

“The words of eternal life”

John 6:41-71

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This morning/afternoon, we'd like to see the title of “**The words of eternal life**” in the book of John 6:41-71.

Q1. In verse 51, “*I am the living bread which came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever; and the bread that I shall give is My flesh, which I shall give for the life of the world,*” what does it mean?

Q2. In verse 56, “*He who eats My flesh and drinks My blood abides in Me, and I in him,*” what does it mean?

Q3. In verse 66, “*From that time many of His disciples went back and walked with Him no more,*” why did they go away?

(Background)

In the last time, Jesus said in verse 40, “*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.” (Jesus is the Son of God. Believe in Him, and you may have everlasting life. You will be resuurrected at the last day.) “*...came down from heaven (5 times)*” ~ *the Son of God**

⁴¹ The Jews then complained about Him, because He said, “I am the bread which came down from heaven.” ⁴² And they said, “Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How is it then that He says, ‘I have come down from heaven’?”

⁴³ Jesus therefore answered and said to them, “Do not murmur among yourselves. ⁴⁴ No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent Me draws him; and I will raise him up at the last day. ⁴⁵ It is written in the prophets, ‘And they shall all be taught by God.’ Therefore everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to Me.

⁴⁶ Not that anyone has seen the Father, except He who is from God; He has seen the Father. ⁴⁷ Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me has everlasting life. ⁴⁸ I am the bread of life. ⁴⁹ Your fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, and are dead.

⁵⁰ This is the bread which comes down from heaven, that one may eat of it and not die.

41= then (41) ... the bread ... down from heaven
42= (familiarity) ...the son of Joseph (not the son of God)

44= Father ... draws him (allows him, but God's desire *2 Peter 3:9

45= the prophets... taught by God * Isaiah 54:13... heard and learned

46= He who is from God (the Son of God)

47= he who believes in Me has everlasting life * John 3:16

50= and not die (the separation of consciousness (from the body or from God) -> physical [flesh/material]realm vs spiritual realm

⁵¹ I am the living bread which came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever; and the bread that I shall give is My flesh, which I shall give for the life of the world.”

⁵² The Jews therefore quarreled among themselves, saying, “How can this Man give us His flesh to eat?”

⁵³ Then Jesus said to them, “Most assuredly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink His blood, you have no life in you. ⁵⁴ Whoever eats My flesh and drinks My blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day. ⁵⁵ For My flesh is food indeed, and My blood is drink indeed. ⁵⁶ He who eats My flesh and drinks My blood abides in Me, and I in him. ⁵⁷ As the living Father sent Me, and I live because of the Father, so he who feeds on Me will live because of Me. ⁵⁸ This is the bread which came down from heaven—not as your fathers ate the manna, and are dead. He who eats this bread will live forever.”

⁵⁹ These things He said in the synagogue as He taught in Capernaum.

⁶⁰ Therefore many of His disciples, when they heard *this*, said, “This is a hard saying; who can understand it?”

⁶¹ When Jesus knew in Himself that His disciples complained about this, He said to them, “Does this offend you? ⁶² *What* then if you should see the Son of Man ascend where He was before? ⁶³ It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing. The words that I speak to you are spirit, and *they* are life. ⁶⁴ But there are some of you who do not believe.” For Jesus knew from the beginning who they were who did not believe, and who would betray Him.

⁶⁵ And He said, “Therefore I have said to you that no one can come to Me unless it has been granted to him by My Father.”

⁶⁶ From that *time* many of His disciples went back and walked with Him no more. ⁶⁷ Then Jesus said to the twelve, “Do you also want to go away?”

51=Q1 (accept JC into our lives and become united with Him) true worshiper * John 4:23-24

52= His flesh to eat (~cannibalism)

53= drink His blood *Leviticus 17:10

56=Q2 = He who eats My flesh and drinks My blood *1 Corinthians 11:23-26

60= a hard saying (Messiah-king conquering Roman Empire --- flesh/ physical/ material realm)

63= the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing

64= some...not believe ... betrayer (Judas Iscariot, 71; JC's foreknowledge)

65... granted (allowed) (but our responsibility to accept Him)

66=Q3= many of His disciples went back... (go away from JC) (60 “a hard saying”)

67= to go away (no middle ground with JC) follow JC or go away from JC

⁶⁸ But Simon Peter answered Him, “Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.⁶⁹ Also we have come to believe and know that You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.”

68= the words of eaterial life (words are eternal) * 1 Peter 1:24-25

⁷⁰ Jesus answered them, “Did I not choose you, the twelve, and one of you is a devil?”⁷¹ He spoke of Judas Iscariot, the son of Simon, for it was he who would betray Him, being one of the twelve.

71= Judas Iscariot (pretend to follow Him but use JC for his personal gain) “pretend Christian”

44= Father ... draws him (allows him, but God’s desire *2 Peter 3:9

(2 Peter 3:9) The Lord is not slack concerning *His* promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance.

45= the prophets... taught by God * Isaiah 54:13... heard and learned

(Isaiah 54:13) All your children *shall be* taught by the LORD, And great *shall be* the peace of your children.

47= he who believes in Me has everlasting life * John 3:16

(John 3:16) For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

51=Q1 (accept JC into our lives and become united with Him) true worshiper * John 4:23-24

(John 4:23-24) “But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him. ²⁴God *is* Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth.””

53= drink His blood *Leviticus 17:10

(Leviticus 17:10) ““And whatever man of the house of Israel, or of the strangers who dwell among you, who eats any blood, I will set My face against that person who eats blood, and will cut him off from among his people.”

56=Q2 = He who eats My flesh and drinks My blood *1 Corinthians 11:23-26

(1 Corinthians 11:23-26) For I received from the Lord that which I also delivered to you: that the Lord Jesus on the *same* night in which He was betrayed took bread; ²⁴and when He had given thanks, He broke *it* and said, “Take, eat; this is My body which is broken for you; do this in remembrance of Me.”

²⁵In the same manner *He* also *took* the cup after supper, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in My blood. This do, as often as you drink *it*, in remembrance of Me.” ²⁶For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death till He comes.

68= the words of eaterial life (words are eternal) * 1 Peter 1:24-25

(1 Peter 1:24-25) “because “All flesh *is* as grass, And all the glory of man as the flower of the grass. The grass withers, And its flower falls away, ²⁵ But the word of the LORD endures forever.”
Now this is the word which by the gospel was preached to you.”

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