

“Growing in Knowing”



1. Putting God First

John 2: 1-11 - Turning Water into Wine : God's glory and disciples believed in Him

- Your life performance is based on a true and complete surrender to God's will
- They will be a time to when the supply of the wine of your joy will fail, but those who know their God, they shall do exploit.

2. I am the Bread of Life

John 6: 35-48 but reading will take up to 40

1. Situation

There is another proof of Jesus (God) deity running through John. **Jesus reveals His God-nature in the I AM's" of this book.** Again to tell you that the Book of John was written that men might believe that Jesus was the Christ. **John wants the reader to know Jesus as the Anointed One to come as King.**

We are to know Jesus in Spirit and truth. To walk in faith, we must understand who Jesus is and experience by the Spirit the reality of that truth.

2. Observation

What is destroying the people is that we are still **following God from sensual motives. Our love for God is narrowed to what we can get from Him and not how we can relate to Him.**

Jesus is telling the people that God, not Moses, gave bread, but they have seen Him multiply bread and do all kinds of signs, and they still refuse to believe.

From verse 22 to 24: The next day the crowd that had stayed on the opposite shore of the lake realized that only one boat had been there, and that Jesus had not entered it with his disciples, but that they had gone away alone. Then some boats from Tiberias landed near the place where the people had eaten the bread after the Lord had given thanks. Once the crowd realized that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they got into the boats and went to Capernaum in search of Jesus.

Sometimes in our lives, we seek God not because we saw miracles, but because of what we can get from Him. We follow God not as being convinced by visible miracles, which should lead godly men to acknowledge Jesus as Messiah, but as by our appetite, which leads sensual men like beasts through the impulse of want and supply.

- There is nothing wrong to believe that God is the source of our supply
- There is nothing wrong to think that God can solve our problems,
- But, the one thing to know is that our love from Him must be seasoned (established) by trust and belief.

3. Inspiration

Jesus is the “bread of life” in the sense that he nourishes people spiritually and satisfies the deep spiritual longings of their souls. In that sense, those who trust in him shall not hunger; that is, their spiritual longing to know God will be satisfied.

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1. You cannot do well in life if your inner man is not healthy
2. You cannot reasonably perform in this world when your Spiritual man is not well equipped

It is your Spiritual that sustains your physical needs:

1. The real **knowledge and presence of God in your life bring the right light** in the material. ***Pslams 119:105** - Your Word is a lamp to guide my feet and a light for my paths*
2. Your spiritual birth: **being “born again” sustain your physical birth.** ***1 John 3:9** - No one who is born of God will continue to sin, because God’s seed remains in them; they cannot go on sinning, because they have been born of God.*
3. **Knowing that Jesus is the path to eternal life will open a physical door** that will lead you to Him in the last days. ***John 10:1** - Very truly I tell you Pharisees, anyone who does not enter the sheep pen by the gate, but climbs in by some other way, is a thief and a robber.* Missing to know God (Jesus) in your life is missing the existing door of eternal life.
4. **God’s word is the spiritual food that is needed to keep our inner-man a life.** ***Psalm 1: 1-2** - Blessed is the one who does not walk in step with the wicked or stand in the way that sinners take or sit in the company of mockers, 2 but whose delight is in the law of the Lord, and who meditates on his law day and night.*

- **Jesus wants to satisfy the deep spiritual longings of our souls.**

***John 4:14** - but whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life.”*

- **People eat bread to satisfy physical hunger and to sustain physical life.** We can fulfill the spiritual need and sustain spiritual life only by a right relationship with Jesus Christ.
 - No wonder he called himself the bread of life.
 - **As bread must be eaten to sustain life, and Christ must be invited into our daily walk to maintain spiritual life.**

5. Conclusion

Question: How can we acquire this life-giving bread?

The only "work" that guarantees this redemptive manna's possession is to believe in Jesus (John 6:29). The gospel sabotages any notion of legalism or performance-based acceptability with God. The only thing we bring to Jesus is our need. All we offer is the admission that we have nothing to offer.

John 6: 29 - Jesus answered, "The work of God is this: to believe in the one he has sent."

6. Recommendation

People will always tell you that for you to sustain your spiritual core, you must try several things such as yoga, travel, think positively, take time to meditate, get it out, etc. But it is more than that:

1. **You must Seek God** every day and the very moment: *Hebrews: 11: 6 - God himself is our greatest reward. And when we have him, we have everything. Therefore, "Seek the Lord and his strength; seek his presence continually!"*
2. **You must Hear God** every day and every moment : *Isaiah 6:8 - Then I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for Us?" Then I said, "Here am I. Send me!"*
3. **You must Believe in God** every day and every moment: *Mark 5:35 - When Jairus, the synagogue ruler, was approached with news of his daughter's death, Jesus' instructions to him were, "Don't be afraid; just believe*
4. **You must Have Faith in God** every day and every moment: *Matthew 21:6 - And whatever you ask in prayer, you will receive, if you have faith.*

Joshua 1: 8 This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success.