

BIBLE STUDY NOTES

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30 Therefore they said to Him, "What sign will You perform then, that we may see it and believe You? What work will You do? 31 Our fathers ate the manna in the desert; as it is written, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.' " 32 Then Jesus said to them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, Moses did not give you the bread from heaven, but My Father gives you the true bread from heaven. 33 For the bread of God is He who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." 34 Then they said to Him, "Lord, give us this bread always." 35 And Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. He who comes to Me shall never hunger, and he who 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 the one who comes to Me I will by no means 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 This is the will of the Father who sent Me, that of all He has given Me I should lose nothing but should raise it up at the last day. 40 And this is the will of Him who sent Me, that everyone who sees the Son and believes in Him may have everlasting life; and I will raise him up at the last day."

1. DON'T MISS THE TRUE SOURCE OF YOUR BLESSINGS vs 30-32

- a. The people were thinking of Moses, but Jesus quickly remind them that it wasn't Moses that fed them but God.
- b. What things or people do we often attribute as source of our blessings rather than God?

2. SPIRITUAL HUNGER CANNOT BE SATISFIED THROUGH PHYSICAL MEANS vs 33-36

- a. The people are so caught up in the spiritual that they cannot see the spiritual.
- b. Jesus declares that He is the true bread of heaven. And that this bread is consumed by faith in Christ.

3. GOD'S SOVEREIGNTY AND MAN'S AGENCY ARE TRUTHS HELD IN TENSION vs 37-40

- a. These verses constitute the framework for great controversy in the church. Is salvation forced upon humanity? No. Is salvation all my decision? No.
- b. There is a great tension of truth here, but both are true. God initiates our salvation, but we must receive Christ by faith. Jesus says those who God has chosen will come but then He say if you believe you will have everlasting life.