

Life and Ministry of Jesus Christ The Bread of God, Part 2

Last time...our first study in the Bread of God teaching by Jesus, which will result in a second major shift in His life and ministry

- the end of His Popularity
- the beginning of the Hostility

The topic: His Deity

The theme: bread, the basic form of human sustenance

This time...the teaching, in the form of a debate, continues

We will again be in John 6

Context bridge: v26-35

v36 have seen...believe not:

As Jesus set the record straight in v26 (motives), v32 (True Giver of manna), Jesus does so again regarding the people's claim in v30 (will believe if see)

"You have already seen (how many miracles!), but you do not believe.
(What you said is not true.)"

In light of Matt 10:32-33, they deny Jesus before men

They have made a choice:

- to not believe in/confess God's Messiah
- to not come to their Savior
- to reject the Bread of God they claim to want in v34

Man must believe in order to see (receive revelation)

But that is an "unnatural" order

Therefore...the Gospel is hid to them that are lost, the devil having blinded the...minds...of unbelievers (2 Cor 4:3-4)

Our Creator's "supernatural" order is to believe and then see...

John 20:19-29 Blessed are they that have not seen and have believed

Faith comes not by sight but by hearing/believing...the Word of God

But notice the wording: "I said unto you..." (past tense vs present tense)

When did Jesus say this?

We get a hint in John 2:23-25

He, being God, foreknew that they would see and not believe
God foreknew what all men will do...

Which helps us understand what follows

v37 All that the Father giveth me shall come to me:
All...without exception

Notice: “All that the Father gives”...NOT “the Father gives all”
Therefore...not everybody goes to heaven/the Kingdom of God

The Giver of every good and perfect gift, in Whom there is no deceit or temptation of evil (unbelief), will give who (what kind of men) to His Son?

- Those that do not believe in/trust Him?
- Those that do believe in/trust Him?

God’s Plan of Redemption is for men to come to His Son Jesus Christ...
whosoever will choose to believe/trust the Word of God

When did the Godhead “craft” the Plan of Redemption?

1 Peter 1:18-21

The Foundation of our redemption was laid before
the foundation of the world/universe was laid
by God’s determinate counsel and foreknowledge

Acts 2:22-24

When did the Father give to His Son those who trust Him?

Eph 1:3-5

chosen before, adopted as children

John 1:12

power to become children when receive/believe

2 Tim 1:7-10

before the world began

Luke 11:49-50

their “end” known by God from the beginning

Matt 25:31-34

the Kingdom prepared for His children in eternity
before time began

All the Father gives to the Son will come to the Son, and all who come to the Son
the Son will keep, not lose

Jude 24-25

He is able, we are not

1 Peter 1:2-5

faith of Christ (vs Mark 9:23-24)...Textus Receptus

Phil 1:6

He who began...will perform/finish...is faithful

Who does the Father not give to the Son, who does the Son cast out?

Rev 13:8

unbelievers (and God changes not so this holds for all time)

Rev 17:8

Does God choose/elect/select?

Yes

Based on

- a capricious (erratic, unpredictable, unknowable) will?
- a man's response/choice?

The All-knowing sovereign God does not overpower man
(created in His image with a sovereign free will)
and compel/force him to

- believe His Word and Plan of Redemption
- trust His Son, mankind's Kinsman-Redeemer
- obey/love Him

Salvation (from wrath due to sin/unbelief) is not a forced march, it is a gift
God does not choose some for salvation and others for condemnation,
offers to all, man chooses salvation or condemnation (John 3:16-21)

According to Scripture, does God choose?

Yes

According to Scripture, must man choose?

Yes

Otherwise, why Rom 1:18-21...by their will and no man has an excuse
(responsibility)

Man chooses to accept or reject God's gift, to believe or not believe God's Word
And the all-knowing God that inhabits eternity knew from before the foundation
of the world (time) what men will do/choose

Therefore, v37...those written in the Book of Life of the Lamb

v38 I came down from heaven:

Ps 11:4, Is 66:1 heaven is the LORD's throne

In no uncertain terms, Jesus declares His origin – heaven, not earth, i.e. is God

Now, man is given the choice to believe what Jesus said or to not believe it

As we mull over our choice, why did Jesus come down from heaven?

To do the Father's will, not His own will

- to fulfill (Matt 5:17) the Law...Deut 18:15-19
- v32-35, to give us the Bread of Life

So, the "king makers" were correct in v14...but their hopes (King) were false and
their motives (material food) were wrong

Then Jesus declares the will of the Father in sending Him

v39-40 this is the Father's will:

In the Father's will we hear His love...for His Son

We are His gift to His Son...the Bride He chose for Him!

In the Father's will we hear His love...for us

1. His Son will not lose any He has given...
whom He will raise up at the last day
2. the end of v27 and v35 for those who v29...
whom Jesus will raise up on the last day

According to Scripture, what is the will of God the Father for me and you?

That we choose life rather than death (Deut 30:10-20, Ezk 18:30-32)

That we come to and believe in His Son (2 Peter 3:9, 1 Tim 2:4)

That we be raised unto eternal life (John 3:16)

If we choose life, He is delighted to give it/Him to us

If we choose death, He un-willingly gives it to us

Notice Who has the power of resurrection from death (wages of sin)

unto eternal life (gift of God)

- God the Father (v39)
- Jesus Christ, the Son of God (v40)

Who is Jesus plainly declaring Himself to be?

God!

John 10:30

Also notice the assurance/security of those who choose to come to and believe in Jesus Christ:

"All"

"I should lose nothing"

The Father does not take back any that He gives to His Son

The Son will lose none that the Father has given Him

Can God lie or fail?

Contrary to what the devil and the world would have us to believe...

Num 23:19 God *is* not a man, that he should lie; neither the son of man,
that he should repent: hath he said, and shall he not do *it*?
or hath he spoken, and shall he not make it good?

Titus 1:2 God, that cannot lie, promised before the world began;

v41-42 The Jews then murmured...the son of Joseph:

The people Jesus is speaking to clearly understood what Jesus was clearly saying

- His origin
- His Identity
- His Deity

But...they did not believe (even though they have seen proof/evidence),
they deny what Jesus said about Who He is and where He is from

So the unbelieving “king makers” murmured against...

God...The Son and the Father Who sent Him

(When has that EVER worked out for the Jews throughout their history?!)

With the eyes in their head they see...a man from Nazareth

Every man is of the earth, no man is of heaven

This is Joseph’s son...of the earth like us

Do we not know his parents?

A: No

They do not know His Father (John 8:42, 54-55a)

They are challenging Jesus, not believing but contradicting Him

Perhaps in their minds as they think back to v14 (and Deut 18:15-19) is

Deut 18:20-22...

Now start to think Him to be a false prophet vs that Prophet?

v43-45 Murmur not:

Murmuring never pleases God...it sets Self in opposition to God

No man can come...Father...draw him:

How does a person come to Jesus (v37)?

By the Father

“Draw”...cause to move toward Him, a tug on the heart, an attraction

The Father seeks to draw all men to His Son Jesus Christ.

2 Peter 3:9

1 Tim 2:4

Those who come to and believe in, came as the result of the Spirit of God
drawing, luring, inviting, attracting.

What is the Father’s “drawing card”?

Love...supernatural, unconditional, transcending, and transforming;

His nature (1 John 4:8), His will (what He does/is)

Rom 2:4b the goodness of God leads us to repentance

We are drawn to Jesus when we realize He loves us (action) like no one can.
He is the right motive to come (v26)...come to Him for Him

How the Father “draws” men to Jesus Christ is clarified in v45

a. Taught by the Word of God

Is 54:13

Jer 31:31-34

Not taught by the books of man, the doctrines of man

b. Learning about God

Jer 9:24 But let him that glories glory in this, that he
understands and knows me

- His nature...holy, eternal, all-knowing, all-mighty, love
- His character...compassionate, merciful, gracious, kind,
longsuffering, gentle, meek

c. Being drawn/enticed/moved toward Him to know Him...coming to,
believing in Him

personally, relationally...Who loves you as never have been loved
by faith, by revelation of God vs human intellect/reasoning
Gen 15:6-ish

The Father draws us to His Son with Love, revealed in the Word
(Rom 10:17)

Read, Learn, Come

I will raise him up:

Jesus repeats that He has the power of God to raise the dead unto eternal life...
repeating His claim of Deity

v46 Not that any man:

Jesus now “agrees” with but corrects the “king makers” challenge in v42

True: no man of the earth has been to heaven

Luke 10:22

John 1:18

False: Joseph is not My Father

My Father is God

I am the only Begotten Son of God

I am God

(I was born of a virgin...as foretold in Is 7:14...
in the place foretold in Micah 5:2)

John 4:24

Thus...the mystery of Christ

Eph 3:1-11

revealed by the Holy Spirit

God's Plan of Redemption/salvation is for Jews and Gentiles

the Church making the wisdom of God known to principalities and
powers

1 Peter 1:12

revealed unto us (who believe), the angels are looking into

The revelation is completed in Revelation

Application

Read, Learn, Come

The mystery of Christ

2 Cor 11:3 But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtilty, so
your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ