The Bread of Life
(John 10:25–40)

Jesus, the Living Bread, is the one and only spiritual nutrient essential for eternal life. God calls us to consume the Bread of Life by faith so that we can be with Him and glorify Him forever.

I. The Bread that Perishes (vv. 25–27)

- The crowds came to Jesus because they wanted to see another miracle, and perhaps receive another free meal.
- But Jesus turned the conversation from the temporary to the eternal, from the physical to the spiritual.
- He told them not to work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures to eternal life that only the Son of Man can give.

II. The Work of God for Salvation (vv. 28–34)

- The crowd seized upon the idea of "work," and asked what work they must perform to receive eternal life. Jesus responded by telling them that there was nothing they could do to earn salvation; the work of God was to believe on Him whom He has sent.
- But the crowd did not understand, and clamored for another miracle. They wanted Jesus to provide more miracle bread, like Moses in the wilderness. But Jesus told them that it was not Moses who provided Israel with the bread of heaven, but God the Father. Furthermore, Jesus said that He was the true bread from heaven that gives life to the world.

III. The Bread of Life (v. 35)

- Jesus identified Himself as the Bread of Life, and anyone who comes to Him spiritually hungry and spiritually thirsty may eat and be satisfied.

IV. The Work of God in Salvation (vv. 36–40)

- In response to the unbelief of the crowd (v. 36), Jesus pronounced the doctrines of election ("All that the Father gives me"), effectual calling ("will come to me"), and eternal security ("and whoever comes to me I will never cast out).
- He also announced His own divine origin (heaven) and divine purpose (to do the will of the Father).
- From election to resurrection, none who believe on the Son shall be lost (vv. 39–40).

If you hunger and thirst for true and eternal life, come to Jesus Christ, consume Him by faith, and be satisfied by the Bread of Life.