I AM the Bread Of Life

John 6:32-40
Isaiah 45:18-25, 2 Thessalonians 2:13-17

MOST ASSUREDLY! (v. 32)
• This Christ’s 9th “most assuredly.
• Christ, again, is about to say something of importance concerning salvation.

“I AM the BREAD of LIFE” (vv. 32-35)
• NOT MOSES BUT GOD (v. 32)
  - Moses did not give you bread from heaven.
  - GOD gave you bread – as an act of pure grace.
• GOD’s Grace to US!
  - My Father gives you the TRUE Bread of Heaven.
  - This TRUE Bread gives LIFE.
  - Your fathers ate bread but are now all dead!
  - The “manna” was only for Israel.
  - The TRUE Bread is for the world.
  - “the bread of God is HE...”
  - It is HE that gives LIFE.
• (v. 34) They are still focused on the gift and not the giver! Still on the physical and not the spiritual.
• (v. 35) “I AM THE BREAD of LIFE”
  ① Bread is necessary food.
    • We can do without other food, but we cannot do without bread.
    • Without Christ we shall perish.
    • There is no spiritual life or health apart from the Bread of God.
  ② Bread is a food that is suited to all.
    • Some cannot eat sweets, meats, and other foods.
    • But all eat bread.
    • Bread is adapted to all.
    • Bread is one food of princes and paupers.
    • Christ is able to satisfy every class of sinners.
  ③ Bread is a daily food.
    • We can do without other kings of foods on a daily basis.
    • But bread we need every day.
    • If a Christian fails to be fed of Christ daily, if he substitutes the husks of religious form and ceremony, religious books, singing, religious excitement, the glare and glitter of modern Christianity, he will be weak and sickly.
    • It is failure at this very point which is mainly responsible for the feebleness of so many of the LORD’s people.
  ⑥ Bread is a satisfying food.
    • We quickly tire of other foods, but not so with bread.
    • Bread is a staple and standard food, which we must use all our lives.
    • How often have we turned aside to other things, only to find them but husks.
    • None but the “bread of life” can satisfy.
  ⑤ The process through which bread passes before it becomes food:
    - It springs up — the blade, the ear, the full corn in the ear.
    - Then it is cut down, winnowed, and ground into flour, and . . .
    - Finally, subjected to the fiery process of the oven.
    - Thus, and only thus, did it become fit to sustain life.
    • Such was the experience of the Bread of God.
      • He was “bruised for our iniquities.” (Isaiah 53:5)
      • He was subjected to the fierce fires of God’s holy wrath, as He took our place in judgment.
      • “It pleased the LORD to bruise (crush) Him.” (Isaiah 53:10)
      • And this in order that He might be the Bread of Life to us!
  • Jesus says, “He that comes to Me shall never hunger; he that believes on Me shall never thirst.” (v. 35)
★ Before a person can hunger and thirst he must be alive! Dead people do not thirst or hunger!!!! MEDITATE on this. (Ephesians 2:1-5; John 7:37; Revelation 21:6; 22:17)

The Beginning of HARD Sayings (vv. 36-40)
• The people of Capernaum saw Jesus and did not believe! (v. 36)
• ALL that the Father gives Christ WILL COME to Jesus. (v. 37)
  - See John 17:2, 6, 9, 11, 12, 24; 10:26, 27-28, 29
  - God chose: Ephesians 1:4; 2 Thessalonians 2:13
• Of those given NONE shall be lost. (v. 39)
• ALL will be raised on the last day. (v. 39)
• This is the Father’s will (plan, desire, pleasure) since the beginning of time (even before the beginning of time)! (vv. 39-40)
• Christ came to do the will of His Father! (v. 38)
• NOTHING LESS is COMMANDED of us. (Matthew 7:21)
• Entrance into the Kingdom of Heaven depends on doing the will of God. (Matthew 7:21-23)
• To be a member of God’s family depends on doing the will of God. (Matthew 12:46-50; Luke 8:21)