

Lesson X.

JESUS THE BREAD OF LIFE

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BETWEEN THE LESSONS—When Jesus and his disciples had landed on the western side of the lake, they went again to Capernaum.

GOLDEN TEXT—Jesus said unto them, I am the bread of life.—John 6 : 35.

*Memorize Isa. 55 : 13.

THE LESSON PASSAGE—John 6 : 24-37. Study John 6 : 22-40.

24 When the ¹people therefore saw that Je'sus was not there, neither his disciples, they ²also took shipping, and came to Capernaum, seeking ³for Je'sus.

25 And when they ⁴had found him on the other side of the sea, they said unto him, Rab'bi, when camest thou hither?

26 Je'sus answered them and said, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Ye seek me, not because ye saw ⁵the miracles, but because ye ⁶did eat of the loaves, and were filled.

27 ⁷Labour not for the meat which perisheth, but for ⁸that meat which ⁹endureth unto everlasting life, which the Son of man shall give unto you : for him ¹⁰hath God the Father sealed.

28 ¹¹Then said they unto him, What ¹²shall we do, that we ¹³might work the works of God?

29 Je'sus answered and said unto them, This is the work of God, that ye believe on him whom he hath sent.

30 They said therefore unto him, What ¹⁴sign shew-

est thou then, that we may see, and believe thee? what ¹⁵dost thou work?

31 Our fathers ¹⁶did eat manna in the ¹⁷desert; as it is written, He gave them bread ¹⁸from heaven to eat.

32 ¹⁹Then Je'sus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, ²⁰Mo'ses gave you not that bread from heaven; but my Father giveth you the true bread ²¹from heaven.

33 For the bread of God is ²²he which cometh down ²³from heaven, and giveth life unto the world.

34 ²⁴Then said they unto him, Lord, evermore give us this bread.

35 ²⁵And Je'sus said unto them, I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall ²⁶never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst.

36 But I said unto you, That ye ²⁷also have seen me, and ²⁸believe not.

37 All that ²⁹the Father giveth me shall come ³⁰to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out.

Revised Version—¹multitude; ²themselves got into the boats, and came; ³Omit for; ⁴Omit had; ⁵signs; ⁶ate; ⁷Work not; ⁸the; ⁹abideth unto eternal life; ¹⁰the Father, even God, hath sealed; ¹¹They said therefore unto; ¹²must; ¹³may; ¹⁴then doest thou for a sign; ¹⁵workest thou; ¹⁶ate the; ¹⁷wilderness; ¹⁸out of; ¹⁹Jesus therefore said; ²⁰It was not Moses that gave you the bread out of heaven; ²¹that which; ²²Omit And; ²³not; ²⁴Omit also; ²⁵yet; ²⁶which; ²⁷unto.

† HOME DAILY BIBLE READINGS

M.—Jesus the bread of life, John 6 : 22-27.

J.—Jesus the bread of life, John 6 : 28-40.

W.—The life-giving bread, John 6 : 41-48.

Th.—The Last Supper, Luke 22 : 7-20.

F.—"Come ye, buy and eat," Isa. 55 : 1-7.

S.—"Food convenient," Prov. 30 : 4-9.

S.—"They shall hunger no more," Rev. 7 : 9-17.

THE LESSON EXPLAINED

I. A GRACIOUS INVITATION.—24, 25.

The multitude who had been fed, when they found that Jesus had left the eastern shore of the lake, followed him in boats to Capernaum. Having found him, they asked, in wonder, how he had crossed the lake, knowing that the disciples had gone away without him.

26. Jesus answered . . . Verily, verily; words

which, on our Lord's lips, always introduce some serious and important matter. Ye seek me, not because ye saw signs (Rev. Ver.). The multitude had no desire for spiritual blessings, but only a greedy wish for more bodily food. Did eat . . . and were filled; and they would have been well pleased, if Jesus had continued to give them food for their bodies.

27-29. Labour not for the meat (food) which perisheth; like the loaves and fishes. But for . . . meat which endureth; the food of the soul, which



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Him hath God the Father sealed. To seal means to attest, to witness to. The miracle just performed was a witness to Jesus' divine authority and power. He who had thus given them bread for their bodies could give them bread for their souls. What shall we do? In order to do things pleasing to God. Believe on him . . . sent. The very first thing to do, if we would do things pleasing to God, is to listen believingly to the messenger sent to teach his will.

II. A WONDERFUL GIFT.—30-33. What sign,

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will give undying life. Unto everlasting life. This spiritual food is not destroyed, but remains in the soul, giving continual strength and joy. The Son of man; a title which expresses our Lord's sympathy with every human need. Shall give. The food that nourishes the soul's life is the free, personal gift of Christ, as was the food supplied on the preceding day.