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**Jesus, the Bread of Life John McGlone 02-19-17**

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**1,Working for Earthly or Heavenly Food vs’ 25-27**Joh 6:25 And when they had found him on the other side of the sea, they said unto him, Rabbi, when camest thou hither? 26 Jesus answered them and said, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Ye seek me, not because ye saw the miracles, but because ye did eat of the loaves, and were filled. 27 Labour not for the meat which perisheth, but for that meat which endureth unto everlasting life, which the Son of man shall give unto you: for him hath God the Father sealed.

***Jesus tells us to be satisfied with clothing and food in other passages yet in this passage He tells us not to labor for earthly food? Well, Jesus often uses hyperbole in his teachings and this is another example. Where our seeking for heavenly food, which is Jesus, should be far greater than seeking for earthly. Husbands and fathers labor sometimes 40-50 hours a week to pay to care for their families. We see God also requires this labor. However, do we labor that much in God’s Word, prayer, fasting, preaching, or teaching?
 The Father has sealed the Son as the food which Jesus is and shall give us onto everlasting life.***

***sphragizō sfrag-id'-zo From G4973; to stamp (with a signet or private mark) for security or preservation (literally or figuratively); by implication to keep secret, to attest: - (set a, set to) seal up, stop.***

 **2.Doing Works of or for God? Vs’ 28-30**28 Then said they unto him, What shall we do, that we might work the works of God? 29 Jesus answered and said unto them, This is the work of God, that ye believe on him whom he hath sent. 30 They said therefore unto him, What sign shewest thou then, that we may see, and believe thee? what dost thou work?

***These people were seeking a sign by which they could prove Jesus was from heaven.*** Mat 12:38-42 Then certain of the scribes and of the Pharisees answered, saying, Master, we would see a sign from thee. 39 But he answered and said unto them, An evil and adulterous generation seeketh after a sign; and there shall no sign be given to it, but the sign of the prophet Jonas: 40 For as Jonas was three days and three nights in the whale's belly; so shall the Son of man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth. 41 The men of Nineveh shall rise in judgment with this generation, and shall condemn it: because they repented at the preaching of Jonas; and, behold, a greater than Jonas is here. 42 The queen of the south shall rise up in the judgment with this generation, and shall condemn it: for she came from the uttermost parts of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon; and, behold, a greater than Solomon is here. ***The work of God is initiated by the Holy Ghost in our hearts, minds, and conscience. This work is responded to by us with repentance unto belief and God sealing us with that. Belief has spiritual consequences of obedience to Jesus’ commands as a demonstration of our love toward Him. Verse 30 shows what could be unbelief of the people***

 **3.Jesus is the Bread from Heaven vs 32-35**31 Our fathers did eat manna in the desert; as it is written, He gave them bread from heaven to eat. 32 Then Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Moses gave you not that bread from heaven; but my Father giveth you the true bread from heaven. 33 For the bread of God is he which cometh down from heaven, and giveth life unto the world. 34 Then said they unto him, Lord, evermore give us this bread. 35 And Jesus said unto them, I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst.

***Jesus challenges their trust and traditions in Moses. Did Moses give the Hebrews the manna from heaven to eat in the desert?***Exo 16:15 And when the children of Israel saw it, they said one to another, It is manna: for they wist not what it was. And Moses said unto them, This is the bread which the LORD hath given you to eat. ***In this passage we see the Hebrews complaining against God and Moses, then God gives them quail in the evening and manna as dew in the morning.

He points to Himself as both the bread and where he came from. Vs 34 we see the people seemingly seeking the everlasting bread. Some could be sincerely seeking, some could be doubtful, some could be hard.* 4. The Father will Give the Bride to the Son vs 36-40**36 But I said unto you, That ye also have seen me, and believe not. 37 All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out. 38 For I came down from heaven, not to do mine own will, but the will of him that sent me. 39 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 up again at the last day. 40 And this is the will of him that sent me, that every one which seeth the Son, and believeth on him, may have everlasting life: and I will raise him up at the last day.

***Here we see Jesus pointing out their unbelief. Then He points to the Father who will give those that would hear the Son life unto Jesus. To come unto Jesus we must finish the narrow way which leads to life everlasting. Jesus is the narrow gate, who resides in heaven. We can’t do that until we have finished our course here in this body of death. Jesus will not cast you out when you finished your difficult way and are at the narrow gate abiding in Him. John 15***

Heb 11:6 But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.

2 Tim 2:19 Nevertheless the foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, The Lord knoweth them that are his. And, Let every one that nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity***.***

 ***Then Jesus also reminds them of what He had said earlier in
John 5 that there will be a resurrection unto life for those that hear Him. We have to both see, hear, and obey(believe) the Son in this life in order to have the resurrection that Jesus will do for those that believe and obey the Gospel***.
 ***Proponents of the false doctrine of OSAS will constantly point to a few verses such as vs 37 as proof. But, my conclusion is that those that hear His call on their lives and respond and abide till the end will come unto Him as the Father gives the bride to the bridegroom***.
 **5.Jewish Rejection and Tradition**
41 The Jews then murmured at him, because he said, I am the bread which came down from heaven. 42 And they said, Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? how is it then that he saith, I came down from heaven? 43 Jesus therefore answered and said unto them, Murmur not among yourselves. 44 No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him: and I will raise him up at the last day. 45 It is written in the prophets, And they shall be all taught of God. Every man therefore that hath heard, and hath learned of the Father, cometh unto me. 46 Not that any man hath seen the Father, save he which is of God, he hath seen the Father. 47 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me hath everlasting life. 48 I am that bread of life. 49 Your fathers did eat manna in the wilderness, and are dead.

***Vs 44 is a Calvinist stronghold where they say ‘draw’ means drag or force someone to become a believer. It could mean drag, but I believe it means to draw. But, vs 45 gives the proper conditions to an unbeliever coming to saving faith.***

***draw: Joh\_12:32; Son\_1:4; Jer\_31:3; Hos\_11:4***

Commentary from Albert Barnes on John 6:44
***No man can come to me - This was spoken by Jesus to reprove their complaints - “Murmur not among yourselves.” They objected to his doctrine, or complained against it, because he claimed to be greater than Moses, and because they supposed him to be a mere man, and that what he said was impossible. Jesus does not deny that these things appeared difficult, and hence he said that if any man believed, it was proof that God had inclined him. It was not to be expected that of themselves they would embrace the doctrine. If any man believed, it would be because he had been influenced by God. When we inquire what the reasons were why they did not believe, they appear to have been
1. Their improper regard for Moses, as if no one could be superior to him.
2. Their unwillingness to believe that Jesus, whom they knew to be the reputed son of a carpenter, should be superior to Moses.
3. The difficulty was explained by Jesus Joh\_5:40 as consisting in the opposition of their will; and Joh\_5:44 when he said that their love of honor prevented their believing on him. The difficulty in the case was not, therefore, a want of natural faculties, or of power to do their duty, but erroneous opinions, pride, obstinacy, self-conceit, and a deep-felt contempt for Jesus. The word cannot is often used to denote a strong and violent opposition of the will. Thus we say a man is so great a liar that he cannot speak the truth, or he is so profane that he cannot but swear. We mean by it that he is so wicked that while he has that disposition the other effects will follow, but we do not mean to say that he could not break off from the habit. Thus it is said Gen\_37:4 of the brethren of Joseph that they hated him, and could not speak peaceably to him. Thus Mat\_12:34, “How can ye, being evil, speak good things?” See Luk\_14:33; 1 Sa\_16:2.***

***Come to me - The same as believe on me. Draw him - This word is used here, evidently, to denote such an influence from God as to secure the result, or as to incline the mind to believe; yet the manner in which this is done is not determined by the use of the word. It is used in the New Testament six times. Once it is applied to a compulsory drawing of Paul and Silas to the market-place, Act\_16:19. Twice it is used to denote the drawing of a net, Joh\_21:6, Joh\_21:11. Once to the drawing of a sword Joh\_18:10; and once in a sense similar to its use here Joh\_12:32; “And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me.” What is its meaning here must be determined by the facts about the sinner’s conversion. See the notes at Joh\_6:40. In the conversion of the sinner God enlightens the mind Joh\_6:45, he inclines the will Psa\_110:3, and he influences the soul by motives, by just views of his law, by his love, his commands, and his threatenings; by a desire of happiness, and a consciousness of danger; by the Holy Spirit applying truth to the mind, and urging him to yield himself to the Saviour. So that, while God inclines him, and will have all the glory, man yields without compulsion; the obstacles are removed, and he becomes a willing servant of God.***

***The Jews, Muslims, JWs, Unitarians, etc. will never believe that Jesus was sent from the Father IN heaven before His virgin birth to the earth to die for sinners. But every man that hears and learns from the Father by His Word and the Holy Ghost.***

pisteuō *pist-yoo'-o*

From G4102; to *have faith* (in, upon, or with respect to, a person or thing), that is, *credit*; by implication to *entrust* (especially one’s spiritual well being to Christ): - believe (-r), commit (to trust), put in trust with.

CONCLUSIONS: Seek Jesus to be your everlasting food from heaven.