



Sermon Series Notes

"A brief history of Bread" (John 6:25-69)

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Themes: Salvation, communion, bread of life, faith,

A Brief History of Bread

John 6-

V. 25-27- Seeking after physical gain, not spiritual. The fallen flesh drags us to focus on physical.

V.28-29-We look for a formula that we can do... in reality, It's simple, not complicated.

V.32-40 – Clearly messianic. Came from heaven, believe in him have eternal life... "I am" statements equate with God

Gen. 14- Melkizedek, king of peace/righteousness without beginning and end of days, giving Abraham and his people Bread and Wine;

Gen. 16- people given bread, manna, that satisfies temporarily, but Jesus satisfies permanently.

Bread in the tabernacle in the holy of holies. Indicated the temporary provision and presence of God, ultimately foreshadowing our permanent savior. 1 Sam 21-

2 Kings 4- Elisha and the prophets cook a meal with gathered herbs. Poison in the pot! Elisha neutralizes it with some flour. The real application: Jesus, the bread of life is the only antidote for the poisons we encounter in the world!

V. 41-42- preconceived notions of who we think God should be and what he should do... God, let me tell you what is best.

To really live out the reality of the power, presence and provision of Jesus, the bread of life:

1. **Spiritual ears to hear.** Jesus often spoke in parables?
2. **Is your heart set physical and temporary lesser things or do you desire the eternal and spiritual greater things?** Are you like the boy content to play in the mud because you don't know what a seaside vacation is! CS Lewis.
3. **Faith, based on a concrete foundation is critical.** Not blind. We believe and GNOSKO- Experiential Knowledge. We have tasted and seen that the Lord is good
 - a. **Realize that God has the words of this life-** And pursue it, even without all the answers.
Peter- Where should we go? (I don't understand... but I've experienced you, and despite the unknowns, you have the words of life).

1 Cor. 11- 17- Divisions v. 27 Unworthy manner v. 28 A man needs to examine himself and recognize the body of Lord. Serious stuff!