

# Hear The Words of Eternal Life

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John 6:41-51

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## Amazing Unbelief

- Jesus fed 5000... declared that *I am the bread of life*<sup>35</sup>...
- But now Jews are grumbling<sup>41</sup> because they didn't believe and Jesus' claims
- Jesus not a failure, He knows *all that the Father gives me will come to me*<sup>37</sup>

## A Repeat From God's People

- Encounter resembles Moses' experience with Israel<sup>Num11:4-13</sup> 1500 yrs earlier
- Both fed, bot grumbling - they only care for earthly satisfaction
- Both lead to rebellion<sup>Num11:1;Jn6:41</sup>
- Same even today - people confronted with truth of Word of God grumble
- Doctrines of Grace = Truth of Word<sup>Jn14:6;Act4:12;Jn6:40</sup> are often offensive

## Attack the Messenger

- Crowd didn't like message<sup>40</sup> so they attack messenger<sup>42</sup>
- World today often does this: attack those bringing message
- Remember the Gospel: Christ's holiness is what matters<sup>2Cor5:21;1Pt2:22</sup>
- Crowd forgot/didn't know of Jesus' virgin birth and attack character
- Attacks often result of false assumptions or not wanting to submit to authority

## The Bondage of the Will

- Sinful man in our natural state can't come to God unless God draws<sup>43-44</sup>
- This causes carnal man to object that man has a 'free will' to choose
- Augustine vs. Pelagius. Calvinism vs. Arminianism. Erasmus vs. Luther.
- Erasmus 'draw'=woo. Luther-nothing to woo, we're spiritually dead
- draw<sup>44</sup> Peter drew sword<sup>Jn18:10</sup>, Paul drug from temple<sup>Act21:30</sup>.
- Draw is not a gentle 'wooing' or coaxing but a violent forceful thing
- God must 'draw' us – this strikes at heart of man's pride: "I choose..."
- Fallen man is dead<sup>Eph2:1-2</sup>. We choose no more than baby chooses to be born
- Man's salvation depends upon the inward working of God's sovereign grace!
- OT illustration: Elijah<sup>1K18:35-39</sup> soaked altar so 'impossible' to light... but God
- God draws sinners doused & drowned in sin to faith in His Son, Jesus Christ!

## How We Are Drawn by the Father

- Crowd attack Jesus with words - don't listen to him... he's a nobody...
- Jesus just taught – Those Father gave me will come to me<sup>36-37; 44</sup>
- 44 is the same truth as 36-37 in the negative
- Jesus quotes Isaiah<sup>54:13</sup> - God teaches/illuminates His children(God's people)
- Jesus shows experience of how this works<sup>45</sup>
- Some respond to Gospel and others don't<sup>1C2:14;2C4:3-4</sup>. Why?
- God has internally taught some<sup>HisOwn</sup> and not others.
- So evangelize and leave results to God and pray much<sup>Rom10:14-15</sup>

## Jesus Summarizes Things

- Jesus reminds that we can see God by looking at Jesus<sup>46</sup>
- Jesus complete teaching must be understood from His teaching in John 6
- Jesus taught God must draw<sup>44</sup>, make alive<sup>45</sup>, then man can believe<sup>Eph2:8-9</sup>
- So preach the Good News – the ones God makes spiritually alive will hear and believe and have eternal life!