

"I Will Raise Him Up At The Last Day"

Introduction. A big question is, "What is beyond this life?" and "How do I prepare for it?" After Jesus had fed the 5,000, the people looked for Him to feed them. Christ taught them about the true bread (vss. 22-59). The phrase, "I will raise him up at the last day," occurs three times in John 6, and each of them teach different facets of man's obedience.

I. ***Seeing And Believing***

- A. In John 6:40, it was God's will that everyone who sees and believes in Christ would have everlasting life.
- B. "Seeth" means to "consider" or "perceive" (cf. Mark 12:41; Acts 27:10; Hebrews 7:4). Seeing, along with believing, will lead to obedience, which in turn leads to everlasting life (John 11:25-26). John was written to establish belief (20:30-31), but one cannot read too much into the several mentions of belief in the gospel.
- C. Jesus will be the door to the eternal world (cf. John 5:26-29). The resurrection of the righteous and the wicked is an exercise of God's authority; but in the one case it is an act of grace, in the other of justice (Matthew 25:46).

II. ***Drawing***

- A. The lost sinner could never find God on his own (Romans 3:11), so salvation must begin with God through Jesus Christ (John 6:44; 12:32; 14:6; cf. 15:5; Romans 5:6; 7:18-19).
- B. How does God draw people to Christ? He does not call in a mysterious way through the Spirit to only those who are elected. He uses the word (vs. 45; 2 Thessalonians 2:13-14).
- C. God draws us because there is a physical, bodily resurrection to come (1 Corinthians 15:20-24, 35, 50-53; 1 Thessalonians 4:14-18). Some say Christ came at the destruction of Jerusalem, and therefore the resurrection took place in A.D. 70. This suggests that the resurrection is not literal, but spiritual. According to the New Testament, this is not true.

III. ***Eating And Drinking***

- A. In John 6:54, Jesus made some of His most offensive comments. The Jews and His disciples were perplexed because they confused the physical with the spiritual.
- B. We become partakers of the blessings purchased by His death on the cross. You eat Christ's flesh and drink His blood by receiving the word as taught by the Spirit (Ephesians 6:17). Jesus is the living word (John 1:1-4), and the Bible is the written word. Whatever the Bible says

about Jesus, it also says about itself. When you believe the word of God, you believe in Jesus Christ (12:48-50).

C. The resurrection gives us hope (Acts 23:6; 24:15; 1 Peter 1:3). Hope only exists if you are faithful to God (2 Timothy 4:8).

Conclusion. The crowd, desiring bread for the body, rejected the bread of life for the soul. Peter and the other disciples affirmed their faith in Christ. Their faith came by hearing the word (Romans 10:17). If you, after having been drawn, will believe and receive the word by obeying it, you will be raised up at the last day.