a stumbling block and to the Greeks foolishness, 24 but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.

III. All that the Father gives to the Son will come to Him.

- A. Jesus does not trust in the fickle will of men but in the sovereign God.
 - 1. If God depended upon the will of man, how could He have been certain that anyone would ever come?
 - 2. God does not depend on men who are dead in trespasses and sins to bring themselves to life.
 - 3. God does not depend on men who are held captive by Satan to over power that great force for evil and free themselves.
 - 4. God is not dependent upon men who are enmity with God and not subject to the law of God to on their own become loving law abiding saints.
- B. And although broad is the way that leads to destruction and many goes that way, yet the Father has given those to the Son who will then come to Him, really come to Him and accept Him, believe in Him, repenting of their sins and give themselves to Him without reservation.

- C. So then Jesus throws it back in their faces.
 - 1. The reason they do not come to Him is they have not been given to Him by the Father.
 - 2. For if they had been given to the Son by the Father, they would have come to Jesus, put their trust in Him and believed on Him.
- D. In the same way Jesus answers them later on.
 - 1. John 8:43-44 (NKJV)43 Why do you not understand My speech? Because you are not able to listen to My word. 44 You are of your father the devil, and the desires of your father you want to do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own resources, for he is a liar and the father of it.
 - 2. John 10:25-27 (NKJV)25 Jesus answered them, "I told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in My Father's name, they bear witness of Me. 26 But you do not believe, because you are not of My sheep, as I said to you. 27 My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me.

IV. Those who come to Him, He will never cast out or turn aside.

- A. What a glorious promise
 - 1. Do you wonder if He will receive you? Then come and you will see that He does not turn you aside.
 - 2. Mt 11:28 Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.
 - 3. Joh 7:37 In the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying, If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink.
 - 4. Isa 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.

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