

- I. Opening Thoughts
 - A. Jesus is the Bread of Life
 - B. The things of this world will grow stale
 - C. Jesus is the Giver of supernatural life
- II. Exegetical Notes
 - A. Vss. 41-43
 1. The Jewish leaders grumbling here is the same kind of grumbling Israel did in the wilderness toward Moses and God – Exodus 16:8; Numbers 14:27
 2. Many people cannot accept the demands of Jesus. To protect themselves from the message, they reject the messenger
 3. They could not accept the fact that a humble man like Jesus could come from heaven
 4. Again, they were exposing their continued ignorance by thinking physical, not spiritual
 5. One way we can grumble against God is to disagree with His standards and commands
 - B. Vss. 44-45
 1. “No one can come” means “no one is able to come to me”. No human being in this world, on his own, has the moral and spiritual ability to come to Christ unless the Father “draws him”, that is, gives him the desire and inclination to come and the ability to place trust in Christ.
 2. “Whosoever will”? While “whosoever will” may come to the Father, only those whom the Father gives the ability to will toward Him will actually come to Him. The drawing God produces the desired effect. Those whom God has chosen will believe because God has sovereignly determined that result in eternity past – MacArthur (Ephesians 1:9-11)
 3. Those taught by God to grasp the truth are also drawn by God the Father to embrace the Son
 4. If someone comes to faith and repentance to God, it is because they have been “taught” and hence drawn by God
 5. The preacher cannot persuade people to come to Christ; God has to draw them or compel them
 6. Don't take credit for what God has done in you
 - C. Vss. 47-48
 1. Jesus gives an invitation to believe. He echoes the thought of John 3:36. It is also a warning against unbelief
 2. Those who believe cannot approach Jesus as if they are doing Him a favor, as if they know what is best for Him
 3. We must believe on His terms, by His grace
 4. All of this is meant by Him saying, “I am the bread of life”
 - D. Vss. 48-51
 1. The manna they ate was enough to last for only one day. The next day they needed to get more and repeat it six days a week for 38 years
 2. The bread of this world will not sustain us for long. It will grow old and stale. It is not lasting. It will not fill the voids in our life. H.A.L.T
 3. In vs. 51, Jesus is prophetically speaking of His crucifixion
 - E. Vs. 52
 1. The Jews were forbidden to drink blood or eat meat with blood in it
 2. Again, they failed to see the spiritual significance of Jesus' words
 3. Nicodemus, the Samaritan woman, and the 5,000 were the same way (cp. John 3:4; 4:15; 6:33-34)
 - F. Vss. 53-58
 1. Just as bread (eating) and drinking are necessary to sustain our human life, so belief in His sacrificial death is necessary for eternal life
 2. Jesus is saying He is the giver of supernatural life
 3. Be united to Him, feast upon Him, come into Him; not have an occasional relationship with Him God
 4. Be looking for a wholehearted commitment and pursuit of union w/ Him, which will grant spiritual life
 5. Religion won't do it
 6. Be in Christ Jesus. Take all of Him as if you were ingesting Him
 7. Belief in Jesus – to the point of partaking in role in the world (including His suffering) – is the way to God