

“The Wrong Desire Feeds The Wrong Intention”

John 6 Introduction

2nd Corinthians 12:8-10 Three times I pleaded with the Lord to take it (Paul’s thorn in the flesh) away from me. 9 But He said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for My power is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ’s power may rest on me. 10 That is why, for Christ’s sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

Proverbs 3:5-6 Trust in the Lord with all your heart

and lean not on your own understanding; 6 in all your ways submit to Him and He will make your paths straight.

JOHN 6 OUTLINE: Vs. 1-15 Feeding the multitudes;

vs. 16-21 Walking on water; vs. 22-59 The Bread of Life discourse; vs. 60-71 The crowd reaction.

John 6 brings out the issue of our physical surface needs versus our deepest soul needs.

John called Jesus’ miracles, signs because they were done for a purpose.

Here in John 6, our first sign demonstrates that Jesus is the bread or sustenance of our spiritual life.

And some believers have trouble with this passage; they believe Jesus created the universe from nothing and that He sustains it but it’s beyond them to consider that He could manufacture dinner for so many from so little.

They loved our Lord’s miracles but they hated His Words.

During our Lord’s earthly ministry, there were no real gathering places for large crowds.

So, how did Jesus get large groups together then?

The Lord performed signs or miracles to prove He was the Son of God and gain a hearing for His life-changing message of eternal life for all who trust in Him.

The purpose of our Lord’s miracles goes far beyond the removal of temporal suffering to the far greater extent of preventing eternal suffering in the Lake of Fire.

Miracles are designed to challenge believers to apply the Word of God to their experience and thus grow in the grace and knowledge of their Savior and thereby glorify their Father in Heaven.

It is one thing to know the Word of God but quite another to believe it, apply it and live it regularly!

Isaiah 26:3-4 You will keep in perfect peace those whose minds are steadfast because they trust in You. Trust in the Lord forever, for the Lord, the Lord Himself, is the Rock eternal.