

## JOHN 6:28-40

**28-29.** Then they said to Him, "What shall **we DO, that we may WORK the works of God?**" Jesus answered and said to them, "**This is the work of God, that you BELIEVE in Him whom He sent.**"

- **Romans 16:25-26** "Now to Him who is able to establish you according to my \_\_\_\_\_ and the preaching of \_\_\_\_\_, according to the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ which was kept \_\_\_\_\_ since the world began, but now has been made manifest, and by the prophetic scriptures has been made \_\_\_\_\_ to all nations, according to the \_\_\_\_\_ of the everlasting God, for \_\_\_\_\_ to the \_\_\_\_\_."
- **Hebrews 9:14** "How much more shall the \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God, purge (cleanse) your conscience from \_\_\_\_\_ works to \_\_\_\_\_ the living God?"

**Definition: "What shall we DO, that we may WORK"** - Man in his SINFUL, PRIDEFUL nature is **always looking for SOMETHING TO DO** in order to earn salvation. Man in his fallen nature has **wanted to DO his own thing to EARN God's approval** ever since Cain and Abel, and **God has been REJECTING man's own efforts** ever since He rejected Cain's sacrifice (Genesis 4:3-7). Both Old Testament and New Testament are full of incidents, examples, and warnings **against trying by our HUMAN EFFORT or "works" to win God's approval.**

- **Ephesians 2:8-9** "For by \_\_\_\_\_ you have been \_\_\_\_\_ through \_\_\_\_\_, and that not of \_\_\_\_\_, it is the \_\_\_\_\_ of God; not of \_\_\_\_\_, lest anyone should boast."
- **Isaiah 64:6** "But we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses (works, good deeds) are as \_\_\_\_\_; and we all do fade as a leaf; and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away."
- **Titus 3:5** "\_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_ of righteousness which \_\_\_\_\_ have \_\_\_\_\_, but according to His \_\_\_\_\_ He \_\_\_\_\_ us; by the washing of regeneration, and the renewing of the Holy Spirit."

**Definition: "DEAD WORKS"** - These are **religious works or good deeds** done in the **power of the FLESH**, and a person who is **operating in their FLESH**, and not in FAITH and the POWER of the HOLY SPIRIT, **CANNOT DO ANYTHING** that will be **pleasing to God** (Romans 8:8). Hebrews 9:14 calls these works "dead" and Isaiah 64:6 calls them "filthy rags." This applies BOTH to those who are **not BORN AGAIN** (therefore they are "of the FLESH" only - see John 3:6), and to those Christians who do so-called good deeds with carnal and selfish motives.

**30-31.** Therefore they said to Him, "**What SIGN will You perform** then, that we may see it and believe You? What work will You do? **Our fathers ate the MANNA in the desert;** as it is written, 'He gave them **bread from heaven** to eat.'"

- **Acts 2:22** "Men of Israel, hear these words: \_\_\_\_\_ of Nazareth, a Man attested by God to you by \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ which God did through Him in your midst, as you yourselves also know."
- **Read Exodus 16:4-35** "Then the Lord said to \_\_\_\_\_, 'Behold, I will rain \_\_\_\_\_ from \_\_\_\_\_ for you; and the people shall go out and gather a day's portion every day, that I may test them, whether or not they will walk in My instruction.'" (Verse 15) "When the sons of Israel saw it, they said to one

another, **'What is it?'** For they did not know what it was. And Moses said to them, 'It is the \_\_\_\_\_ which the \_\_\_\_\_ has given you to \_\_\_\_\_.'" (Verse 31) "And the house of Israel named it \_\_\_\_\_, and it was like coriander seed, white; and its taste was like \_\_\_\_\_ with \_\_\_\_\_."

**Definition: "MANNA"** - The name "manna" simply means "what is it?" It was not a natural substance or food, but SUPERNATURAL (not of the earth), therefore God called it bread from heaven.

**32-33.** Then Jesus said to them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, **Moses did NOT** give you the BREAD FROM HEAVEN, but **My Father gives you the TRUE bread from heaven.** For the bread of God is **He who comes down from heaven and gives LIFE** to the world."

- **Psalm 105:40-41** "The people asked, and He brought quail, and satisfied them with the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_. He opened the \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ gushed out; it ran in the dry places like a river."
- **Read I Corinthians 10:1-11** (Verses 3-4) "All \_\_\_\_\_ the same spiritual \_\_\_\_\_, and all drank the same spiritual \_\_\_\_\_. For they drank of that spiritual \_\_\_\_\_ that followed them, and that \_\_\_\_\_ was \_\_\_\_\_."

**Definition: "Moses did NOT give you the BREAD from HEAVEN"** - First of all, Moses did not give the manna, but **God gave it.** Secondly, the "manna" or "bread from heaven" that God gave to the Israelites was a PICTURE of JESUS CHRIST as the TRUE bread from heaven, which gives ETERNAL LIFE.

- **John 17:3** "And this is \_\_\_\_\_, that they may know You, the only true God, and \_\_\_\_\_ whom You have \_\_\_\_\_."

**34-36.** Then they said to Him, "Lord, give us this bread always." And Jesus said to them, "**I AM THE BREAD OF LIFE.** He who comes to Me **shall never hunger**, and **he who believes in Me shall never thirst.** But I said to you that you have seen Me and yet do not believe.

- **Psalm 107:9** "For He \_\_\_\_\_ the longing \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ soul with goodness." **Psalm 42:1-2** "As the deer pants for the \_\_\_\_\_ brooks, so pants my \_\_\_\_\_ for You, O God. My soul \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_, for the living God. When shall I come and appear before God?"
- **Psalm 34:8** "Oh, \_\_\_\_\_ and see that the \_\_\_\_\_ is \_\_\_\_\_; blessed is the man who \_\_\_\_\_ in Him!"

**Definition: "I AM THE BREAD OF LIFE"** - In the Gospel of John, Jesus makes many statements where He uses the "I AM" - the name of God. These names or titles for Jesus correspond with the names of God in the Old Testament. When Moses asked God in the burning bush to give him a name to tell the people, God simply said, "I AM THAT I AM" (Exodus 3:13-14). In other places in the Bible, God would say "I AM" and then add to His name whatever it was you needed. For example, "I AM the God who heals you" (Exodus 15:26) or "I AM the Provider" (Genesis 22:14). Jesus does the SAME THING. He says "I AM" and adds to it whatever we need in a spiritual sense: "I AM the Bread of Life," "I AM the Door," "I AM the Resurrection and the Life," "I AM the Light of the World," "I AM the Vine."

- **John 10:9** "I \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_. If anyone enters by \_\_\_\_\_, he will be \_\_\_\_\_, and will go in and out and find pasture."



**should LOSE NOTHING**, but should raise it up at the last day. And this is the will of Him who sent Me, that **everyone who sees the Son and believes in Him**, may have **EVERLASTING LIFE**; and I will RAISE him up at the LAST DAY.

- **I John 5:11-13** "And this is the testimony: that God has \_\_\_\_\_ us \_\_\_\_\_, and this \_\_\_\_\_ is in His \_\_\_\_\_. He who has the \_\_\_\_\_ has \_\_\_\_\_; he who does not have the Son of God does \_\_\_\_\_ have \_\_\_\_\_. These things I have written to you who \_\_\_\_\_ in the name of the Son of God, that you may \_\_\_\_\_ that you have \_\_\_\_\_ life, and that you may continue to believe in the name of the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_."
- **John 11:24-25** "Martha said to Him, 'I know that he will \_\_\_\_\_ again in the \_\_\_\_\_ at the \_\_\_\_\_ day. Jesus said to her, ' \_\_\_\_\_ am the \_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_. He who believes in \_\_\_\_\_, though he may die, he shall live.'"

**Definition: "RAISE him up at the LAST DAY"** - This is a PROMISE of the RESURRECTION of the BODY, and a PROMISE of our ETERNAL SECURITY in Jesus. **Jesus has the ability to KEEP US SAFE until the VERY END**. We have the PROMISE of having NEW, PERFECT resurrection bodies, just like Jesus' resurrection body, for all eternity.

- **I John 3:2** "Beloved, now we are the \_\_\_\_\_ of God, and it has not yet been revealed what \_\_\_\_\_ shall \_\_\_\_\_ (in the future), but we know that when \_\_\_\_\_ is \_\_\_\_\_, we shall be \_\_\_\_\_ Him, for we shall see Him as He is."
- **I Corinthians 15:22-23** "For as in Adam all die, even so in \_\_\_\_\_ all shall be made \_\_\_\_\_. But each one in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, afterward \_\_\_\_\_ who are \_\_\_\_\_ at His \_\_\_\_\_."
- **Philippians 3:20-21** "For our citizenship is in \_\_\_\_\_, from which we also eagerly wait for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, who will \_\_\_\_\_ our lowly \_\_\_\_\_ that it may be conformed to (made the same as) His glorious \_\_\_\_\_, according to the working by which He is able to subdue all things to Himself."
- **II Timothy 1:12** "For this reason I also suffer these things; nevertheless I am not ashamed, for I know \_\_\_\_\_ I have \_\_\_\_\_ and am persuaded that He is able to \_\_\_\_\_ what I have committed to Him \_\_\_\_\_ that \_\_\_\_\_."

**Definition: "The WILL of the FATHER"** - The will of the Father is to BELIEVE in the Son, but the word "believe" in the Bible means more than just mental knowledge. The Amplified translation says the one who **"believes in, cleaves to, trusts in and relies on"** Jesus will be saved. Believe so that **ALL your trust and reliance is on Jesus**.

- **Matthew 7:21-23** " \_\_\_\_\_ everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of \_\_\_\_\_, but he who \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ of My \_\_\_\_\_ in heaven. \_\_\_\_\_ will \_\_\_\_\_ to Me in that day, 'Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied (preached) in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?' And then I will declare to them, 'I never \_\_\_\_\_ you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!'"
- **I John 3:23-24** "And this is \_\_\_\_\_ commandment (WILL), that we should \_\_\_\_\_ on the name of His Son \_\_\_\_\_, and love one another as He gave commandment. And he that keeps His commandments dwells in \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_ (the Believer). And by this we know that He abides in us, by the \_\_\_\_\_ whom He has given us."