

JESUS IS GOD, HE IS MY FRIEND

The I AM Series #2

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TEXT: John 6:32-35

CONSIDER THIS: We all “live in the moment.” That is an inescapable part of human existence as finite creatures. But God offers us so much more! The very essence of Jesus being the **I AM** of John 8:58 means that we are loved by a God who is eternal – He is not confined to the moment! God can set us free from the tyranny of the moment. He offers us life without end. How is this possible? Because the **I AM** is the bread of life.

REVIEW: In John 8:58 Jesus told the Jews that He is the “I AM”. This is how God revealed Himself to Moses at the burning bush in Exodus 3:13-14 and is the basis of the name Jehovah. It is stunning to think that the **I AM** would enter into human existence even to the point of dying on a cross. This love is so great we can barely conceive of it (Ephesians 3:14-19).

I. THE OFFER

- A) Jesus had just miraculously fed 5,000 men and their families using just 5 loaves of barley bread and 2 fish (John 6:1-14). In a culture where there was little certainty about where tomorrow’s food would come from, this provision of food was HUGE.
- B) Jesus offers eternal life (6:27-29, 35). Jesus uses physical things to teach spiritual lessons. The bread which ends hunger (6:35) is like the water that ends thirst (the woman at the well in John 4:7-15).
- C) Eternal life is not just extended time (quantity). It is an entirely different kind of life (quality). See John 10:10.
- D) The **I AM** is inviting people into relationship with Him (Deuteronomy 8:1-3; John 10:10).

To eat the “bread of life” is a way of saying to fully accept and enter into, by faith, Christ... to take hold of the One who takes hold of me (Philippians 3:7-14).

II. THE OPPOSITION

- A) Just like people today, the Jews were totally occupied with daily life and the pursuit of material needs to the exclusion of eternal things (John 6:25-26, 30-31 = “Give us manna!”).
- B) The Jews were standing in the presence of the **I AM** yet they were preoccupied with temporal things. See also Matthew 6:25-33 and Luke 12:13-21.
- C) The double whammy = 1. Thoughts and priorities consumed by temporary things
2. Unbelief (6:41-43)

These two things usually operate together

- D) They did not understand the spiritual meaning of Jesus’s words (John 3:3-4, 9-12; John 6:52-58). Jesus wasn’t talking about eating literal flesh and blood. He would never command people to violate Leviticus 17:10-14. But people who are spiritually dead cannot receive spiritual truth (6:44, 60-63, 65).

III. THE OUTCOME

- A) Jesus’ teaching often made comparisons of two things to explain two different outcomes. There are two breads; physical bread (manna) which cannot prevent death (6:58) and the bread of life (Jesus) that gives eternal life (6:51)
- B) There are two paths; the path of unbelief and the path of belief (6:60-62 and 6:66-69). There are two different outcomes = eternal death or eternal life.

These are the words of the **I AM**

IV. LIVING ON MONDAY

Christian, each day choose ALIVE

Always

Living

In

View of

Eternity

This is the lesson of **I AM** the bread of life