TRAPPED in the MATERIAL

Main Scripture: John 6: 22 - 64

Supporting Scriptures: John 1:1-4

John writes to us as he records one of the many miracles of Jesus' ministry. He talks about the miracle of feeding the 5000, then he records the miracle of Jesus walking on the water, and then he moves along and talks about Jesus being the Bread of Life.

Jesus knows every one of us and the motive that is behind our action, why we come to church why we show up at every service we can act as if it is Jesus we are interested in but this tells me that He knows.

We can be in the presence of the Lord and miss and fail to recognize the miraculous or even the revelation of God.

This crowd that came seeking Jesus, their only attachment to Jesus was trapped in the materialistic realm

Here we have the revelation of God and what man seeks is only an earthly interpretation.

"...Spend your energy seeking eternal life"

The greatest gift to mankind is eternal life, delivered by Jesus Christ.

Look in the spiritual - Jesus is standing before you as a gift for eternal life. The only work God wants from us is to BELIEVE on Jesus.

The crowd here only wanted miracles and signs.

They compared the miraculous sign of Jesus to Mana when Israel was in the wilderness.

Mana was merely bread to sustain them in the wilderness but the true bread gives us life.

Following Jesus but trapped in the material realm.

Sometimes even now we are trapped as it relates to understanding the revelation we have received.

We are trapped where our sense of reasoning flows only from a materialistic perspective.

These people were similar to the woman at the well that wouldn't mind having the living water to never come back to the well.. a spiritual revelation interpreted through a materialistic lens

Jesus is the Bread of Life here to fill the void and hunger that is in everyone in the world.

Faith in Jesus Guarantees our hunger will be filled and our thirst satisfied.

No man can be justified with God except by faith in Jesus Christ.

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If we grasp the revelation of Jesus it will change the way we think and act. Because when a man comes in contact with Jesus and receives from him eternal life, that person can not live a normal life.

If a man has eternal life that man has faced his own self-will and has divorced his self will. This man's life is lived out based on his relationship with God. He no longer has his own will guiding him, he lives to do the work of Christ.

The question we should ask ourselves is - Do we understand what it means to have eternal life.

Do we really believe that IN HIM is eternal life and that the LIFE was the LIGHT of Men. In Jesus Christ is LIFE

If Life is in HIM then he has to be the focus of my entire life. I have to believe it until every area of my life is subjected to HIM.

What does Jesus say by eating his flesh - Look at John 6: 40

Jesus is saying "All who see his Son and believe in him should have eternal life"

Jesus says the bread of Life is here - you see it and you don't believe. Lord help me to understand your revelation that I may trust in you completely.

Eternal life is for anyone who believes. - Jesus Flesh is true food and his blood is true drink.

Here we have one of the challenges - this doctrine of Jesus becomes and offensive. Many have interpreted this scripture as the Lord's supper (sitting at the table eating the bread represents his body and the wine represents his blood) but if you eat at the Lord's supper and not believe can not obtain eternal life. Jesus is talking about the cross - so to be offended in the eating of his body and the drinking of his blood is to be offended by the cross. His purpose was to die from the sin of humanity.

Have you received the life of which Jesus has come to give any man that believes? It doesn't matter your background or your sins you have committed if you look on the bread of life- guarantee you will receive eternal life.

We can't just give Jesus anything he said the only work he wants is to believe in Jesus in other words do as he says - the half-hearted effort won't work.

Do you really believe in Jesus?

Look at your actions - are you living for this world or living knowing that you are just passing through.

If I understand Eternal life it will make me live a different way.

So much energy is spent on the material world and not enough on the world to come.

We do a lot of good works but we are not thinking about what Jesus says - If any man doesn't believe in me he will die in your sins.

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"Human effort accomplishes nothing" - John 6: 63

there is a lot of things that have cumbered our minds and what we have is our own church ministry but I want the Bread of Life.

I want to see Jesus as it is. Life is with Him. Eternal life is with Jesus and if we have it we will walk holy and live holy and glorify the name of the Lord. Through trials and troubles, you will have joy. We are citizens of heaven our eyes are not fixed on the things of this world. Yes, the temptation comes but when you have eternal life you look on it and say I am a stranger passing through.

I want the ministry of Jesus to be lived out. To have young men and women who will look on this world as to how the apostles looked on it - they are just pilgrims passing through. I don't want any plains of Jordan I am feeding from the Master's table and I have a drink of His blood and ever since I can't live like anybody else. Every time I get up or lay down he's on my mind. He has consumed me.

To know Him is to experience Him.

Let's immerse ourselves in a proper study of the ministry of Jesus that will challenge us that will communicate life to people who are dying.