

It is important to ensure fellowship with God before the study of the Word.

If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness (1 John 1:9).

Isaiah 55:11 So will My word be which goes forth from My mouth; it will not return to Me empty, without accomplishing what I desire, and without succeeding in the matter for which I sent it.

Open your Bibles to **John 6: 25**.

- The Lord begins teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum.
- His teaching causes many of His students to depart.
- **Reason:** They were conditionally willing and malleable.
- They were willing and malleable as long as their plans and agendas were fulfilled.
- As long as their desires were met, they followed the Lord, but when they realized His plan was different from their plan, they departed.
- Those who remained might not have understood everything but they were surrendered to the will of God whatever that will might be for them; therefore, they were consistent and experienced some of the greatest realities in the spiritual life.

The Lord's sermon can be divided into three parts -

- Part I: **John 6:26-40**
 - Addressed primarily to the followers
 - Followers that are positive, but their priorities are messed up
 - They are focused on the Lord meeting their needs physically.
 - They were not focused on their spiritual needs.
- Part II: **John 6:41-51**
 - This was addressed to the religious leaders who are antagonistic.
 - Their popularity has dwindled as the Lord's has increased.
 - They attempt to distract the people from listening to what the Lord has to say about who He really is.
- Part III: **John 6:51-58**
 - He divides those who are unconditionally willing and malleable from those who are conditionally willing and malleable.

POD (review): Positive volition has varying degrees.

POD (review): One's level of faith, trust, or dependence in the Lord is directly related to one's level of malleability and willingness.

John 6: 25-42 When they found Him on the other side of the sea, they said to Him, "Rabbi, when did You get here?" ²⁶ Jesus answered them and said, "Truly, truly, I say to you, you seek Me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate of the loaves and were filled. ²⁷ Do not work for the food which perishes, which the Son of Man will give to you, for on Him the Father, God, has set His seal."

POD (review): God will take care of our material needs [the details of life] as we pursue and advance in His plan for our lives.

POD (review): Pursuing and advancing in His plan is contingent upon our willingness to be taught by God and our malleability to His plan for our lives.

It's not about doing what we want - it's about fulfilling what the Lord wants.

➤ The crowd wants to work in **John 6: 28** so the Lord says in **vs. 29** there is only one thing you can do to work the works of God --

²⁹ Jesus answered and said to them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in Him whom He has sent."

- Place your faith alone in Jesus Christ alone.
- Then and only then, after God performs His perfect saving work, will you be able to work the works of God.

POD: It requires 63 divine works of grace for one to begin fulfilling God's plan for his life [tantamount to doing the works of God].



- Working the works of God is doing what God has prepared beforehand for you to do as His workmanship.
- In order to do what God wants us to do, we must become His workmanship; we must be created in Christ Jesus.

POD: An individual becomes the workmanship of God when God accomplishes 63 works of grace at faith alone in Christ alone.

- Faith alone in Christ alone actuates God to set in motion the 63 divine works of God.
- Definition **DIVINE WORKS of GRACE** - All that God was set in motion to do for the believer in grace at Salvation.
- The conditionally willing and malleable followers want a sign to believe Him and they have that backwards.

³⁰ So they said to Him, “What then do You do for a sign, so that we may see, and believe You? What work do You perform? ³¹ Our fathers ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, ‘HE GAVE THEM BREAD OUT OF HEAVEN TO EAT.’”

- They are referring to Moses providing bread for their fathers for forty years in the wilderness.
- They want Jesus to do something greater than what Moses did.

³² Jesus then said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, it is not Moses who has given you the bread out of heaven, but it is My Father who gives you the true bread out of heaven. ³³ For the bread of God is that which comes down out of heaven, and gives life to the world.” ³⁴ Then they said to Him, “Lord, always give us this bread.” ³⁵ Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life;

POD (review): The Lord always clarifies things for those who are consistent and willing to be taught.

POD: God honors malleability, willingness, and consistency!

“I am the bread of life; he who comes to Me will not hunger [*physically*], and he who believes in Me will never thirst [*spiritually*].”

Psalm 37:25 (KJV) I have been young, and *now* am old; yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging bread.

Psalm 37:23 The steps of a man are established by the Lord, And He delights in his way. ²⁴ When he falls, he will not be hurled headlong, because the Lord is the One who holds his hand.

³⁶ “But I said to you that you have seen Me, and yet do not believe. ³⁷ All that the Father gives Me will come to Me, and the one who comes to Me I will certainly not cast out.

➤ I will certainly not cast out - οὐ μὴ ἐκβάλω ἔξω – **OU ME EKBALLO**

This communicates there is not even a possibility of being cast out of the kingdom once we have come to Christ in faith.

³⁸ “For I have come down from heaven. . .

- He not only reveals His heavenly origin but communicates that just as the bread came down from heaven, He came down from heaven.
- We know this occurred through the incarnation at the virgin birth.

. . . not to do My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me.

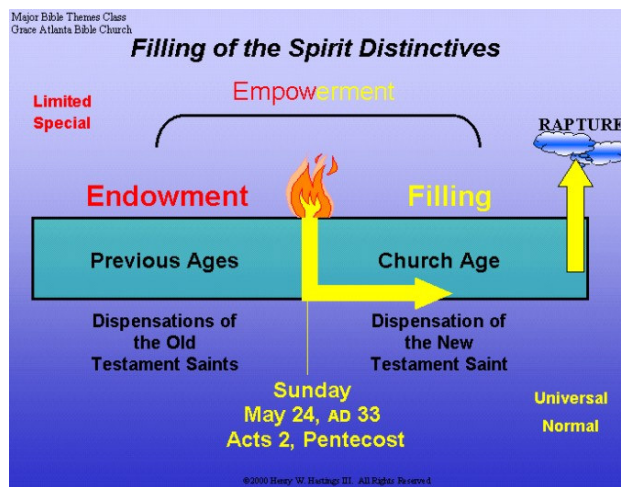
- He set the example for us to follow in that
 1. He presented Himself to the Father as a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to the Father, which was His spiritual service of worship (**Romans 12:1**).
 2. That formal presentation took place on two occasions:
 - In private: when He said, “Behold, I have come to do your will O God, a sacrificial body thou hast prepared for me” (**Hebrews 10:5-9**).
 - In public: when He was baptized by John at the fords of the Jordan.
- 39 “This is the will of Him who sent Me, that of all that He has given Me I lose nothing, but raise it up on the last day.”

The Father is giving to the Son those who approach the Son in faith.

Those who come to the Son in faith have eternal security – “**the one who comes to Me I will certainly not cast out.**”

The one who believes in the Son is a gift from God the Father to God the Son.

- **raise . . . up** - ἀνίστημι – ANISTEMI – “I will raise up.”
 - “Last day” is a reference to Resurrection of the Church.



- Old Testament Saints: conclusion of the Tribulation
- Millennial Saints: conclusion of the Millennium

40 “For this is the will of My Father, that everyone who beholds the Son and believes in Him will have eternal life, and I Myself will raise him up on the last day.”

Notice there are two actions here - -

1. Beholding the Son.
2. Believing in the Son.
 - **Behold** – θεωρέω – THEOREO – “To behold, to see, to perceive, to know”

- They all beheld Him as He stood before them in the synagogue that day.
- The unbeliever today beholds Him when you introduce him to your wonderful Savior.
- One must behold the Son before he can believe in Him.
- **Believe** – πιστεύω –

“To believe in, place one’s confidence or faith in; trust in the person of Christ.”

This really agitates the religious leaders who were present

⁴¹ Therefore the Jews **were grumbling** about Him. . .

- grumbling - γογγύζω – GONGUZO -

. . . because He said, **“I am the bread that came down out of heaven.”** ⁴² They were saying, “Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How does He now say, ‘I have come down out of heaven?’”

All Scriptures quoted are from New American Standard unless otherwise noted.