John # 112 "Does This Offend You?" John 6:53-63; Isaiah 5:20-24

At some point in life Jesus Christ offends everyone, even His own followers and in John 6, He was so offensive that He lost the majority of His followers.

The Lord Jesus Christ was kind and loving to everyone but He was also an anti-politician when He offended tons of people because He cared more about telling them the truth than being liked by them to increase

His poll numbers.

Weak people will bend over backwards to be accepted and perhaps liked by others but a balanced strong individual will always opt for someone's respect over and above their affection.

We live in a world of moral relativism with no real right or wrong; a situational ethics approach with no absolute truth standards that apply to everyone, everywhere at all times. These Jews are amazed concerning Jesus but they missed the point because they're fixated on His ancestry, upbringing and home life, proving they are consumed with the idea of DNA pedigree and so, they reject Him based on the arrogance of class distinction.

Their thinking was: "This Jesus speaks like an educated man but He doesn't have a degree from our approved institutions and that offends us, so He doesn't matter to us!"

A prophet has honor and the Lord Jesus Christ has been accepted as the God-Man, the Son of David, Israel's Messiah everywhere else at least by some but in His own back yard, He is rejected which means

at that time not even any of His own brothers were saved but later on they were.

People are offended because they have no concept of God's grace or they have rejected it if they do somehow understand it.

Everything depends on the power of God; human ability and human power are never a substitute

for unlimited divine omnipotent strength.

So, what makes a great nation? The Word of God, the Lord Jesus Christ and the grace of God, period.

A great nation isn't made by the judgment of its people and their politics; behind it all there must be something to give it strength, hold it together and make it something really spectacular and

that is the precious Living Word of God and His legacy, the equally precious written Word of God.

So, who's NOT offended by Jesus Christ? Those who remember that His Words are spirit and life!

The true meaning of Jesus' *Bread of life* discourse is a deep life-changing concept because He is our daily bread, the One in whom we learn to ingest spiritual nourishment from.

Consistency is the secret to growing up spiritually, so we must be challenged daily to respond with God's truth regardless of the circumstances which arise in our lives.

Confusion demands concentration, so if we've not been concentrating while filled with the HS in Bible class, we cannot not expect to be able to concentrate when faced with the confusion caused by Satan's world system.

We cannot apply what we do not know.

Manna tasted good to some and bad to others.

A relaxed mental attitude demands biblical truth and loser believers live in mental attitude sins.

Manna was free to the positive believer and expensive for the negative believer. <u>John 3:36 "Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life but whoever rejects the Son</u> will not see life, for God's wrath remains on them."

Regardless of the mental attitude of the Exodus generation Jew, God kept His promise. GOD KEEPS HIS WORD!!!