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Announcements

- **Lottie Moon Christmas Offering:** Help support international mission efforts by supporting the International Mission Board.
- **Family Dinner, every Sunday 12:00-?.** Everyone is invited.
- **Prayer Meeting, Wednesday 7:00 PM:** Come pray with us for our church, and our community.
- **New World View class for kids: Sundays, 6:00 PM.** Help kids learn the truth of Jesus Christ to understand the world and live faithfully in it.

The True Bread from Heaven Part 2, John 6:35-71; Exodus 16.

Today's Point: Without fail, all whom the Father gives to the Son will be raised up, but some who do not truly believe will be among the disciples.

An Extended Metaphor

- Jesus compares himself to the life-giving manna that God gave the Israelites in the wilderness. See Exodus 16. The point of contrast is that the life Jesus gives is permanent whereas the Israelite that ate manna eventually died, John 6:49, 51, 32-33.
- Since this is clearly a metaphor, Jesus cannot mean that we must literally eat his flesh and drink his blood (such as transubstantiation) rather he clearly states that it is believing (faith) that grants salvation in Him. John 6:29, 30-31, 35, 36, 40, 47, 64, 69.
- "Eating" and "drinking" represent wholehearted acceptance of Jesus - the kind that comes with true faith. It is seen in those who do not leave him after such hard teaching, John 6:66-69. Yet even then, Judas remained for reasons other than true faith.

Unfailing Salvation

- An unbroken progression:
 - The Father draws people. John 6:44-45, 65.
 - These people look upon Jesus, believe, and come to (follow) Jesus. John 6:40, 29, 69, 45.
 - Jesus gives them life. John 6:27, 33, 35, 47, 51, 54.
 - Jesus gives them resurrection. John 6:39-40, 44, 54.
- In this Jesus will not fail, John 6:35, 37-40, because it is the will of the Father which he came to do.
- Implication: Anyone who is drawn by the Father and given to the Son that is not ultimately raised represents a failure of Jesus to do the will of the Father. This would be a sin.

Fruits of Faith

- Remember, eating and drinking represent wholehearted acceptance of Jesus. The passage clearly shows unbelievers challenging Jesus and turning away. John 6:30, 36, 41, 52, 60-61, 66. This is not wholehearted acceptance.
- Yet even good fruits do not produce absolute certainty. See Matthew 7:21-24, and the example of Judas, below.

False Converts

- The people that followed him into the wilderness, John 6:2, had some degree of belief, John 6:15, and followed him back to Capernaum, John 6:22-25. But Jesus accuse them of not believing, John 6:36, some grumble, John 6:41, then disputed, John 6:52, and many turned back, John 6:66.
- Notice that Judas is described as chosen by Jesus, John 6:70, yet is unbelieving, John 6:64. He is not described as drawn by God, saved, having eternal life or moving toward resurrection. In fact, he is absent during Jesus' discourse and prayer in John 14-17.
- Many people will be found following Jesus for the wrong reasons. See John 6:26; Matthew 13.

Encouragements

- Keep following Jesus even when it gets tough.
- Be encouraged by the good fruit you bear and more encouraged by your continued seeking and finding.

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