

“Hope For The Hungry”
John 6:30-40

Introduction:

1. Let's Turn Back In Our Bibles:
 - This Morning:
 - To John 6 - Where:
 - We Are Listening In:
 - To A Profound Conversation:
 - Between Jesus - And:
 - A Crowd Of Jews!
 - Even After Jesus - Miraculously:
 - Fed That Crowd - Of Thousands:
 - With Just Five Small Loaves Of Bread:
 - And - Two Fish!
- But - That Food:
 - That Fed Their Bodies:
 - Was Meant To Be A Sign To Them:
 - Of The Food:
 - That Could Feed:
 - Their Souls!
2. So - After “Seeking For Jesus” - In Order To:
 - Get Some More Of:
 - Jesus' Miraculous, But Physical Provision:
 - In 6:27 - Jesus Essentially Asks Them:
 - What Are You Most Hungry For?
 - The Food:
 - That Perishes?
 - The Meat That:
 - Has A Shelf Life? Or:
 - The Food:
 - That Endures?
 - Even - The Meat That:
 - “Endureth Unto Everlasting Life!”
- So - He Tells Them - And Us:
 - “Labour not for the meat which perisheth, but for that meat which endureth unto everlasting life!”
 - So - What Are You Most Hungry For:
 - In Your Life - Today?
3. Well - With This:
 - John Records For Us:
 - A - “Dialog In The Synagogue” - There:
 - In The Seaside Town:
 - Of Capernaum!
 - Where - From 6:25 - 6:59 - We Are Given:
 - Six Exchanges Between:
 - Jesus & The Crowd!
 - Last Week:
 - We Looked At Two:
 - Of Those Exchanges - Even Q & A's!
 - This Week:
 - We Will Look At:
 - Two More!
- But - Before We Do:
 - I'd Like For Us To Read Through:
 - The Entire Conversation!
 - Again - Starting With:
 - 6:25! Read Through 6:59!
4. Our Text For This Morning:

- Is 6:30-40 - Where:
 - Through Two More Exchanges:
 - Between The Jews & Jesus:
 - Jesus Offers Hope:
 - For The Hungry!
 - Real Hope:
 - For The Spiritually Hungry!
- And - This Hope:
 - Is Meant To:
 - Keep You & Sustain You - In:
 - Coming To & Believing In:
 - Him!

5. And So - Back In:

- 6:30-31 - The Jewish Crowd:
 - Asks Jesus Another Question!
 - A Third Question - Which Was Even More:
 - A Demand - "They said therefore unto him, What sign shewest thou then, that we may see, and believe thee? what dost thou work? / Our fathers did eat manna in the desert; as it is written, He gave them bread from heaven to eat!"
 - Now - The Jews Had:
 - A Great Expectation:
 - When It Came To Their Coming Messiah!
 - They Believed That:
 - "When The Messiah Came He Would Give Men Manna Once Again!" (Leon Morris)
 - Even As Moses Did In The Wilderness!
 - And - Even Though:
 - They Had Already Witnessed:
 - A Miracle By Jesus:
 - They Expected Something More!
 - Even Though:
 - The Miracle Jesus Performed Was Great:
 - So Much So:
 - That They Even Thought:
 - "To Make Him A King!" (6:15)
 - With The Claims Jesus Made:
 - They Wanted Something Greater!
 - After All:
 - Jesus May Have Fed:
 - A Crowd Of Thousands!
 - But - Moses Fed A Nation:
 - Of Hundreds Of Thousands!
 - Jesus May Have Fed Them:
 - One Meal!
 - But - Moses Fed Their Fathers:
 - For 40 Years!
 - Jesus May Have Fed Them:
 - With Some Bread From A Boy's Lunch!
 - But - Moses Fed Them:
 - With Bread From Heaven!
 - And So - The Jews:
 - Expected More & Demanded:
 - An Even Greater Sign:
 - If They Were To Believe In Him:
 - As He Called Them:
 - To Do!
 - So - 6:30 - They Ask Again:
 - "What [Other] Sign Shewest Thou Then?"

- And - With This - Jesus Reveals That:

1. ***There Is No Greater Proof:***

- Than What Was Already Given Them!

- Which We See In:

- 6:32-33 - “Then Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Moses gave you not that bread from heaven; but my Father giveth you the true bread from heaven. / For the bread of God is he which cometh down from heaven, and giveth life unto the world!”

- For The 8th Time In The Gospel Of John:

- Jesus Uses His Formula:

- For Giving A Certain, Changeless, And Consequential Truth!

- “Verily, Verily, I Say Unto You!”

- And - The Truth He Wanted Them & Us:

- To Know - Is That:

- **He** Was The Greater Sign:

- They Were Looking & Asking For!

- But - First:

- He Needed To Correct Their Understanding:

- About The Miracle Of Manna:

- That They Learned About:

- From Exodus 16!

- And That Was:

- Moses Was Not:

- The Source Of:

- That Food!

- The Lord - Even:

- His Own Father:

- Was The Source Of:

- That Food!

- And - Just As God The Father:

- Was The Source:

- Of That:

- “Bread From Heaven!”

- God The Father:

- Is Also The Source:

- Of The “Bread Of God!” (6:33)

- And So - The Proof & Sign:

- Provided To Them:

- Is Greater!

- Because:

- It Is A Timeless Sign!

- In These Two Verses:

- Jesus Points Out The Contrasts:

- Between The Manna Of Moses - And:

- The Bread Of God!

- And - The First Contrast Is That:

- When God “Gave” Their Fathers - Through Moses:

- That “Bread From Heaven!”

- It Was In The Past:

- And It Was Perishable!

- So - It Was Only Meant To Be:

- A Temporary Provision:

- Because It Was Physical!

- However - When Jesus Said:

- “My Father Giveth” - Instead Of:

- Looking To The Past - His Focus:

- Is On The Present - And:

- The Ongoing, Timeless Provision:

- For Their Spiritual Needs!
- In The Past - God “Gave” - Something Temporary:
 - To Provide For:
 - Their Physical Needs!
- In The Present - God Is “Giving” - Something Timeless:
 - To Provide For:
 - Their & Our Spiritual Needs!
- And - That’s What Makes:
 - His Sign:
 - All The Greater!
 - But Also - Because:
- It Is A True Sign!
 - The Next Contrast Between:
 - The Bread Of Moses & The Bread Of God:
 - Is That:
 - The Manna:
 - Was Only Meant:
 - To Be A Type & A Pattern:
 - Of Something Better!
 - **IE:** An Object Lesson!
 - The Manna:
 - Was Only A Type!
 - But - God Was Offering Them:
 - Through Jesus:
 - The “True Bread From Heaven!”
 - And - This Too - Is What Made:
 - His Sign:
 - All The Greater!
 - But Then - Even More:
- It Was A Sign:
 - For Them!
 - Right The & Right There:
 - God Was Offering Them:
 - The Bread They Needed Most!
 - And Yet - They Were So Focused:
 - On The Past - That:
 - They Didn’t Even Recognize:
 - The Sign In The Present!
 - Which Was Greater Than The:
 - Sign Of Moses!
 - And - In 6:33 - Jesus Identifies:
 - That The “True Bread From Heaven” - Is Not:
 - A What - But:
 - A Who!
 - It Is - “He which cometh down from heaven, and giveth life unto the world!”
 - And This Is What Gives:
 - Real Hope For The Hungry!
 - Once Again We See:
 - What Jesus Said In:
 - 5:39 - About the Scriptures:
 - “They Are They Which Testify Of Me!”
 - Even The Point Of The Manna:
 - In Exodus - Was To Show The Children Of Israel That:
 - They Needed More Than:
 - Just The Manna!
 - They Needed:
 - Jesus Christ! Who Would Be:
 - The True “Bread From Heaven!”

- And - That Is True:
 - For The World!
 - With Every Bite You Eat:
 - Of Physical Food:
 - It Shows The Need:
 - Of Something Greater!
 - Something True & Timeless!
 - And - If You Are Hungry:
 - For Something:
 - To Satisfy - The Cravings Of Your Soul:
 - You Will Find It In:
 - Jesus Christ!
- However - Once Again:
 - The Crowd Didn't Understand:
 - What Jesus Was Telling Them!
 - They Were Still Thinking:
 - In Human, Physical Terms!
- And So - In 6:34 - They Make:
 - Another Demand From Jesus!
 - "Then said they unto him, Lord, evermore give us this bread!"
- And Then - In 6:35:
 - To Make Things Crystal Clear:
 - "Jesus said unto them, I am the bread of life!"
 - Jesus Is The:
 - True Bread:
 - From Heaven!
 - Jesus Is The:
 - Timeless Bread:
 - Of God!
 - And - If You Just:
 - Turn To & Trust In Him:
 - You Will See That:

2. *There Are No Greater Promises:*

- Than What Jesus Makes:
 - To Them & To Us:
 - As The "Bread Of Life!"
 - And - In The Rest Of 6:35-37:
 - We Find Three Promises:
 - That Give Real Hope:
 - To The Spiritually Hungry!
 - The First Promise Is That:
 - There Will Be:
- No More Hunger!
 - When You Come To Jesus!
 - 6:35b - "He that cometh to me shall never hunger!"
 - When Do You Get Hungry?
 - When There Is A Lack:
 - Of Food!
 - What Happens:
 - When You Are Hungry?
 - Can Distract / Weaken / Even Kill!
 - So - What Should You Do:
 - When You Are Hungry?
 - Go To Where The Food Is!
 - Not Always Possible!
 - Jesus Says - When You Are Hungry:
 - Not In Your Body - But:

- In Your Soul!
- When You Come To Him - And:
 - Keep Coming To Him:
 - He Will Satisfy & Strengthen You:
 - Where You Need It Most!
- This Isn't Just True:
 - For Salvation - This Is Also True:
 - For The Saved!
 - And - If You Are:
 - Spiritually Hungry Today:
 - Then - You Haven't Been:
 - "Coming" To Him!
 - Drifting From The Lord:
 - Creates A Spiritual Hunger:
 - That Only Jesus Can:
 - Satisfy!
- So - Keep Coming To Jesus!
 - Because - To You - He Makes:
 - This Great Promise!
 - "He That Cometh To Me Shall Never Hunger!"
 - But - There's Another Promise:
 - That Jesus Makes! And That Is:
 - There Will Be:
- No More Thirst!
 - When You Believe In Jesus!
 - 6:35c - "And He That Believeth On Me Shall Never Thirst!"
 - Brings Us Back To:
 - When Jesus Met With The Woman Of Samaria In John 4!
 - But - When Do You Get Thirsty?
 - When There Is A Lack:
 - Of Water!
 - What Happens:
 - When You Are Thirsty?
 - Intense Craving / Death!
 - So - What Should You Do:
 - When You Are Thirsty?
 - Go To Where The Water Is!
 - Yet - Not Always So Easy! So Many Still Without Clean, Fresh Water!
 - But - Jesus Says - When You Are Thirsty:
 - Not In Your Body - But:
 - In Your Soul!
 - When You Believe In Him - And:
 - Keep Trusting In Him:
 - He Will Quench Whatever Is Driving Your Thirst!
 - He Will Cleanse & Revive & Refresh You:
 - In A Way No Water Ever Can!
 - And - Once Again - This Isn't Just True:
 - For Salvation - This Is Also True:
 - For The Saved!
 - And - If You Are:
 - Spiritually Thirsty Today:
 - Then Renew Your Faith & Trust In Christ!
- Just As Drifting From The Lord:
 - Brings About Spiritual Hunger:
 - So Doubt In The Lord:
 - Will Bring About:
 - A Spiritual Thirst Spiritual Thirst:

- That Only Jesus Can Quench!
- So Keep Coming To & Trusting In Jesus!
 - Because Of His Great Promise To You!
 - “He That Believeth On Me Shall Never Thirst!”
 - But - There's Even Another Promise:
 - That Jesus Makes! And That Is:
 - There Will Be:
- No More Rejection!
 - In 6:37 - Jesus Says:
 - “All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out!”
 - When You Come To & Believe In Jesus:
 - You Will Find That:
 - Jesus Is True To All Of His Promises!
 - Sometimes - It Is Too Easy:
 - For Us To Waste Our Physical Provision!
 - **IE:** Big Portions - Restaurants - Sometimes Enough For 2-3 Meals - Sometimes Even More! Goes To Waste!
 - But - Jesus Will Never Turn Away Or Cast Away:
 - A Hungry & Thirsty Soul Who Comes To Him!
 - When There Was:
 - Leftovers - From The Feeding Of The 5,000:
 - What Did Jesus Have His Disciples Do?
 - 6:12 - “When they were filled, he said unto his disciples, Gather up the fragments that remain, that nothing be lost!”
 - What A Gracious Promise:
 - To Those Who:
 - The World Cares Nothing About!
 - Only To Use & Then:
 - Cast Out!
 - But - When You Come To Jesus:
 - He Says To You:
 - “I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee!” (Hebrews 13:5)
 - Instead Of Rejection:
 - You Will Find In Jesus:
 - Always A Welcome!
- But - Even With All Of These:
 - “Exceeding Great And Precious Promises!”
 - So Many Still:
 - As Jesus Pointed Out In:
 - 6:36 - See Him - But:
 - “Believe Not!”
 - The Crowd Saw Jesus:
 - In Ways That:
 - We Never Have!
 - They Saw:
 - Great Compassion!
 - Great Authority!
 - Great Power!
 - And Yet - They Still:
 - Did Not Hunger & Thirst & Come:
 - To Him!
 - And - That Happens To Us Too!
 - Sometimes You Hunger & Thirst & Come:
 - After Those Things That:
 - Are Only Physical & Temporary!
 - And You Do:
 - Drift From The Lord!

- Doubt The Lord! And Even:
- Deny His Grace To You:
 - That He Will Never Leave You Or Forsake You!
- God Himself Is The Guarantee:
 - That You Who Belong To Christ:
 - Will Never Be Lost To Him!
 - 6:37 - "All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out!"
 - God The Father:
 - Is Not Only The Source:
 - Of The Spiritual Bread:
 - That You Need To Eat!
 - He Is Also The Source:
 - Of The Spiritual Hunger:
 - That You Need:
 - To Eat His Bread!
- And - This Gives Real Hope:
 - For The Hungry Soul!
 - Psalm 107:9 - "For he satisfieth the longing soul, and filleth the hungry soul with goodness!"
 - The Goodness Of Christ:
 - And His Promises!
- Because - There Are:
 - No Greater Promises!
 - But - Jesus Continues - And Tells Us That:

3. ***There Is No Greater Purpose:***

- Than His Own Purpose:
 - "To Save - To The Uttermost - Those Who Come Unto God By Him!" (Hebrews 7:25)
 - And - In 6:38-40 - Jesus Tells Us Again:
 - Just What His Purpose Is!
 - "For I came down from heaven, not to do mine own will, but the will of him that sent me. / And this is the Father's will which hath sent me, that of all which he hath given me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up again at the last day. / And this is the will of him that sent me, that every one which seeth the Son, and believeth on him, may have everlasting life: and I will raise him up at the last day!"
 - If You Remember From:
 - 4:34 - Jesus Told His Disciples That:
 - "My meat is to do the will of him that sent me, and to finish his work!"
 - And - Here - He Tells Us:
 - What That Will & Purpose:
 - Is! It Is To Save:
 - Whoever Comes To Him! And To Do So:
 - In A Comprehensive Way!
 - His Father's Will Was That:
 - 6:39 - "Of All Which [His Father] Hath Given Him I Should Lose Nothing!"
 - In Other Words:
 - All Of God's People:
 - Will Be Kept & Secured By Jesus!
 - Ada Haberson - 1906 - Relished This Truth:
 - In Her Hymn - "He Will Hold Me Fast!"
 - When I fear my faith will fail,
 - Christ will hold me fast;
 - When the tempter would prevail,
 - He can hold me fast!
 - I could never keep my hold,
 - He must hold me fast;
 - For my love is often cold,
 - He must hold me fast.

- I am precious in His sight,
He will hold me fast;
Those He saves are His delight,
He will hold me fast.
- He'll not let my soul be lost,
Christ will hold me fast;
Bought by Him at such a cost,
He will hold me fast.
- He will hold me fast,
He will hold me fast;
For my Savior loves me so,
He will hold me fast!
- This Is Real Hope For The Hungry!
- But Also - Jesus' Purpose Is To:
- Save:
- In A Complete Way!
- Two Times - In 6:39 & 40 - Jesus Says That:
- "I Will Raise Him Up At The Last Day!"
- As Jesus Will Say:
- In 14:19 - "Because I live, ye shall live also!"
- And - The Spiritual Hunger & Thirst:
- That He Can Satisfy Today:
- By Faith - Will One Day:
- Extend To Even Your:
- Physical Hunger & Thirst - In Eternity!
- Because - One Day:
- All Your Needs Will Be Fulfilled:
- Finally & Forever!
- Because - When He Does Raise You Up At The Last Day:
- Revelation 7:16-17 - "They shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more;
neither shall the sun light on them, nor any heat. / For the Lamb which is in the
midst of the throne shall feed them, and shall lead them unto living fountains of
waters: and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes!"
- This To Is Real Hope For The Hungry!
- But Also - Jesus' Purpose Is To:
- Save:
- In A Certain Way!
- 6:40 - "And this is the will of him that sent me, that every one which seeth the Son, and believeth on him,
may have everlasting life!"

Conclusion:

1. What Hope There Is:
- In Jesus! Real Hope:
- For The Hungry Soul!
- That Extends Into & Through:
- Death Itself!
- There's Another Interesting Transition:
- In These Verses! Because:
- In 6:30 - The Crowd Challenged Jesus:
- "What sign shewest thou then, that we may see, and believe thee?"
- Then - In 6:36 - Jesus Challenged Them:
- "But I said unto you, That ye also have seen me, and believe not!"
- And Now - Here - In 6:40 - Jesus Promises:
- "That every one which seeth the Son, and believeth on him, [will] have everlasting life!"
2. If There Is:
- A Growing Hunger & Thirst:
- For Jesus - And His Promises:
- Then - It Is Because:

- God Himself:
 - As Opened Your Eyes:
 - To See & Believe On Him!
- And - That Gives You:
 - The Greatest Hope Of All!
 - Now - You Can Rest In Christ!
 - Because He Alone:
 - Is The Bread Of Life!

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