"Where Shall We Buy Bread"

John 6:1-15Jesus' ministry grew exponentially without signs, wonders and miracles there with no healings recorded, yet there was an overwhelmingly positive response to Him and His grace message.

Jesus made it clear that He is equal to God; He claimed that His work is the work of the Father, His thoughts and motivations are the thoughts and motivations of the Father, His words are the Father's words, making Him equal with God in His deity and yet at the same time, completely subordinate to God the Father in His humanity.

So, as the Apostle John drives home his point that Jesus Christ is not only Israel's Messiah but also the Savior

of all mankind, we must conclude that He is Who He claims to be and therefore, He has the authority,

the ability and the power to provide everything necessary for us and to solve all our problems as well.

They loved our Lord's miracles but they hated

His Words.

- 1) Passover; 2) Unleavened Bread; 3) First-fruits; 4) Pentecost; 5) Trumpets; 6) Atonement;
- 7) Tabernacles and The Feast of Dedication, aka

The Feast of Lights, aka Hanukah.

The word for Feast comes from the Hebrew chag, meaning to dance and be joyous; the feasts were designed by God to bring happiness to His people as they related that happiness to biblical truth.

The feasts were commemorative celebrations of God's grace and therefore tests of biblical truth in the soul,

like the Lord's Communion table is to us.

The feasts highlighted the grace blessings received from capacity developed from biblical truth resident in

our souls.

The feasts were related to the practical everyday living of the Jews and biblical truth has practical temporal application as well as spiritual application blessing; biblical truth is a

producer of uncommon sense.

<u>During our Lord's earthly ministry, there were no real gathering places for large crowds.</u> 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!

<u>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.</u>

<u>Matthew 6:33 But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness and all these things will be given</u>

to you as well.

1st Peter 5:6-7 Humble yourselves, therefore under God's mighty Hand, that He may lift you up in due time. Cast ALL your anxiety on Him because He cares for you.

<u>Philippians 4:19 And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of His glory in Christ Jesus.</u>

<u>Isaiah 41:10</u> So do not fear, FOR I AM WITH YOU; do not be dismayed, FOR I AM YOUR GOD.

I WILL STRENGTHEN YOU and HELP YOU; I WILL UPHOLD YOU with My righteous right Hand.

God has provided for bad days, bad weeks, good days and good weeks.

Disaster in our lives is designed to demonstrate God's power in our weakness.