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Names & Titles of Jesus Lesson 11 The Bread of Life, The Bread of God

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We will start in Exodus 16. The children of Israel have come out of Egypt. Passover night is Exodus 12. The Red Sea crossing is Exodus 15. Exodus 16:4-8. Then said the LORD unto Moses, Behold, I will rain bread from heaven for you; and the people shall go out and gather a certain rate every day, that I may prove them, whether they will walk in my law, or no. 5 And it shall come to pass, that on the sixth day they shall prepare that which they bring in; and it shall be twice as much as they gather daily. 6 And Moses and Aaron said unto all the children of Israel, At even, then ye shall know that the LORD hath brought you out from the land of Egypt: 7 And in the morning, then ye shall see the glory of the LORD; for that he heareth your murmurings against the LORD: and what are we, that ye murmur against us? 8 And Moses said, This shall be, when the LORD shall give you in the evening flesh to eat, and in the morning bread to the full; for that the LORD heareth your murmurings which ye murmur against him: and what are we? your murmurings are not against us, but against the LORD. Here is just one more undeniable proof... first of all how degenerate human nature is and second of all, how faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God Romans 10:17. Faith does not come by the sight of the eyes and not by beholding miracles. Hebrews 11:1; Hebrews 11:6. The children of Israel are standing on the deliverance side of the Red Sea and Moses says (paraphrase), "All right... maybe if God sends food down out of heaven, you will believe Him?"

- How could you not believe Him after those nine plagues fell upon Egypt?
- How could you not believe Him after the destruction of Egypt's firstborn and deliverance on Passover night?
- How could you not believe Him after walking through the water walls on either side of that Red Sea and landing safe on the other side, watching Pharaoh's armies drown in the Red Sea?

After all that, the Bible says in Exodus 16:1-3 And they took their journey from Elim, and all the congregation of the children of Israel came unto the wilderness of Sin, which is between Elim and Sinai, on the fifteenth day of the second month after their departing out of the land of Egypt. 2 And the whole congregation of the children of Israel murmured against Moses and Aaron in the

wilderness: 3 And the children of Israel said unto them, Would to God we had died

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by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the flesh pots, and when we did eat bread to the full; for ye have brought us forth into this wilderness, to kill this whole assembly with hunger. Four hundred and thirty years they have been under the lash in Egypt. They have been bond slaves to Pharaoh in his building projects and they are not out of that bondage for a week when they are looking back as though it was a great time living in bondage. Thinking that being a slave with food is better than being free without food. They start by murmuring against Moses and Aaron and now they are murmuring against God – after He just finished feeding them. God is very displeased when His people murmur in reply to His blessings, see His chastening in response to their discontent over the manna God gave them, Numbers 11:6; Numbers 11:33.

Now notice also what He says... (and this is important.) He said that He gave them flesh to eat, Exodus 16: 8 *I shall give you in the evening flesh to eat, and in the morning bread to the full....* It is interesting that in this first passage the bread and the flesh are used interchangeably. What you eat to sustain your flesh is called flesh. Numbers 11:9 Bread in the morning and it was bread in the evening.

Here is an interesting point to note...It is not called manna by God. It is called manna by the people. The people called it manna meaning "what is it." God called it bread. They looked at God's provision which was bread but they looked at it without knowledge and without understanding and they called it "what is it." In the New Testament when the bread of God comes down from heaven men look at it and say "what is it?" Who art thou? Are you that prophet? Are you the Christ? Are you Elijah? Are you Jeremiah? Are you John the Baptist risen from the dead? They looked at the bread of life the same way the children of Israel looked at the bread that came down morning and night from God in the wilderness.

Numbers chapter 11. They ate it every morning and night. On Friday, the scripture said they gathered a double portion and they kept it so that on the next day the Sabbath day they could eat that so they would not have to go out and gather any food to prepare because it was the Sabbath.

Numbers 11:4-6 Verse 4. And the mixt multitude... that was among them fell a lusting: and the children of Israel also wept again, and said, Who shall give us flesh to eat? 5 We remember the fish, which we did eat in Egypt freely... (Freely?) The Egyptians were killing the male babies. They were commanding you to make bricks without straw and putting the lash to your back. the cucumbers, and the melons, and the leeks, and the onions, and the garlick: ... But our soul is dried away: there is nothing at all, beside this manna, before our eyes. (There is nothing except for what God gave us.) Read Numbers 11:7-10

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Let us turn our thoughts towards the 21st Century Christian. The blessings of God pouring out upon them every single day, but they get tired of just this God stuff. They get bored with just this Jesus. They miss the way they used to dress when they were lost. They miss the language they used to use when they were lost. They miss the songs they used to put on the music player when they were lost. Then comes the (Whining) "Oh, it's church again...oh, it's the Bible again... oh, its prayer meeting again... what do you do for fun?" We serve the Lord. If serving the Lord is no longer fun to you, you need to repent. Do you remember when you first got saved? Do you still read the Bible like you did then? Or have you brought some of the old world back into you Christian life a few leeks and onions? We all know the verse that says a little leaven leaveneth the whole lump, Galatians 5:9, Look what the Bible says in Micah 6:10 The scant measure is abominable, what is left in your life that is just a tiny little bit of wickedness? Do you still cuss? Do you still dress and act and fellowship like you used to do back then? Do you still talk of the old stories with your buddies back when you thought that was fun? The children of Israel are still on their way to the Promised Land. You and I are still on our way to Heaven with Jesus Christ. God is still sending down blessings every morning and every night. The children of Israel are tired of God's blessings, are you?

Joshua 5:12. They are crossing the Jordan and entering the Promised Land. *And the manna ceased on the morrow after they had eaten of the old corn of the land; neither had the children of Israel manna any more; but they did eat of the fruit of the land of Canaan that year.* God provided all they needed for life from the day they left the bondage in Egypt until the day they set foot in the Promised Land.

In the New testament, listen to passages John 6: Verse 41-43. The Jews then murmured at him, because he said, I am the bread which came down from heaven. 42 And they said, Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? (Actually, they were incorrect) You might know His mother; obviously His father was not Joseph. (see Luke 1:35) ...how is it then that he saith, I came down from heaven? 43 Jesus therefore answered and said unto them, Murmur not among yourselves.

- In the Old Testament God gave them bread from heaven and what did they do? They murmured about it.
- In the New Testament God gave them bread from heaven and what did they do? They murmured about it.

What did they have to do in the Old Testament to stay alive? They had to do works every single day. In the New Testament, God sends down bread... His Son says one time from your heart (no works) just believe on me and you will never have to eat again. There are those that murmured against that. He
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gave them the law in the Old Testament, He gave us grace in the New Testament, and we refused them both.

In the Old Testament, instead of working for salvation and keeping these laws... they said, "Well, God should just forgive us..." In the New

Testament God says I just forgive. You and everybody want to add works to the equation of receiving God men just do not want it God's way. Jesus said, (verse John 6: 43-48) Murmur not among yourselves. 44 No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him: and I will raise him up at the last day. 45 It is written in the prophets, And they shall be all taught of God. Every man therefore that hath heard, and hath learned of the Father, cometh unto me. 46 Not that any man hath seen the Father, save he which is of God, he hath seen the Father. 47 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me HATH everlasting life. 48 I am that bread of life. See how easy it is? John 6:4. See if there is any difference in John 6:49 from what happen to the Children of Israel. (Verse 49.) Your fathers did eat manna in the wilderness, and are dead. The bread (Manna) that God sent down from heaven cannot provide you with an escape from death. There is only one Bread that can provide that escape from death. Verse 50. This is the bread which cometh down from heaven, that a man may eat thereof, and not die. ...and not die. Now look in verse 51. I am the living bread which came down from heaven: if any man eat of this bread, he shall live for ever: and the bread that I will give is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world. 52 The Jews therefore strove among themselves, saying, How can this man give us his flesh to eat? He made it abundantly clear He is talking about something you eat one time and never need to eat again? What did He say the bread was that came down from heaven? Come on - remember in Exodus? It was flesh! Right. It was bread... He called it flesh. That is it sustained their flesh. He said I give my flesh. Verse 53. Then Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except ye eat the flesh of the Son of man, and drink his blood, ye have no life in you. 54 Whoso eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, hath eternal life; and I will raise him up at the last day. 55 For my flesh is meat indeed, and my blood is drink indeed. 56 He that eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, dwelleth in me, and I in him. 57 AS the living Father hath sent me, and I live by the Father: so he that eateth me, even he shall live by me. 58 This is that bread which came down from heaven: (LOOK!) not as your fathers did eat manna, and are dead: he that eateth of this bread shall live for ever.

How does He live by the Father? The man Christ Jesus has perfect faith unwavering trust in His Father. He said if you will live by me like I live by the Father, you will have everlasting life. We put our unwavering faith and trust in Him. If you will do that one time in your life, you will never hunger again... you will never die... you will have everlasting life through Jesus Christ. He is the True Bread that came down from heaven. He is the Living Bread that gives

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life to the world. If you will eat Him – not with your mouth but with your heart, you will never die. Not your body. Your soul will never die.

Now we can see how this passage would confuse people because other religions do not show all the verse in the Bible to the recipients, they never see John 6, Exodus 6 or Numbers 11. They take one verse out of context and tell there people, see you have to eat the body and blood of Jesus Christ in order to be saved, this is just all wrong.

You are not going to get saved eating the bread at a communion table and you are not going to get saved drinking of the cup at a communion table. You are only going to be saved by believing that the Son of God came into the world and died for your sins and rose from the dead. If you will believe on Him one time, you will never need anything else to satisfy the hunger in your soul. He gives life unto the world. Your fathers did eat manna in the wilderness, they are dead. If you will eat me, you will never die. Jesus Christ is the Bread of Life. He is the Bread of God. He is the true Bread... sent down from heaven. Thanks be to God.

Notes



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Name _____

Note: must include scripture with <u>all</u> your answers, including the T/F.

- 1. What did the children of Israel do to Moses and Aaron when they reached the deliverance side of the Red Sea?
- 2. Who is the Bread of Life?
- 3. Why do other religions confuse the Lord's supper as an actual eating and drinking of the Lord's body and blood?
- 4. Faith does not come by the sight of eyes, give us some examples to prove this truth from this lesson?
- 5. Explain Micah 6:10?
- 6. What did God do to the Children of Israel when they murmured against Moses and Aaron?
- 7. How does God's dealings with the Children of Israel in the wilderness prove to us that God will never take away our eternal life no matter what we do?



- 8. How do we eat the Bread of God?
- 9. The Children of Israel called the bread of God manna, why is that important and how does it compare to the New Testament?
- 10. What did God call the manna and the quail?
- 11. What is so important about the name that God called the answer to question 10 as it relates to the New Testament?
- 12. How does the 21th century Christian compare to the Children of Israel in the wilderness?
- 13. Who was the actual father of Jesus' body?
- 14. Explain the usage of the word "thing" in Luke 1:35 and the phrase "but a body hast thou prepared me:" in Hebrews 10:5. Explain what they have in common and debunk the new ideology that Jesus was nailed in the wrist. (extra credit) (use the back page)

True/false

- The Children of Israel complained about the bread God gave them from Heaven.
- Faith does not come by seeing miracles.
- If you eat the True Bread, your soul will never die.



Scripture memorization Write out these verses on the back on this page: (must be in KJV) John 6:33; John 6:35; John 6:48; Leviticus 21:22



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