

Lighthouse Bible Church

April 7th, 2013

John 6: 37 – 40 *Scripture Reading Romans 8: 28 - 39*

‘Chosen by the Father and given to Jesus’ ‘We are God’s gift to His Son’

Stand – Read – Pray

We have been working our way through this wonderful book of John and have come to the 6th Chapter where Jesus had feed around 20,000 people with 5 loaves and two fish.

He walked on water to His disciples in the middle of the sea of Galilee and they acknowledged that He was the Son of God and worshipped Him. He met the same group of people that He had fed the bread to the day before and they were seeking Him for their next meal.

Jesus then tells them **not to labor for the food that perishes but for the food which endures to everlasting life, which He could give them.** And because He was making such claims as coming from God, being sealed by God and the way to everlasting life, the crowd of people demanded that He show them a sign so they could believe Him.

We saw last time that this particular group of Jews in the larger group of people demanded a miraculous sign like Moses did in the wilderness with feeding the nation of Israel the manna from heaven.

After rebuking their misunderstanding of scripture and their desire to only have their physical needs met and not their spiritual needs, Jesus tells them plainly that **He is the bread of life and whoever comes to Him will never hunger or thirst.**

But many in that crowd believed that Jesus was nothing more than a miracle worker that they were willing to follow as long as He met their needs and fed them and did what they wanted Him to do. They didn't even mind calling Him the Messiah or Prophet of God but only as long as it was on their terms and not His.

And so Jesus, in John 6: 36 finishes by telling them **you have seen Me yet you do not believe.** You are willing to follow Me and even make Me your king because you have seen the miracles that I have done but you are not willing to **come to Me** that you may have life. Much like some people today.

Most of those who were following Jesus, as we saw last time, were unbelievers that had **seen Him** and heard His teaching and witnessed His signs and miracles and **yet did not believe in Him.**

And in spite of the majority of the crowds negative response to Jesus in the fact that they won't come to Him on His terms, He was not discouraged, He didn't despair over their unbelief, because He understands that His mission to seek and save that which was lost is completely in the control of the sovereign plan and hand of God. That is where we want to pick it up this morning starting in Verse 37.

Verse 37: all that the Father gives Me WILL come to Me and the one who comes to Me I will by no means cast out.

That is a freeing thing and certainly never a cause for disappointment in sharing the gospel because 'all that the Father gives to Jesus WILL come to Him' and since we don't know who they are we share the gospel with everyone and it becomes God's responsibility to draw those whom He wishes to Christ.

My part and your part in the salvation of someone, or someone coming to Christ, is simply sharing the gospel and living the gospel and nothing more, God does the rest. Remember **faith comes by HEARING and hearing by the word of God** as **Romans 10: 17** says and like Paul said in **Romans 1: 16** **I am not ashamed on the gospel of Christ because it is the power of God (what) unto salvation.** ‘All that the Father gives will come to Christ’.

That word **all** there is *pas* in the Greek and is in the neuter singular form which means the ‘all’ is one collective group, a unit or whole group of people as one. So the all there includes every believer who will ever come to Christ is lumped into one group in the all here.

And you want to know something else, this one group of people, that includes every born again believer, was chosen by God to be given to Jesus **before the foundation of the world.** In **Ephesians 1: 4** it says **Just as He chose us in Him BEFORE the foundation of the world.**

2nd Thessalonians 2: 13 says **...brethren, God, from the beginning, chose you for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and belief in the truth...**

2nd Timothy 1: 9 says **God saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to His own purpose and grace which was given to us in Christ Jesus (listen to this) before time began.**

If you are a born again believer here this morning, then you are a part of that ALL and you were chosen by God before time began and your name was written, as **Revelation 13: 8** and **Revelation 17: 8**, says, in the **Lambs book of life from the foundation of the world.**

And when God chose you from eternity past, then He gave you to Jesus on the day of your salvation. You were given to Jesus by God, that's what John says 'all that the Father gives Me'. Think about this! You are a gift from God the Father to God the Son.

Look at **Verse 39**: all that the Father has GIVEN Me. In **John 10: 29** My Father who has GIVEN them to Me. **John 17: 6** says I have manifested Your name to the men whom You have GIVEN to Me out of the world. **John 17: 2** says Jesus shall give eternal life to as many as You have GIVEN Him.

Jesus says in **John 17: 9 – 10** I pray for them. I do not pray for the world but for those whom You have GIVEN Me, for they are Yours. And all Mine are Yours, and Yours are Mine, and I am glorified in them. He goes on to say in **John 17: 20** I do not pray for these alone, but also for those who will believe in Me through their word. That is you and me today.

Jesus says to the Father in **John 17: 24** I desire that they also whom You GAVE Me may be with Me where I am, that they may behold My glory which you have given Me for You loved Me before the foundation of the world.

And by the way, if the Father has chosen you and has given you to His Son Jesus then you **will come to Him**. It says **all that the Father gives Me WILL come to Me**. It is that effectual call that can not be resisted and would not want to be resisted. It is like what **2nd Thessalonians 2: 13** says **God, from the beginning chose you for salvation** and you responded to that by coming to Jesus in repentance and faith.

You want to know something else? You couldn't come to Jesus unless the Father called you, chose you and gave you to Jesus. Jesus is going to say in **John 6: 44** **no one can come to Me unless the Father who sent Me (what) draws Him**. He will say in **Verse 65** **...no one can come to Me unless it has been granted to him by My Father**. Because as **Romans 3: 11** says, **there is none who seeks..**

And now notice this at the end of **Verse 37**. **And the one who comes to Me I will by no means cast out.** Listen, if God calls you and chooses you and gives you to Jesus then Jesus will never, ever, cast you out. You are secure in Christ. Christ will never **cast out** *ekbalo* or **eject**, or to **drive out** or to **send away**. Christ would never do that with a gift given to Him by the Father; and that is what you are, a gift to Jesus by the Father. The reason Jesus will not cast anyone out and receive all that are given to Him is because He came to do the Father's will. Look at Verse 38.

Verses 38 - 39: **For I have come down from heaven not to do My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me. This is the will of the Father who sent Me, that of all He has given Me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up at the last day.**

Not only will Jesus not cast someone out but He will lose no one that was given to Him because He is doing the Father's will. And the Father's will is **Verse 39** **all that He has given Me I should lose** (what) **nothing**. God's will is that every believer that is given to Jesus for eternal life will come to Him and he will never be lost, or lose that security of salvation.

This is the divine call of God to salvation and the security of God in that salvation. What He is saying is that you can never lose your salvation, once you come to Christ in a true conversion of the heart, He will never let you go, He will never cast you out, He will never lose you, no matter what. This is the doctrine of eternal security that we as believers have.

Jesus said in **John 10: 27 – 30** *Read* **Romans 8: 28 – 39** *Review*

1st Peter 1: 3 – 5 *Read Other Verses: 1st Thessalonians 5: 23 – 24, Jude 24, 1st John 5: 11 – 13, Philippians 1: 6, Psalm 103: 10 – 12*

Notice that Jesus says at the end of Verse 39 **but should raise IT up at the last day**. Now He has just been talking about this group of believers that have been given to Him by the Father that have and will come to Him and He lumps them all in one category **IT**. Like we said before the **all**, the **it**, encompasses every believer who will ever believer will be kept and not lost until that resurrection day. Then look at Verse 40.

Verse 40: and this is the will of Him who sent Me, that everyone who sees the Son and believes in Him may have everlasting life and I will raise him up at the last day.

In Verses 37 – 39 we have the divine side of the calling of someone to salvation and in Verse 40 we have the human side of responding to the calling of salvation. This is somewhat of an invitation to the entire crowd because He says **everyone who sees and believes will have everlasting life**.

It is the paradox of the divine calling and election to salvation and the human response to the divine calling. It is us responding to that drawing of the Father to His Son. We then respond to that by repenting of our sin and putting our faith and belief in Jesus, all of which are also gifts from God, we **then have everlasting life**.

Romans 10: 9 – 10 says if we CONFESS with our mouth Jesus as Lord and BELIEVE in our heart that God raised Him from the dead we WILL be saved.

The only thing I can say is this. If you are here today and you have a desire to know this God and Jesus we have been talking about, if you truly want to believe all that you have heard, then that desire may be God drawing you to His Son. Don't ignore it, respond to it by yielding your life to Him. Closing Prayer

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