

BIBLE STUDY: LESSON 12

Scripture of Lesson: John 6: 1~21

1. Feeding the multitude—Manna and quail in OT days

- a. The crowd came to Jesus because they saw Him as a powerful man of God who could meet their needs.
 - i. Jesus saw the need of feeding them. Do we see others' needs and are we concerned?
 - ii. How do we come to Christ today—with what needs? What is our motive as Christians?
 - iii. God is concerned about feeding our souls as well as meeting our physical needs.
 - v. 5: "Where shall we buy bread for these people to eat?"
- b. God's way of meeting human needs.
 - i. In Garden of Eden all needs were met fully—no lack. Adam's sin brought about serious deficiencies: spiritual pollution, hunger, sicknesses, broken relationships, etc.
 - a) Gen 3:21 "The Lord God made garments of skin for Adam and Eve and clothed them."
 - ii. God led them and fed them with manna and quail in the wilderness, thus proving He was their God Jehovah [Exo 16:12].
 - iii. He promised blessings in meeting these needs to His people of Israel and rightly demanded loyalty and faithfulness to Him by giving them Ten Commandments [Exo 19:5~6; Exo 20]—'Covenant of Works'

2. Walking on water –crossing the Red Sea

- a. Jesus' disciples crossed the Sea of Galilee through a storm because they had Jesus presence with them. Jesus walked over the water to show them He was the LORD who had led Israel through the Red Sea [v. 17~21].
- b. People of Israel crossed the Red Sea through its raging waters because God was with them. [Exo 14]
- c. God protected them with a pillar of cloud and fire throughout their journey.

3. Two miracles and the Exodus: Moses and Christ

- a. Through these two miracles Jesus was pointing to the disciples that He was the true Messiah.
- b. As Moses led the people of Israel centuries ago, this was the promised Savior who can lead the people through tempestuous waters and feed the people miraculously.
- c. Disciples should have seen that their teacher was the LORD who had led and fed Israel.

4. Eyes to see God working in miracles of our life

- a. Are we here in the world because of our own merit? We enjoy life, breathe free air and serve God not because of our own merits but these blessings have been given us freely as people of Israel enjoyed manna and God's protection freely.
- b. We need to have eyes to see God's grace in all things we enjoy in life, and trust Him fully. We should be loyal and faithful in following Christ not because we "have been fed and are full" but because He is our Savior who saved us and has fed our souls' hunger.
- c. Through our experiences God wishes to reveal His magnificent power and glory to us.