

Food Or The Father?

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John 6:25-33

Moses told the Israelites, "The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your fellow Israelites. You must listen to him" (Deut. 18:15). The crowd was curious. Was Jesus the one prophesied? He had miraculously supplied food, like the manna and quail provided to Israel under Moses. Moses had parted the sea for Israel to escape the Egyptians; Jesus had walked on the water to rescue his disciples in a storm. The crowd still wasn't sure, "So they asked him [Jesus], 'What sign then will you give that we may see it and believe you? What will you do?'" (John 6:30).

They were focused on food rather than the Father. They had full bellies but famished souls. God wanted to give them the "true bread from heaven" (v. 32). This bread "gives life to the world" (v. 33).

The crowd demanded more signs as the price of their faith. Jesus hadn't come to barter for believers. He came to give them the "food that endures to eternal life" (v. 27). They didn't need more miracles, they needed "to believe in the one [God] has sent" (v. 29). We do too.

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