

## John 6

## ASVh with Comments

**Summary.** In this chapter, the Lord Jesus teaches the disciples and us about the distinction between food for the physical body and food for the soul, as well as how to attain eternal life for our souls. **John 6:1-15.** The Lord Jesus feeds a great multitude. The Lord has mercy on the people who followed Him on the Tiberias side of the Sea of Galilee, and He provides food for them by multiplying five barley loaves and two small fishes from a little boy. In this portion of Scripture, the Lord also wants to teach His disciples and us how to solve our problems by coming first to the Lord of life in helping because He is the Lord and knows all the ways to help. **John 6:16-21.** The Lord Jesus walks on the sea. The Lord Jesus performs the miracles of walking on the sea and shortening the time and distance for the benefit of His disciples and those who read after them. **John 6:22-59.** The Lord Jesus is the bread of life, the true bread from heaven. In Capernaum, the Lord Jesus teaches about the spiritual food for our souls and what is the true food and drink for our souls to gain eternal life. The life that the Lord Jesus gave on the cross is the true bread of heaven that all humans can take as food for their souls, but only if they learn to accept and admit in their souls that He is the Son of God. Therefore, when taking the communion, as a believer, one must never forget His sacrifice on the cross and the meaning of His sacrifice for our lives and believe and follow His teachings. As true believers taking the communion, we must surrender completely, both soul and body, to follow the beloved Son of God; for any believer who does that, the beloved Son Himself will be with that person and will be an inner strength and vitality and protection for that person. **John 6:60-71.** The words of the Spirit of Christ are eternal life. The teachings of the Beloved Son of God are eternal life for those who listen and obey. Still, humans have the free will to follow or not follow His teachings.

<sup>1</sup> After these **Jesus** went away **over** the Sea of Galilee, **of** Tiberias.

**Comments 6:1.** This verse tells us that the Lord Jesus traveled across the Galilee Sea to the side of the Tiberias city. For verses 1 to 13, see Comments Mark 6:32-44. In the Gospel of Mark, we explain that the feeding event described in John 6:1-13 is a distinct feeding miracle, different from the one described in Mark 6:30-44, Matthew 14:13-21, and Luke 9:10-17. We can tell the difference by the feeding place: two different locations, not the same. In addition, Matthew 14:21, Luke 9:14, and Mark 6:44 (ESV, ASV) versus John 6:10 (ESV, ASV) are the separating verses as per the number of people. From Matthew 14:21, we can conclude that at the first feeding area (See map Jesus' Travel from the Gospel of Mark), there were about "five thousand men besides women and children." Then, from John 6:10, we can conclude that at the second feeding area (See map Jesus' Travel from the Gospel of Mark), there were about three thousand people, as per individuals (See verse John 6:10 – Codex Sinaiticus). It is believed that when John 6:10 (ESV) says, "have the people sit down" and then, "so the men sat down," both refer to the same number of people. In John 6:10, people and men are one in God's eyes.

The difference in the number of people fed and the locations where the miracles took place indicates that there were two distinct feeding events.

<sup>2</sup> **Now**, many common people followed **Him** because they **saw** the signs which **He** was doing to those being sick.

**Comments 6:2.** From the verse, we can notice that they saw the signs that the Lord Jesus was doing. So, the people have followed the beloved Son of God because they all expected to see even more miracles that He would perform in healing the sick.

<sup>3</sup> And **Jesus** went up **on** the mountain, and there **He** sat with **His** disciples.

<sup>4</sup> Now the Passover, the feast of the Jews, was at hand.

<sup>5</sup> **Jesus**, therefore, **having lifted up His** eyes, and **having seen** that a great multitude **is coming to Him**, **says to Philip**, **From where shall** we buy bread, that these may eat?

**Comments 6:5.** This verse tells us about how much love the beloved Son of God has for humans. He saw that so many have come, and He has mercy on them. Also, here, He wants to bring the disciples' attention back to the task at hand: there are many people, so much food is needed; that is what the Lord wants His disciples to think now.

<sup>6</sup> And this **He** said **testing** him, for **Himself** knew what **He** was about to do.

**Comments 6:6.** This verse is a continuation of the thought the Lord wants to convey to His disciples: the beloved Son of God already knows what will happen after He says the word, and here we can also notice this. But always, the Lord wants us to think about how to solve the problem when we can see who can help us; come first to the Lord of life in helping because He is the Lord and knows all the ways to help.

<sup>7</sup> Philip answered **Him**, Two hundred **denarii** of bread **are** not sufficient for them, **in order** that **each** one may **receive some** little.

**Comments 6:7.** In this verse, all believers can see clearly that Philip, one of the disciples, did not think about the Lord's miracles; he thought only about what he had in his hand and how much it could go. Instead, he should think about the little he has and how much the beloved Son of God can multiply to be more than enough for all; but, with his head only, he thought it would be not enough what he has.

Even a hundred miracles before the eyes, Philip, a simple man, in his mind, could not link them; the simple mind of a man cannot link the past and the present together, and here Philip is an example of a simple mind. Here, a simple mind means thinking with our simple mind and not with our heart.

<sup>8</sup> One of **His** disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, **says to Him**,

**Comments 6:8.** "Andrew, Simon Peter's brother." Think as well, in that place, could it be just one named Andrew or not? To be more specific, the better term is to bring the brother Simon as well, and in this verse, we can know who is speaking, which Andrew, people can think as well, and it is more explicit.

<sup>9</sup> **Here** is a **little boy**, who **has** five barley loaves, and two **small** fishes; **however**, what are these **to** so many?

**Comments 6:9.** In the other feeding in Matthew 14:17, Mark 6:38, and Luke 9:13, we have the same number of loaves and fishes, but we do not have the story with the little boy.

This fact also clarifies to all readers that it cannot be one feeding when the other three Gospels do not mention the boy who has the fishes and the loaves. So, all readers should make a difference when reading the Bible, separate the story out, and then the mind will be clear; many people have read these feeding miracles and get confused, but bring the differences and the similarities and compare them, and then you will have the correct conclusion, that the feeding in the Gospel of John cannot be the same as in the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, and Luke.

This one (Andrew) had walked around the people and found the boy with food and had come to make a report to the beloved Son of God. However, he also feared that what food he had found was still not enough for so many people. The human mind cannot think beyond what is in front of their eyes; even though they have seen miracles before, the mind still cannot link the situation and the way to solve the problem. They all have walked with the beloved Son of God for some time and have seen many miracles, but they still need time to make up their own minds and accept what they know.

<sup>10</sup> **Jesus** said, **Make** the people sit down. Now was much grass in the place. **Then**, the men sat down, **the** number about five thousand [original manuscript "**three thousand**" – See Codex Sinaiticus textual variants John 6:10: "τρισχιλιοι (three thousands) - singular reading. Amended to πεντακισχιλιοι (five thousand) by the second corrector"].

**Comments 6:10.** This verse, John 6:10, uses both Greek words, for people or humans (ἄνθρώπους) and for men (ἄνδρες); while in Luke 9:14, Mark 6:44, and Matthew 14:21, the Bible uses only the Greek word for men (ἄνδρες).

It is believed that when this verse says, "have the people sit down" and then "so the men sat down," both people and men refer to the same amount of people. So, in John 6:10, people and men are one in God's eyes.

However, in Matthew 14:21, we know that during that feeding, the number of people fed was about 5000 men plus women and children, so much more than 5000 individuals, while here in this feeding in John, we believe the total amount of people fed to be about 3000 individuals as given in Codex Sinaiticus. We believe the number 3000 to be the correct original number given in the Gospel of John, which was potentially altered during the process of copying the original manuscript in order to match the numbers with the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, and Luke and to have these feedings be the same. However, we believe that the

feeding in the Gospel of John is a different feeding, so this number, the location of the feeding, and the story with the little boy are vital pointers to support this.

<sup>11</sup> **Jesus**, therefore, took the loaves, and having given thanks, distributed to **those reclining**; in like manner also of the **fish**, as much as they **wished**.

**Comments 6:11.** See Comments Matthew 14:19.

<sup>12</sup> **But** when they were filled, **He says to His** disciples, Gather up **the leftover pieces so** that nothing be lost.

**Comments 6:12.** As the reader can see, the miracle of the beloved Son of God has created more food than they could possibly eat; there is support here, as they even have leftovers. Therefore, if every believer trusts in the mercy of the beloved Son of God, everyone will have leftover food, not only physical food but also spiritual food. But moreover, here in this place, the beloved Son of God has taught everyone that when you have leftovers, take care of that as well; things may come easy, but they don't last forever if you are not taking care of them, that is why He has told them to gather up the leftover so nothing would be lost.

<sup>13</sup> So they gathered **together** and filled twelve baskets with broken pieces from the five barley loaves, which **were left over from** those having eaten.

**Comments 6:13.** This verse supports the previous verse: the beloved Son of God truly created food in abundance, more than they could eat; notice the amount of leftovers from the original they had. You, as well, will have leftovers of the blessing the Lord will pour down on you, but all of this is according to faith and trust in the beloved Son of God from your heart, not just an empty mouth speaking, so when you tell people you believe, make sure your heart is agreeing with what you have talked, your heart holds the true faith in you.

<sup>14</sup> **Then** the people **having seen** the sign which **has been done**, said, This is **truly** the **Prophet** that **comes** into the world.

**Comments 6:14.** The beloved Son of God has done miracles, and people have confirmed in their faith that the mercy of the Father has come down, and they have taken the beloved Son of God as a true Prophet from heaven who came down to this earth for them. In the humans' mind here, the beloved Son of God is everything, human, prophet, even angel, because they also realize that all things are from Him as well.

<sup>15</sup> **Jesus**, therefore, perceiving that they **are** about to come and **to seize Him in order that** to make **Him** king, withdrew again **to** the mountain **Himself** alone.

**Comments 6:15.** We can notice that they want the beloved Son of God to be their king; now they have lifted the beloved Son of God to be their king, but the beloved Son of God had gone up to the mountain alone to be with the Father and to get the direction of work on this work.

**Q:** Are the events describing Jesus' walking on the water telling the same story in all three Gospels (Mark 6:45-51, Matthew 14:22-32, and John 6:15-21)? **A:** All three Gospels describe one and the same event; they have some minor differences, but each difference is for a purpose, but none are against each other. For comments on this passage of Scripture, see Comments Matthew 14:22-32 and Comments Mark 6:45-51.

<sup>16</sup> **Now** when evening came, **His** disciples went down **to** the sea,

**Comments 6:16. Q:** Are the events describing Jesus' walking on the water telling the same story in all three Gospels (Mark 6:45-51, Matthew 14:22-32, and John 6:15-21)? **A:** All three Gospels describe one and the same event; they have some minor differences, but each difference is for a purpose, and none are against each other. For comments on this passage of Scripture, see Comments Matthew 14:22-32 and Comments Mark 6:45-51.

<sup>17</sup> and **having embarked on** a boat, **they** were going **on the other side of** the sea, **to** Capernaum. And it **had become already** dark, and **Jesus** had not come to them.

**Comments 6:17. Q:** In Mark 6:45, the Bible tells us that the disciples were going to the other side to Bethsaida, whereas this verse indicates that they were going over the sea to Capernaum. **A:** The disciples sailed first to Bethsaida; this is just a way of travel, going back and forth between Bethsaida and Capernaum, and in the Gospel of John, we are given the further destination of travel. John tells the events from another viewpoint; he doesn't go in the same way of events as the other gospels.

<sup>18</sup> And the sea was **agitated** by a **strong** wind **blowing**.

<sup>19</sup> **Then having** rowed about **three** or **four** miles, they **see Jesus** walking on the sea and **coming near** the boat, and they were **frightened**.

**Comments 6:19.** Now, the disciples have seen another miracle; the human eyes have seen the beloved Son of God's power to walk on water. The normal human will not be able to do that, but the beloved Son of God in human form also has the power the same as God, so He can walk wherever He pleases.

<sup>20</sup> But **He** says to them, **I am**, be not afraid.

**Comments 6:20. Q:** In Mathew 14:28-33, we have Peter walking on water and the disciples worshipping the Lord Jesus as the Son of God; however, all these events are skipped in this Gospel. **A:** Because the Bible is one book, all readers must read every book in the Bible to get all the events complete and continuing. Every believer must read the whole Bible, not only one Gospel. Reading one Gospel does not mean you have finished reading the Word of God. In each Gospel, there are more details to support the events in a different way. For example, to understand this story in this Gospel, we need to look back to another Gospel, where it is told in a different way; however, upon analyzing all the events, they will support each other.

<sup>21</sup> **Then** they were willing to receive **Him** into the boat, and **at once**, the boat **came to** the land **to which** they were going.

**Comments 6:21.** Now, in this verse, not only have the disciples seen the miracle, but all the believers who read the Holy Bible find the miracle. The power of God's beloved Son in shortening the time and distance as He steps on the boat is shown here. The verse tells us that "at once," the boat has reached the destination; this is shortening the time and distance, and the proof of authority and the power of the beloved Son of God over time and nature, which has been written here for all.

<sup>22</sup> On the **next day**, the multitude **standing** on the other side of the sea, **having seen** that was no other boat there, **except** one, and that **Jesus embarked** not with **His** disciples into the boat, but **rather His** disciples **departed** alone;

**Comments 6:22.** As the verse has told, people have taken notice that the beloved Son of God did not enter the boat with His disciples; this event will stir many hearts to think of who this Man could be, and later on, they will notice the signs He has done.

<sup>23</sup> **but** there came **other** boats from Tiberias **near** the place where they ate the bread, the **Lord having** given thanks.

<sup>24</sup> When the multitude, therefore, **perceived** that **Jesus** is not there, neither **His** disciples, they themselves **embarked on** the boats and came to Capernaum, seeking **Jesus**.

<sup>25</sup> And **having** found **Him** on the other side of the sea, they said **to Him, Rabbi**, when **have Thou** come here?

**Comments 6:25.** Now, all readers can notice that the people start to have questions within themselves of how and when the beloved Son of God has come there when they themselves know that He did not enter the boat with the disciples on the other side of the sea (Tiberias), but now He is here in person as well on this side (Capernaum).

<sup>26</sup> **Jesus** answered them and said, **Truly, Truly, I say to you, You seek Me**, not because **you** saw signs, but because **you** ate of the loaves, and were **satisfied**.

**Comments 6:26.** Here, the beloved Son of God has pointed to all humans to check why they are following Him. Ask yourself as well the true reason you follow the Lord: do you follow Him because you want something or believe He will give you something? Check your true heart if you follow because He will give you something or because you want something from Him that has a different purpose of heart.

<sup>27</sup> **Search** not food that **is perishing**, but the food **that is enduring** unto eternal life, which the **Son of Man** will give **to you**; for **Him, God** the **Father** has sealed.

**Comments 6:27.** Ask yourself what you should expect, the things of this earth or the true joy of the earth that will come. Every believer should think as well that the things of this earth you enjoy for a while, but the

things of the world to come are for eternity, and you do not know what it is yet; but this is the faith that you have or not have, so expect for the things unseen yet.

“For Him, God the Father has sealed.” What the beloved Son of God has told us is that the Father has given Him power and authority; He did not give Him only what He can give to any believer on this earth, but the power to make decisions for the world to come, the beloved Son of God has that authority to give as well. Therefore, have faith that leads to eternal life; when on this earth, if a person has put faith in the beloved Son of God, the beloved Son of God has the authority to receive that person to live an eternal life with Him in heaven.

<sup>28</sup> They said therefore to Him, What must we do, in order that we might search the works of God?

<sup>29</sup> Jesus answered and said to them, This is the work of God, that you should believe in the One whom He sent.

**Comments 6:29.** The Father has sent the beloved Son of God for them; if they want to search for God, they must believe and trust the beloved Son of God, and also, they need to follow His teaching all their life, and that will be considered as you are doing the work for God. God's beloved Son has come down; the law is complete; there is no need for any burnt offerings anymore. The old law asks for sacrifices, but the perfect offering has already been made on the cross; there is no need for those sacrifices anymore.

<sup>30</sup> They said therefore to Him, Then what sign do Thou do, so we might see, and believe Thee? What do Thou work?

**Comments 6:30.** This question is a common question all humans would have: if He is who He claims He is, they want to see the proof as well; they all want Him to do something for them, which is not related to worshiping the Father but worshiping the convenience they would receive, that is what most humans want from Him.

<sup>31</sup> Our fathers ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, He gave them bread out of heaven to eat.

**Comments 6:31.** They want to force the beloved Son of God to do something by using what the Father had done for their fathers when they were traveling out of Egypt. It is still the same way: they all want the beloved Son of God to do something for them, as the Father has done for their fathers to prove Himself, so they want the Son to do something as well.

<sup>32</sup> Jesus, therefore, said to them, Truly, truly, I say to you, Not Moses has given you the bread out of heaven, but My Father gives you the true bread out of heaven.

**Comments 6:32.** Because their forefather told them what Moses had done, it made them all think that manna is the true bread of heaven; also, their mind kept thinking about the same bread of heaven, which kept them waiting.

“But My Father gives you the true bread out of heaven.” But now, the beloved Son of God has told them the true meaning of the bread out of heaven, which they will have to think about and accept.

<sup>33</sup> Indeed the bread of God is the One coming down from heaven and giving life to the world.

**Comments 6:33.** As the verse tells us, the true bread of God is the beloved Son of God Himself, who will give His life for all humans. The life that He gave is the true bread of heaven that all humans can take, but only if they learn to accept and admit in their own souls that He is the Son of God.

<sup>34</sup> They said therefore to Him, Lord, evermore give us this bread.

**Comments 6:34.** As the verse says, they were still misunderstanding. In their minds, they thought of physical eating; just as Moses had given them food to eat, they expected that the beloved Son of God would provide them with food to eat. Their minds were still thinking of physical things, but the food of life is the bread of the Spirit, not the physical. Therefore, humans can strengthen the soul not by physical food but by spiritual food, which is the Word of God and everything the beloved Son of God is teaching; meditate on the Word of God, which is the true food for the soul.

<sup>35</sup> Jesus said to them; I am the bread of life; whoever comes to Me shall not ever hunger, and whoever believes in Me shall not ever thirst.



**Comments 6:35.** Here is this place, all believers should carefully think about what should be done not to be thirsty and hungry, but do not think about the physical feeling; instead, use your heart to think and hunger and thirst to want to know more; most important of all, meditate on the Holy Word, and that is how the soul of the believer will have a test of real food for the soul.

“Whoever comes to Me shall not ever hunger.” The beloved Son of God has given His body on this earth as the bread for humans’ lives and souls; anyone who takes communion must remember as well that the beloved Son of God’s human body has been tortured for all humans’ sins; the pain and suffering the Lord has received in His human body that is for the sins of the whole world that He has taken in the suffering of His human body; all believers should remember about this. Whoever comes to the beloved Son of God with a whole heart and begs for His mercy for themselves, the beloved Son of God will give them peace for their soul, and their soul will not be hungry anymore for peace.

“Whoever believes in Me shall not ever thirst.” For all believers who believe in the Lord Jesus’ crucifixion and take communion regularly, the wine grape juice that you drink represents the beloved Son of God’s blood that has poured out from His human body on the earth, for all who have faith in His death and resurrection, that soul will not be in thirst for peace, the peace deep in the soul, even in the moment of trouble, that peace will never leave you.

<sup>36</sup> But **I** said to you, that **even** you have seen **Me**, and yet believe not.

**Comments 6:36.** This verse does not only speak to people of the past; people nowadays have the Holy Bible portraying the picture of the Lord Jesus, and when the Holy Bible speaks of the beloved Son of God, you have all read it. But, still, the real meaning did not get into your hearts because you did not truly believe what the Holy Bible has told you about the beloved Son of God.

<sup>37</sup> All that the **Father** gives **Me** will come to **Me**, and the one coming to **Me** **I** will certainly not cast out.

**Comments 6:37.** Pay attention to what the verse has told: all the believers who come to the beloved Son of God do not come only by their own will alone but by the calling of the Father Himself. The Father has called those for the beloved Son of God, and when you have obeyed that calling and have considered yourself to be a servant of the beloved Son of God, by listening and obeying His teaching, the beloved Son of God will never deny you or cast you out from Him.

<sup>38</sup> **Because** **I** have come down from heaven, not to do **My** will, but the will of the **One** having sent **Me**.

**Comments 6:38.** This verse has been interpreted in many ways by many people; some even say that the beloved Son of God did not want to be sacrificed, but He did it to fulfill the Father’s will. Still, they all forgot that the beloved Son of God does not need to leave His throne, but by His own will, He left the throne and came down on earth, and then He obeyed the Father’s will after He was born on earth. He did not fight to live longer on earth, but, with His own will, He took the death on the cross and took the torture by His own creatures that He has created; that is the love of the beloved Son Himself.

<sup>39</sup> And this is the will of the **One** that sent **Me**, in order that all that **He** has given **Me** **I** should lose none of them but will raise them up in the last day.

**Comments 6:39.** “... will raise them up in the last day.” When the judgment day comes, those who are faithful to Him, He Himself will raise them up, and they will be with Him.

<sup>40</sup> For this is the will of **My Father**, in order that everyone beholding the **Son**, and believing in **Him**, should have eternal life, and **I** will raise him up at the last day.

**Comments 6:40.** “Everyone beholding the Son.” This saying means the same as saying everyone who is faithful to Him.

<sup>41</sup> The Jews therefore were murmuring concerning **Him**, because **He** said, **I** am the bread which came down from heaven.

<sup>42</sup> And they were saying, Is not this **Jesus**, the **Son** of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How does **He** now say, **I** have come down from heaven?

**Comments 6:42.** When the beloved Son of God has told the truth, those who have hearts against Him will not accept and will not try to understand what He has said. Even though the beloved Son of God has told them where He has come from, their ears and hearts have been shut off from listening to the truth. Because they have seen Joseph and Mary raise Him up from a young child until adulthood, their minds only

think what they see; in their minds and hearts, only what they have seen is what they can use to justify their understanding.

<sup>43</sup> **Jesus** answered and said to them, Murmur not with each other.

<sup>44</sup> No one is able to come to **Me**, if not the **Father** who sent **Me** draws him; and **I** will raise him up in the last day.

**Comments 6:44.** As the verse has told to all humans, the Father Himself is the one that draws the believers to the beloved Son of God. If all those will have obeyed the voice in their hearts and have come to the beloved Son of God with true faith and believe in His word, those the beloved Son of God will raise them up in the last day.

When the Lord has said this saying, "I will raise him up in the last day," also He has told all believers that in Himself He has that power because He is the Son of Man, and the life of men belongs to Him; who He will please to raise up He will, the Father has given Him that authority as well.

<sup>45</sup> It is written in the prophets, And they will all be taught of **God**. All having heard from the **Father**, and having learned, come to **Me**.

**Comments 6:45.** Isaiah 54:13 says, "All your children shall be taught by the Lord; and great shall be the peace of your children."

The Father Himself has given all understanding; it will start in the mind of man; in their mind, the question will come, and if they have no pride and benefit in those, they will be thinking and meditating on it and get understanding. Then, when that understanding has come to them, they will believe and accept the beloved Son of God who He is, and they will start and meditate on His teaching as well.

When we say, "have no pride and benefit in those," we mean that they will think about what they can gain from that knowledge: go to make beliefs for themselves or go to make people understand what God would want them to do; if in their minds they can keep the greed in them, they will not take praise for themselves but tell the people and lead them to praise the beloved Son of God, that when we have said "pride and benefit" refer to here.

<sup>46</sup> Not that anyone has seen the **Father**, except the **One** being from **God**, **He** has seen the **Father**.

<sup>47</sup> Truly, truly, **I** say to you, whoever believes has eternal life.

**Comments 6:46-47.** "Whoever believes has eternal life." The beloved Son has told them that He Himself is coming from the Father, and the beloved Son of God has seen the Father face to face as verse 46 has told, "except the One being from God, He has seen the Father." Therefore, whoever believes what the beloved Son of God has said and believes that His Word is true, that person has earned eternal life.

<sup>48</sup> **I** am the bread of life.

**Comments 6:48.** The beloved Son of God has confessed the truth for all humans; He is the true bread from heaven, who will give life to all who believe and practice His teaching; that person will earn the life in Him.

<sup>49</sup> Your fathers ate the manna in the wilderness and died.

**Comments 6:49.** Moses had given the manna in the wilderness, and all those people who ate that bread food all have died because that was the food for the physical; anyone who eats for the physical body will die because the physical body cannot last forever.

<sup>50</sup> **He** is the bread, who comes down from heaven that anyone might eat of it and not die.

**Comments 6:50.** The beloved Son of God has told all of them the way to have eternal life. When anyone has accepted the teaching and believes in the beloved Son of God and meditates on His word at all times, that person has already eaten the living bread from heaven, which the beloved Son of God has come down to give to all; meditate on the Word of God.

<sup>51</sup> **I** am the living bread which came down from heaven; if anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever; and also the bread which **I** will give is **My** flesh, for the life of the world.

**Comments 6:51.** "I am the living bread ..." Most people would link the living bread to taking the Lord's Supper only, but the true living bread is the faith in the beloved Son of God and meditating, believing, and practicing all the teaching which He has given to all humans in the Holy Bible. So, when anyone says, "I believe in the beloved Son of God," that person also needs to act by reading, practicing, and trusting in the

teaching of the Holy Bible, and that is the right way for all. Living bread itself has a wider meaning, including the beloved Son of God Himself and the Holy Bible, which the Lord has given to all. Still, if someone has said, "I believe," then the way to reach to all the faith and believing and practicing that person needs to do as well not just believe alone, but the way to do is reading, meditating, and believing in the whole Holy Bible.

"... he will live forever." As you read the Word of God, if this Holy Word has a part in your life, you will receive eternal life; part in your life means reading, meditating, trusting, and most of all, believing what the Holy Bible has told what humans should do for their life.

"The bread which I will give is My flesh ..." "My flesh" is the life of the beloved Son Himself that He had put down on the cross when they crucified Him; the last words He had said were, "It is finished" (See John 19:30), and He took the last breath and departed from this earth. His human body and blood had been given to the earth, and also the beloved Son of God Himself, for remembrance of Him, instated the Lord's Supper for all believers.

So, when you take the Lord's Supper bread, think of His broken body on the cross, and when you drink the Lord's Supper grape juice, think of every blood drop that has dripped off from His body. Do not take the Lord's Supper as the only way to show that you have faith in Him; think as well when you are taking the communion elements into your body. His body did not decay, but when they pierced the nails, those nails had already received the part of His flesh on them. When they drove the nails through the wood, pieces of His body had been left as well on this earth.

<sup>52</sup> The Jews **then were arguing with one another**, saying, How is **He** able to give us **His** flesh to eat?

**Comments 6:52.** As the verse tells us, humans think the way humans think: how can the Lord give humans to eat a human? But the Lord is talking here about the spiritual food that the Lord will give. The Lord's body has every blessing in it; His flesh that refers here is the spiritual food; we as humans can think as well that the beloved Son of God also has the heavenly body, and the flesh of that body will be a spiritual blessing for all humans, for all those that have accepted and believe in Him; if their heart rejects the beloved Son of God, the spiritual blessing will never fall on that person.

<sup>53</sup> **Jesus**, therefore, said to them, **Truly, truly, I say to you**, Except **you may** eat the flesh of the **Son** of **Man** and **may** drink **His** blood, **you** have not life in yourselves.

**Comments 6:53.** In this verse, the beloved Son of God has reminded all humans that the communion between believers (the Lord's Supper) is the most important; the bread that everyone takes during communion represents His body sacrifice for all, and the grape juice that everyone drinks represents His blood poured and is like heavenly water cleansing from inside of the person when that person takes communion with faith and believes what the beloved Son of God has done for them.

<sup>54</sup> **The one that eats My** flesh and **drinks My** blood **has** eternal life; and **I** will raise him up at the last day.

**Comments 6:54.** This verse refers specifically only to the true believers and does not include the believers just by mouth. True believers from heart and mouth obey and meditate on the Holy Word each day because the Holy Word is the path to faith; whoever calls themselves a believer but does not meditate on the Holy Word is a liar.

<sup>55</sup> **Indeed My** flesh is **true food**, and **My** blood is **true drink**.

**Comments 6:55.** "My flesh is true food." The flesh, in this place, the beloved Son of God talks about, is the bread of the communion itself when believers have taken it and think of His body that has been tortured for them on the cross.

"My blood is true drink." The blood of the beloved Son of God that has poured down on earth was the life of Him when He was in human form on earth, and in the communion time, we are allowed to use the juice of the grapevine in representing thinking of His blood poured down for us and be washed clean; all believers should remember this.

<sup>56</sup> **The one that eats My** flesh and **drinks My** blood **abides in Me**, and **I** in him.

**Comments 6:56.** When true believers have taken the communion, that person has surrendered completely, both soul and body, to follow the beloved Son of God; for any believer who does that, the beloved Son Himself will be with that person and will be an inner strength and vitality and protection for that person.



Now, here we are talking about the Spirit of the beloved Son of God Himself. There is complete faith, but the person has to invite the Holy Spirit as well; the Spirit of Christ and the Holy Spirit both go together.

When the person becomes a Christian, if that person acknowledges the Trinity of God, the Spirit of Christ will be in that person at that time; however, to receive the Holy Spirit (the baptism of the Holy Spirit), the person needs meditation and time.

First, you must acknowledge Christ and ask Him in your heart before you can receive the Holy Spirit; however, you could receive the baptism in the Holy Spirit before you get baptized in water.

<sup>57</sup> Just as the living **Father** sent **Me**, and **I** live on account of the **Father**; also, the one feeding on **Me**, that one also will live on account of **Me**.

**Comments 6:57.** In this place, the beloved Son of God has said to all believers that He Himself is living on account of the Father; all those who believe in the beloved Son of God Himself will live on account of Him as well; what the beloved Son of God has received likewise, He will also give to all that believe and trust in Him.

“And I live on account of the Father.” Here, it has told all readers that the Father and the beloved Son are One; the beloved Son of God lives in the Father, and also, the Father Himself lives in the beloved Son of God: this tells all readers that the God of Three is One, the Trinity but One.

<sup>58</sup> This is the bread **having come down from** heaven, not as the fathers ate and died. **The one that eats** this bread **will live for eternity**.

**Comments 6:58.** Because their fathers ate the manna, but now the true living bread is the beloved Son of God Himself, and He has come down from heaven to earth, and whoever has taken this living bread, his spiritual life will be forever.

“Not as the fathers ate and died.” The manna was food for the body, not for the soul. The manna itself did not give eternal life to their souls, but faith in the Lord Jesus, the beloved Son of God, does give life eternal to the soul. The manna did not give eternal life to their souls, but trust and faith in the beloved Son of God bring peace to the souls, leading to eternal life.

<sup>59</sup> These said **He** in a synagogue, **teaching** in Capernaum.

<sup>60</sup> Many, therefore, of **His** disciples, **having** heard, said, This is a hard saying; who **is able to listen to it?**

**Comments 6:60.** As all readers can notice in this verse, His disciples as humans have heard the word from the beloved Son of God, but they did not think beyond what they could see; all they could understand was to eat His real meat from His body and drink His real blood from His body, they had not thought about the spiritual world but this world only; this is normal because they are just common humans as well.

<sup>61</sup> But **Jesus** knowing in **Himself** that **His** disciples **are murmuring about** this, said to them, **Does this offend you?**

<sup>62</sup> If **so**, you should **see** the **Son of Man** ascending where **He** was before?

**Comments 6:62.** The beloved Son of God tried to link their minds back to what He was speaking about; they must learn to think about what He wanted to tell them about the heavenly place where He was before.

<sup>63</sup> It is the **Spirit** that **gives** life; the flesh **profits** nothing; the words that **I speak to** you are **Spirit** and are life.

**Comments 6:63.** As this verse has told, the beloved Son of God does not want to teach only His disciples but also the ones after, who will read the Holy Word. So, we all should make the difference as well between the spiritual world and the earthly world; the degree of difference has been told here as well; the beloved Son's word itself is Spirit, and it has life and gives life to those who believe: anyone who has faith and believes in the word of the Spirit of Christ will gain life eternal.

<sup>64</sup> But **they** are some of you that believe not. For **Jesus** knew from the beginning who **they are the ones not believing**, and who it **is** that **will betray Him**.

**Comments 6:64.** The beloved Son of God has seen and heard every heart of humans. His knowledge about humans is clear as it is written on the paper; the multitude that followed Him not all truly believed in His teaching but followed with the expectation of food to eat. Also, the beloved Son of God had already known that one of His own disciples would betray Him, but to fulfill the work, He would not stop that disciple;

everyone has free will to do, and this disciple has heard the Living Word but disregarded all things that he heard and betrayed the beloved Son of God.

<sup>65</sup> And **He** said, **Because of this I** have said to you, that no **one** is able to come to **Me**, if not it be given to him from the **Father**.

**Comments 6:65.** As the verse tells all, the Father is always at work. He also has seen the heart of humans, and with mercy, the Father Himself will give the knowledge to each of us humans. When you have a chance to hear the Living Word, that word will work in the heart of a person and bring that soul to accept and believe in the Holy Word the beloved Son has told and set in the mind of the person to meditate on His teachings; then by faith, that soul will live forever with the beloved Son of God Himself.

"If not it be given to him from the Father." This saying is not about predestination at all; rather, each person has their own choice and free will. If the heart is darkened, the ear will not hear the truth; we can think here that one of His own disciples betrayed the Lord after listening to the Living Word for a long time, and still, his heart was not opened. So, ultimately, it is their own free choice of everyone; will you listen to the little voice in your heart and follow God or just listen to humans cursing God?

Talking about the little voice in your heart: if you give attention to that little voice in your heart, you will not turn away from the Living Word; that is why the verse has told, "if not be given to him," to those that listen to that little voice, that little voice is from the Father Himself, listen to that little voice, and that will lead you to be saved. This saying is not predestination; everyone has that little voice, but some have chosen to ignore it and walk away from what that little voice has told them. All have the ability to hear in their hearts that there is a God, and they should worship Him. That is why the free choice has been told about: everyone has the freedom to listen to the little voice or not listen; that is what this verse has told.

"Given to him" here means that the Father speaks to all with the little voice in their heart, so all have the same chance to listen to His voice, but then they have the freedom to take what has been given to them or not.

Explanatory note: "No one is able to come to Me, if not it be given to him from the Father," means that if, in fact, no one has the voice of the Father in their hearts, no one would come to the Father; however, the Father speaks to all humans into their hearts with His voice telling them about the Trinity of God and the creation; therefore, it is everyone's free choice to choose God or reject God; that is what this verse tells all.

<sup>66</sup> From this, many **out of His** disciples **turned back** and walked no **longer** with **Him**.

**Comments 6:66.** The majority of the disciples got confused about what the beloved Son of God was really talking about and decided no longer to follow Him.

<sup>67</sup> **Jesus** said, therefore, **to** the Twelve, **Are you not** also **wishing to depart**?

**Comments 6:67.** Here, the Lord gives a free choice to His disciples, all twelve, to make a decision by themselves to follow Him or not; this is also an example of free will. The twelve disciples did not know yet what was waiting for them in the future, but this was the time to make the decision.

<sup>68</sup> Simon Peter answered **Him, Lord**, to whom shall we go? **Thou have** words of eternal life.

**Comments 6:68.** All readers can see in this verse that Peter has acknowledged that eternal life is from the beloved Son of God. Whatever He is teaching that gives eternal life to all who listen and obey, this is the place to confirm this. Peter acknowledges that the real reason they stay with the Lord is because He has the words of eternal life.

<sup>69</sup> And we have believed and **have come to know** that **Thou are** the **Most Holy** of **God**.

**Comments 6:69.** Now it is the time of confession from His own disciples that they have come to know and believe that the Lord Jesus is the Holy One of God Most High, who has come to the earth for humans.

<sup>70</sup> **Jesus** answered them, Did not **I select** you the Twelve, and one of you is a devil?

**Comments 6:70.** This verse tells that the beloved Son of God has seen things ahead of what will happen to Him. He would be betrayed by His own disciple. Take notice of the words, "one of you is a devil"; one of His own disciples turned away and served Satan himself. The verse clearly tells all readers that the beloved Son of God knew ahead of time what would happen to Him.

By selecting Judas, the Lord showed to all that He does not stop the free will of humans but lets them choose by themselves what path they want to follow.

<sup>71</sup> Now **He was speaking** of Judas of Simon Iscariot, for he **was about to betray Him**, one of the Twelve.

**Comments 6:71.** The specific person who will betray the Lord has been named in this verse. At that time, among the followers of the beloved Son of God, many had the same name, but identifying the father took away the confusion about the person. We all readers should give attention to this: not all believers will be faithful to the written Word as well; some will try to change and interpret it to fit their own agenda, and that person has walked in the same way as the betrayer had done to the Lord.

**Life and Faith Application.** 1) Read and meditate on all the Gospels and ask to understand the events presented in the light of the Holy Bible being Holy Spirit dictated. Try to solve the perceivable issues when you read, by prayer and meditation, and by matching the events in all Gospels to solve the problem and not by finding errors in the Holy Bible. We must believe that the original writings of the Scripture, as given to the writers, are Holy Spirit dictated and with no errors. Therefore, for a better understanding, consider using a more literal translation of the Holy Bible. For example, see our analysis of the miraculous feeding event presented in John 6:1-15. 2) As believers, we must take the Lord's Supper regularly. When you take the communion bread, think of the Lord Jesus' broken body on the cross, and when you drink the communion grape juice, think of every blood drop that has dripped off from His body; think that what He did on the cross was to take us to live for eternity with Him. 3) The Lord created us with free will, but we should use our free will to believe that the Lord Jesus Christ is the Holy Son of God. We should all use our free will to become true followers of the Lord Jesus so we can live with Him eternally in His kingdom.