

No Ordinary Baker pt 2

John 6:35-51 ³⁵ Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever 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 whoever comes to me I will never 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 And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day. ⁴⁰ For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who looks on the Son and believes in him should have eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day." ⁴¹ So the Jews grumbled about him, because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven." ⁴² They said, "Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How does he now say, 'I have come down from heaven'?" ⁴³ Jesus answered them, "Do not grumble among yourselves. ⁴⁴ No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him. And I will raise him up on the last day. ⁴⁵ It is written in the Prophets, 'And they will all be taught by God.' Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me— ⁴⁶ not that anyone has seen the Father except he who is from God; he has seen the Father. ⁴⁷ Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes has eternal life. ⁴⁸ I am the bread of life. ⁴⁹ Your fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. ⁵⁰ This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. ⁵¹ I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. And the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."

❖ Intro

- Part 2... No Ordinary Baker

❖ What We Have Been Doing

- Getting to Know Jesus Better...
- Purpose of the Book...
 - John 20:31 ³¹ but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.
- Jesus is VERY intentional with His miracles... and uses them to launch into telling people who He is

❖ Summary

- **What We Are Going To Look At Today**
 - 1) Jesus Is All We Need
 - 2) Jesus Knows Man's Disbelief
 - 3) Our Life is Secure With Jesus
 - 4) We Are Brought To Jesus By the Father
 - 5) It is Our Responsibility to Come to Christ
 - 6) We Will Be Raised By Christ
 - 7) God's Will is Our Assurance

❖ Recap of Last Week

- **1) Jesus Is All We Need**
 - 1) He is the Bread of Life
 - 2) A Different Kind of Bread:
 - 3) His Flesh is the Bread
 - 4) The Flesh of Jesus Gives Life for the World...
 - 5) This Life Sustains all of our Hunger and all of our Thirst
 - 6) He is Not Like the Temporary Satisfactions We Find on this Earth....
 - 7) As Living Bread, Jesus Gives us Eternal Life
 - 8) It Becomes a Constant Source of Sustaining Life.

➤ **2) Jesus Knows Man's Disbelief**

- Remember that Not All "believing" is true believing that leads to eternal life
 - Make Sure You believe in the Real Jesus... Not an image

❖ **Why do You Need to Listen Intently? Why do you need to understand these things...**

➤ **Every week... there is a spiritual battle going on around you... (Even if you do not believe it)**

- And the forces of evil know that the WORD of God can
 - Wake You Up...
 - Cause You to be made alive spiritually...

➤ **Your Life Depends on It...**

- There is a real spiritual being that wants your harm...
- Not to just kill you... but to destroy you and bring you great harm

❖ **Major Causes for Rejoicing...**

- There are some points that should just make us happy
 - They are better than the best Christmas present you ever received
 - Or Holiday bonus, or Raise, or even beautiful wife
- If you notice them give me at least a nod... (Mr Lynn.... You can say Amen)

❖ **3) Our Life is Secure With Jesus (What a Cause for Rejoicing)**

- ³⁷ All that the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never cast out.
- ³⁹ And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me,

➤ **1) I Will Never Cast Out**

- **Cast out** – means to expel or to drive away
- **Explanation...**
 - The example of sheep... He uses sheep to describe us....
 - When the shepherd is bring in the sheep, he is gathering them... and as they come into the fold, or the fence you have for them...
 - You are trying to get them in....
 - You are not trying to run them off...
 - You would run off a predator... like a wolf or coyote... Or you may run off some goats that do not belong to this group of sheep...
 - And once you get them in there, you are not going to run them off, or expel them...
 - You want them in the fold... Even the sick ones... You certainly want them... so you can heal them....
- **EVEN MORE SO...**
 - Whoever comes to me... Because they have been given to Jesus by the Father...
 - Jesus says I will NEVER cast them out...

◆ A brief lesson on Never:

- It means that there is no chance in all of time and even past time, that this will happen...
- It means never...
- There are no, but what if... Never...!
- What if if mess up... Never!
- What if I do not read my Bible enough... Never!
- What if I do not understand everything... Never!

➤ **2) Lose Nothing**

- Not only will he Never cast you out...
 - He will never lose you either...

- Because you may be wondering... Well, he might not do it on purpose... but what if I fall through the cracks...
- Your Asking: Could Jesus perhaps misplace me? NO...
- **Lose:** means to lose... or fail to get...
 - He will not fail to find you... or to get you...

➤ **I am Certain:**

- Nothing will ever keep Aiden and Mia from Being my Children
- And Nothing Will Change my relationship with God...
 - Romans 8:37-39 ³⁷ No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸ For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹ nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

➤ **All who come to Him...**

- We learn something else here as well... For our assurance...
 - ³⁷ All that the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never cast out.
- ...will come to me, and whoever comes to me...
 - Whenever you come to Him, for the saving of your soul... He will receive you...
 - Jesus will receive all who come to Him, and He will never reject them...
 - Praise God for His kindness and faithfulness...

❖ **4) We Are Brought To Jesus By the Father (Rejoicing)**

- ³⁷ All that the Father gives me will come to me,
- ⁴⁴ No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him.
- ⁴⁵ Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me—

➤ **Example:**

- Those People that Like to Get Recognition for what others have done...
 - Presidents are the worse...
 - All of them... I am not being biased... doesn't matter what party you like...
 - I do not recall very many HUMBLE Politicians...
 - ◆ I am sure there are SOME...

➤ **This Shoots Down Any Thoughts of Self Glory**

- What Jesus says here takes away all the glory anyone could ever claim for their own salvation
- No one can say, they just got tired or fed up with themselves so decided to clean it up
- No one can claim that they had the idea of coming to God.

➤ **We come to God because God draws us.**

- Vs 37 Will come to me
- Vs 44 no one comes unless drawn by Father
- Vs 45 those who hear and learn from Father come to Jesus

➤ **God Deserves the Recognition**

- God Deserves all the glory and all the praise for our Salvation...

➤ **We Should Be Unconcerned About How This Affects our Preconceived Ideas of God**

- We should not allow our misunderstandings about the nature of God and Man
 - To hinder us from moving forward in our understanding of who He is...
 - And We have so many... that we never find in the bible... lets look at two...

➤ **1) Preconceived Idea Number 1 – Man is inherently good**

- No... Man is inherently rebellious toward God, and therefore evil.
- Being Rebellious toward a Holy God would mean you were the opposite of that...
- And the opposite of Holy, would be evil...

- **Let me give you just one of many proof verses in the Bible...**
 - Romans 3:9-12 ⁹ What then? Are we Jews any better off? No, not at all. For we have already charged that all, both Jews and Greeks, are under sin, ¹⁰ as it is written: “None is righteous, no, not one; ¹¹ no one understands; no one seeks for God. ¹² All have turned aside; together they have become worthless; no one does good, not even one.”
- **If it were left up to man and His goodness.... NO ONE WOULD EVER COME TO GOD**
 - **The Alternative to God decisively drawing, is that none come**

➤ **2) Preconceived Idea Number 2 – God is required to draw all men to Jesus**

- God is free to act in any way He desires
- He is not required to save any of rebellious man...
- It would be an act of justice if all were condemned...
- But God has chosen to show us Mercy... and offers up His Son... So We may have Life

➤ **Application**

➤ **You May Say:**

- **Well... I want that.... I want Him to draw me...**
 - I want to gain eternal life...
 - What can I do then, Am I destined to just sit and wait and hope He draws me...
 - Do I even have a chance
- **You should pray and ask for Him to draw you and save you from your sins...**
 - James 4:8 ⁸ Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded.
 - James says in 4.2 We do not have because we do not ask.
- **Then You will Realize:**
 - That desire for God has been given to you by God
 - And He has been drawing you the whole time...
 - And His main mode of drawing men to Him, is through His Word... Through the Bible

➤ **Application: Should Give You confidence as a Christian today...**

- That you can go to the Father and ask Him to save your loved one...
- And it is His will that none perish...
- And He loves to hear from and answer His children’s prayers...
- And it doesn’t matter that your loved one doesn’t love God, nor wants to come to God...
 - If God draws Him... He will come to Jesus...
 - ◆ ³⁷ All that the Father gives me will come to me,

❖ **5) It is Our Responsibility to Come to Christ**

- ³⁵ whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst.
- ³⁷ and whoever comes to me I will never cast out.
- ⁴⁷ whoever believes has eternal life.
- ⁵¹ If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever.

➤ **Our Coming is Real, But Dependent on the Work of God**

- Whoever comes to me...
- Whoever believes in me
- Whoever come to me
- Whoever believes
- If anyone eats...

➤ **Do you see our responsibility to come...?**

- We must come to Christ, or be lost forever...
- We are responsible for our rejecting...

- We are responsible for our apathy of just saying... I will later...
- There is not maybe... There is yes or no...
- We either come to Him and believe on Him...
 - Or we do not...

❖ 6) We Will Be Raised By Christ (A Great Benefit) (Rejoicing)

- ³⁹ And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day.
- ⁴⁰ For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who looks on the Son and believes in him should have eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day.”
- ⁴⁴ No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him. And I will raise him up on the last day.

➤ Who is Raised?

- All Those Who Have Been Given to Jesus....
- Everyone Who Looks on the Son and Believes
- Those Who come To Jesus by the Father’s Drawing

➤ We Will Be Raised...

- **This brings up a lot of questions...**
- **Like:**
 - I thought when we died we went immediately to heaven...
 - Why then would we be raised, if we are already up...
- **When We Die We Go to Be With God Immediately**
 - **Jesus’ Soul Left His Physical Body...**
 - ◆ And then He reunited with the Body and raised it up
 - ◆ **2 Corinthians 5:8** ⁸ We are confident, *I say*, and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord.
 - ◆ The Martyrs under the Throne
- **God Will reunite us with our bodies and change them to be like Him**
 - **1 John 3:2** ² Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it does not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is.
 - **1 Thess 4 teaches that the dead in Christ will rise first....**
 - ◆ But that He will also bring them with Him when He returns...
 - ◆ It is indeed a mystery.... but...

➤ The Main Point Here is:

- **You can get caught up in the logistics...**
 - And they really do not matter cause we can not control any of it anyway...
 - We have no say in it...
- **Jesus is assuring His Followers... That No matter what happens on this earth...**
 - I Will Raise You Up... I Will Raise You Up...

➤ The Hope of Resurrection Creates Resilience in the Face of Adversity

➤ Application:

- **How Secure Are You? Do you Know You Will Be Raised...**
- I am not asking what you tell everybody...
- I am asking how you answer that when no one is listening
- When you lay down on your pillow at night
- **To Those Who know This... And Yes You can Know it...**
 - Faith Creates a Knowledge that can not be explained or denied
 - Do you rejoice over this...

- Doesn't it create hope within you... It should...
- **Some Religions:**
 - Believe that we will just be annihilated after death...
 - Some think they will go through a time of suffering...
 - Some believe we will just come back in another form...
 - Jesus says He will Raise us to be with Him!

❖ 7) God's Will is Our Assurance (Rejoicing)

- ³⁸ For I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will but the will of him who sent me.
- ³⁹ And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day.
- ⁴⁰ For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who looks on the Son and believes in him should have eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day."
- Jesus is All About the Father's Will
- It is God's Will That Our Life is Secure in Jesus
- It is God's Will That We be Raised Up
- It is God's Will That Everyone Who Looks on the Son and Believes Has Eternal Life
- **God is Sovereign**
 - When He wants Something Accomplished, It is Accomplished...
 - No Matter What The Obstacles Are
 - Isaiah 46:9-10 "I am God and there is no other; I am God, and there is none like me, declaring the end from the beginning and from ancient time things not yet done, saying, 'My counsel shall stand, and I will accomplish all my purpose.'"

❖ These Things Jesus says

- 1) Should humble us before God
- 2) Create thankfulness in our hearts
- 3) And Motivate us to live engaged lives for Him
- 4) Cause us to Examine Ourselves to See if We are in the Faith... Truly Saved...
 - Tim Keller said " Religion says: I obey, therefore I am accepted. The Gospel says: I am accepted therefore I obey..."
 - Do you follow Jesus?

❖ End Note: Believing and Partaking of The Bread of Christ Should Consume Our Life

- **This Should Be Our Number 1 objective in Life**
- **Nothing Else Should Be A Close Second**
- **The Work of God is That We Believe and Partake of the Bread**
 - Remember what they asked Jesus:
 - John 6:28-29 ²⁸ Then they said to him, "What must we do, to be doing the works of God?" ²⁹ Jesus answered them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent."
 - The Bread He is referring to is the Flesh of Jesus Christ.
- **How do We Partake of the Eternal Bread...?**
 - **By Believing in the Death of Jesus Christ on the Cross**
 - As: The Appeasement of the Wrath of God on Sinful Man
 - As: The Replacement for Your Punishment
 - As: A Sufficient and Able Payment for your wrongs
 - As: The Only Way You are Made Right With God
- **Have You Repented of Your Wrongs And Believed These Things About Jesus?**