

Shiloh Messenger

Bread From Heaven

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"The True Bread of God is the One who comes down from heaven and gives Life to the world" (John 6:33).

Thanksgiving Day is one of my favorite holidays. It is a time of reflection of our many blessings. As we celebrate this holiday season may we all be mindful about the kindness and goodness of our Heavenly Father. He has provided all we need in Christ Jesus. He is "The True Bread from Heaven" that gives life to all who will receive Him (*Jn. 6:55*). In *Chapter 6* verses 32-63, Jesus describes Himself to be The Bread of Life. His Body and Blood is the food and drink which gives eternal life. In John Chapter 6 Jesus is illustrating Himself as provision for an orphaned planet. The Chapter opens with Jesus in the country side healing the sick, which produced a large following. He became tired so He sat down and observed all of the people. His heart was moved with compassion, because they were like sheep without a Shepherd. Jesus then turned to Philip to test him to see what his paradigm was concerning provision for the crowd. Jesus already knew what He was going to do. Philip did not respond in faith, but instead processed the situation with carnal perspective. How many of us are like Philip, who's perspective is adjusted to what is common to man? Jesus then took 5 loaves of bread and 2 fish and fed thousands.

All of the people were amazed at the miracle that Jesus performed and were convinced He should be made King. They wanted to take Him by force and make Him King of Israel, but Jesus withdrew from them and went and prayed in seclusion. The next day Jesus could not be found by His disciples so they decided to get a boat and look for Him on the other side of the Lake. On the way to the other side they encountered a strong wind storm. Jesus chose to get to the other side by walking on water and on the way there He rescued His disciples from drowning. When they reached the other side the people who benefited from the fish dinner came looking for Jesus. They were not looking for Him because of their love for Him, but for another miracle (*free meal*). This is when Jesus responded with His declaration "I am the True Bread sent from Heaven." Jesus performed the miracles to get the people first to see that He and the Heavenly Father are One, and that they were loved. The miracles were given to demonstrate who the Father is, He is Provision and Healing in the bodily form of Jesus. When we read about a miracle in the Bible or experience one, it is meant to be an invitation to draw us into an encounter with Jesus Christ, the Savior of the world.

I often give an illustration in the classroom about the computer's design and humanity's design. Both have a Creator. The computer in it's design is created by man (God's attributes in man that creates & designs) and humans created by God. The computer is designed to function in excellence. Humanities design is in perfection, because we bare the image of our Creator (Gen. 1:26 -27, Ps. 8:3-8, 139:13-14). With the computer, if its hard drive becomes corrupt with a virus it becomes dysfunctional. With humanity we became corrupt, because of violation of God's Word (Gen. 2:15). Sin entered and corrupted man's ability to be holy (without holiness no one will see God, Heb. 12:14). This typology is just a depiction of what sin has done to infect and render man dysfunctional (*inability to function in God's Love & Holiness). Only Jesus is the True Bread that brings healing and restoration for eternal life. Jesus said in John 6:56-58, "Anyone who eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me, and I in him. I live because of the living Father who sent me; in the same way, anyone who feeds on me will live because of me. I am the true bread that came down from heaven. Anyone who eats this bread will not die as your ancestors did (even though they ate the manna) but will live forever." With this statement Christ Jesus is revealing Himself as the remedy for man's disease (sin). As one receives Jesus Christ as Savior he is born again and has the propensity to be whole again. At the moment we are saved, the Holy Spirit comes and lives as a Revelator and reveals that by The Wounds of Jesus Body we are healed (Is.53:5).

The Word of God is spiritual nourishment to bring sustenance for our spirit, soul & body. In *Matthew 4:4 Jesus said*, "It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God." With this statement Jesus is saying in order for man to be healthy, wealthy and wise, one must partake of the Living Bread of Life. I have found out personally that when I digest the Word of God it brings healing to all my being (Prov. 4:22). I have the revelation now that all that Christ Jesus has done for me at Calvary has purchased my wholeness. I am now becoming a person who benefits from the provision that has been purchased at Calvary's Cross, when Jesus cried out in anguish, "It is Finished! (Jn. 19:30). It is difficult for me to comprehend God's patience with man. We continue to live in a mystery concerning how extravagant His love is for humanity, but He has invited us to The Table of The Lord, "Oh, Taste and see that The Lord is Good!" (Ps. 34:1). Happy Thanksgiving!!

Staff Member - Jonathan Story

Jonathan was in a most desperate way when he called the office of Shiloh in 2015. His Mom had found Shiloh Ministries on the Internet and presented the information to Jonathan. He called the office & spoke with resident Councilor, Jarrod Oakley, and after Jarrod explained to him how this Spiritual Boot Camp works with the curriculum that The Lord has ordained for this Ministry, Jonathan remarked, "There is no way in Hell I am going there!!!." He felt like there was no way he could or would follow the quidelines of complete surrender to THE LORD JESUS. In the meantime, Shiloh staff were praying for him, & 2 days later after a very serious crisis of an overdose, and Holy Spirit making HIMSELF known to Jonathan in a tangible way, Jonathan called back & was ready to come. He had lost everything, his Family, friends, he looked disgusting, his body had taken a toll, he had no goals, no aspirations and pretty much lost hope. Desperation and THE HAND OF A MERCIFUL ALMIGHTY GOD catapulted Jonathan to Shiloh. He was an exemplary student and completed Shiloh Ministries with great success in 2016. Upon Graduation he served at The Dream Center in Lufkin, Texas for three weeks. The Dream Center closed its Doors due to hardships of Financial Difficulties so Jonathan moved in with his Sister & her husband, (which is a miracle in itself, as God had restored their relationship.) He worked for 10 months selling Cable, but grew lonely and found himself



isolated in the environment and Culture. He returned to Shiloh in October of 2017 & has been serving in various capacities. He serves as a Resident Councilor, A Classroom Instructor that has implemented innovative ideas of presenting The Bible, Dormitory Overseer, Serves in Public Relations & Friendship Building with the Community, & oversees the overall management of The Kitchen which includes Menu Planning, Purchasing & Inventory upkeep, as well as Health & Safety within Food Handling, Storage & Preparations. Jonathan has completed Level One In Christ Image Training, & is preparing himself daily for All that God has for him to continue to nurture his Intimacy with The Lord, & fulfill his God ordained Destiny.

We want to thank everyone who financially partners with us in this Supernatural Ministry. It is because of special people like you, men have the opportunity to encounter the "Presence of God." Since the year 2000, we have been participating with the Lord in seeing men restored back to Him, so their destiny can be fulfilled. We are thrilled to hear from our graduates testifying about their experiences of advancing the Kingdom of God in their families, the market places and foreign countries where many are serving as missionaries. We would also like to invite others to help us financially in this ministry of reconciliation for restoration. Please consider Shiloh Ministries as good ground for your financial seed. We invite everyone to come and take a tour of the Shiloh Campus, if you are in the Liberty area (located 45 miles east of downtown Houston). We would be glad to meet you and show you what extraordinary things the Lord is doing at Shiloh. Thanks again, for co-laboring with us and prayerfully considering financially supporting The Lord's Ministry at Shiloh.

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