

## Episode 1-26 - Never Ending Manna!

I. The purpose of the gospel of John is to produce believers in the fact that Jesus is the Christ, the One anointed by God to be the Savior of the world, and that Jesus is the Son of God, God represented in human form.

II. The Feeding of the Five Thousand was now an accomplished miracle, but its outcome was not yet determined. The people who were fed were determined to force Christ to become their king. We will see the result of their confrontation with Him today.

III. The response of those who saw the miracle.

A. The people follow. John 6:22-24.

1. V.22. A puzzler! With no other boat, how did He rejoin His disciples?
2. V.23. Dinghies from Tiberias allow them to follow the Lord.
3. V.24. Were they figuring He headed home? They still want to make Him king!

B. The people and the Lord. John 6:25-40.

1. V.25. The people are curious. They ask an irrelevant question, just like humans!
2. V.26. He accuses their hearts. They are only interested in their bellies! This is understandable, since hunger was common then. But they were not interested in the things of God!
3. V.27. They would work to satisfy their perishing bodies, instead of for eonian life. The Son of man is sealed! The Rabbis say the seal of God is truth. We are sealed by the Spirit (Eph. 1:13, 4:30)
4. V.28. They pretend interest by asking this. But this is a good question!
5. V.29. THE work of God: to believe. You cannot be saved by any other work!
6. V.30. Their real motivation: to be fed. This was a wrong attitude! (Deut. 6:16)
7. V.31. A thinly veiled request for the sign of manna.
8. V.32. Not Moses, but God gives bread from heaven.
9. V.33. Bread symbolizes all food. The Lord has power to give life.
10. V.34. They think they have Him now! They want this bread from now on.
11. V.35. He puts it so they can't misunderstand it. He means Himself! If they partake of Him, they will never hunger or thirst again!

IV. Conclusion: The people did not want to learn obedience to the Lord from these miracles. They only wanted to benefit from them. They figured if they could just get the Lord to feed them with manna from heaven they would be set for life. They were so distracted by this that they never even considered the possibility of getting eonian life. Question: are we so distracted by the physical needs of this world that we never concern ourselves with the eternal things we can receive from God?