

John 6:30-40

They answered, “Show us a miraculous sign if you want us to believe in you. What can you do? ³¹After all, our ancestors ate manna while they journeyed through the wilderness! The Scriptures say, ‘Moses gave them bread from heaven to eat.’”

³²Jesus said, “I tell you the truth, Moses didn’t give you bread from heaven. My Father did. And now he offers you the true bread from heaven. ³³The true bread of God is the one who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.”

³⁴“Sir,” they said, “give us that bread every day.”

³⁵Jesus replied, “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry again.

Whoever believes in me will never be thirsty. ³⁶But you haven’t believed in me even though you have seen me. ³⁷However, those the Father has given me will come to me, and I will never reject them. ³⁸For I have come down from heaven to do the will of God who sent me, not to do my own will. ³⁹And this is the will of God, that I should not lose even one of all those he has given me, but that I should raise them up at the last day. ⁴⁰For it is my Father’s will that all who see his Son and believe in him should have eternal life. I will raise them up at the last day.”

Background

The beginning of John 6 recounts two of the seven “sign miracles,” and then Jesus gives the “Bread of Life Discourse” in Capernaum. When the crowd asked for yet another miracle, Jesus responded with grace and patience. They referenced manna given through Moses, implying Moses was greater than Christ. Jesus corrected them, saying God—not Moses—gave the manna, and that He Himself is the true Bread from Heaven who gives eternal life: “*I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry again*” (v35).

Teaching Points

1. The world says, “Seeing is believing.” God says, “Believing is seeing.”

The Jews demanded a sign to believe, reflecting the world’s mindset: “Seeing is believing.” Look at the parable of the rich man in Luke 16:19-31. He said his five brothers would repent if someone rose from the dead to warn them. However, they already had Moses and the prophets (that is, the Scriptures). If they didn’t believe the Scriptures, they wouldn’t believe a miracle.

God's truth is the opposite: "*Believing is seeing*" (John 11:40). Christians also fall into the trap of seeking signs to strengthen their faith, but this is a dangerous mindset. We must remember: the world says, "Seeing is believing," but God says, "Believing is seeing."

2. Eternal security of the soul is part of God's salvation package.

In verses 37-40, Jesus says that anyone who accepts Him as personal Savior will never be rejected, lost, or forgotten. He'll raise them up on the last day. These verses affirm the eternal security of believers: true faith in Christ guarantees everlasting life now and forever. Salvation is both God's sovereign gift and human responsibility. If you've accepted Christ, you are chosen and secure; you cannot lose your salvation.

3. Resurrection of the body is part of God's salvation package.

Verses 39-40 promise that no believer will be lost but will be raised on the last day with a glorified, sinless body like Jesus' (Philippians 3:21). We won't be spirits floating around in Heaven, we'll have resurrected bodies—perfect, and free from all sin and distraction. The resurrection body is a key part of God's salvation plan and something wonderful to look forward to.

Application

1. You can come close and still not be saved.

The people Jesus addressed believed in God. They could quote Scripture and even called Him "Lord," but they didn't truly trust Him. They knew about faith but hadn't personally accepted Jesus as Savior. Believing in God and quoting Scripture isn't enough; true salvation requires putting faith and trust in Jesus as your personal Lord and Savior.