Mat 119

The Lord is the bread of life

Beginning of month …I did Lord’s supper at GBC.

Keep Matthew & Kimberly in California in prayer….. wildfires and power outages out there.

We are going to start right off by getting into a principle that points us into the Lord’s supper so be prepared…hit the stop button or take time to get ready because it will begin today we our Lord’s supper because the HS has led me in this direction.

Let’s read Matthew chapter 12.

Mat 12:1 At that time Jesus went through the grainfields on the Sabbath, and His disciples became hungry and began to pick the heads *of grain* and eat.

[Mat 12:2](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/mat/12/2/s_941002) But when the Pharisees saw *this,* they said to Him, “Look, Your disciples do what is not lawful to do on a Sabbath.”

[/Mat 12:3](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/mat/12/3/s_941003) But He said to them, “**Have you not read what David did** when he became hungry, he and his companions, (1Sam 21)\

[Mat 12:4](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/mat/12/4/s_941004) how he entered the house of God, and they ate the consecrated bread, which was not lawful for him to eat nor for those with him, but for the priests alone?

[Mat 12:5](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/mat/12/5/s_941005)“Or have you not read in the Law, that on the Sabbath the priests in the temple break the Sabbath and are innocent?

[Mat 12:6](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/mat/12/6/s_941006) “But I say to you that something greater than the temple is here.

TLJC is giving the legalistic leaders a history lesson.

When David was first on the run after King Saul began to attack him…David did do this exact thing, he took consecrated bread from the temple. (1Sam 21)

The issue isn’t about rules and regulations as much as it is about a man of God who was in need, and also the fact that the arrogance of the Pharisees was so thick that even if a person is in dire need of food or help they would rather hit you over the head with their rituals and laws then lend a hand. REPEAT

/Legalism will always focus on the appearance and rules even to the detriment of others in need. Religion is often times about ritual over reality and in most cases, it will ignore the principle of grace yet strain over process or procedure done in the flesh.\

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That is why later on we will see in our studies that the Lord calls them out over this nonsense again in divine sarcasm;

/Mat 23:25 You blind guides, **who strain out a gnat** and swallow a camel!\

TLJC gives them a quick history lesson.

[Mat 12:5](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/mat/12/5/s_941005)“Or have you not read in the Law, that on the Sabbath the priests in the temple break the Sabbath and are innocent?

Think about how the Apostles must be chuckling as Jesus does this to the legalistic crowd every time. He really is preparing these men to step up and over the authority of the Pharisees, Scribes and Sadducees.

TLJC is referring to the Torah…. The book of Numbers;

/Num 28:9 ‘Then **on the sabbath day** two male lambs one year old without defect, and two-tenths *of an* *ephah* of fine flour mixed with oil as a grain offering, and its drink offering: 10 ‘*This is* **the burnt offering of every sabbath** in addition to the continual burnt offering and its drink offering. (Mat 12:5)\

TLJC is telling them everything that was done…. all the rituals and the temple itself was a symbol of who and what I am. There is really an attitude of mind your own business in all this as well.

These men were hungry and not bothering the Pharisees…it was the Pharisees who followed along waiting to pounce on any little mistake. That is what arrogance does it looks for flaws in others and is quick to point out the problem in someone else’s life while never taking a look at their own.

We noted this hypocrisy in Matthew chapter seven already in our study.

/Mat 7:5 “**You hypocrite**, **first take the log out of your own eye**, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your brother's eye.\

Arrogant people will also transfer their own mistakes or failures onto others.

What I am being led to look at today and really, I touched on it during the Lord’s Supper is the consecrated bread;

In fact turn to John chapter six what I read Sunday morning.

/[Mat 12:4](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/mat/12/4/s_941004) how he entered the house of God, and they ate **the consecrated bread,** which was not lawful for him to eat nor for those with him, but for the priests alone?\

In verse four on the board we see that word consecrated…in the Greek it is -

PROS-SA-SIS = to set apart to have something unique…something blessed above others…it has purpose and is to be laid open in view. The showbread is what the Jews would call it. REPEAT

/Jesus Christ was to be viewed in his humanity, by mankind, unique and set apart (consecrated) by God. If we all our loaves of bread in this analogy then Jesus Christ was also (humanity) bread yet divinely unique and pure (spiritually), set apart and to be laid bare in front of all others to see forever.\

You see we not only eat of the bread we witness it in the temple it was the 12 loaves called showbread. 12 loaves of bread set in two stacks of six placed on the table in the holy compartment of the temple.

TLJC is the bread and He is our source of life which bread often represents;

Jhn 6:46 Not that anyone has seen the Father, except the One who is from God; He has seen the Father.

/[Jhn 6:47](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/jhn/6/47/s_1003047) “Truly, truly, I say to you, he who believes has eternal life. 48 “**I am the bread of life**.\

There is no other substance more important than that which we absorb from believing in TLJC…the cosmic system leads to death physical and spiritual death…while a union with Christ offers us eternal security, we die once in our flesh that is it.

[Jhn 6:49](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/jhn/6/49/s_1003049) “Your fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died.

[Jhn 6:50](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/jhn/6/50/s_1003050) “This is the bread which comes down out of heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die.

/[Jhn 6:51](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/jhn/6/51/s_1003051) “I am **the living bread** that came down out of heaven; **if anyone** eats of this bread, he will live forever; and **the bread also which I will give for the life of the world is My flesh**.”\

This is put in the Greek present tense…I keep on being the living bread. TLJC is and always will be the only bread of life.

TLJC whole life …His whole being and humanity was directed at saving a lost and dying world.

*IF anyone* is a Greek 3rd class condition…maybe they will maybe they won’t…but it is offered to everyone, no one is excluded.

[Jhn 6:52](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/jhn/6/52/s_1003052) Then the Jews *began* to argue with one another, saying, “How can this man give us *His* flesh to eat?”

/[Jhn 6:53](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/jhn/6/53/s_1003053) So Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless you eat **the flesh** (*perfect humanity*) of the Son of Man and drink **His blood** (*spiritual death*), you have no life in yourselves.\

This points to propitiation which means the satisfaction… the completion that God is completely satisfied with the work of His Son. The divine justice system in the courtroom of heaven fully vindicated mankind if they only accept the offer.

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[Jhn 6:54](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/jhn/6/54/s_1003054) “He who eats My flesh and drinks My blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day.

The spiritual analogy of eating and drinking means you fully digest and take in the Lord Jesus Christ.

The flesh and blood together are what makes it complete…perfect humanity of Jesus Christ sacrificed for our sins

[Jhn 6:55](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/jhn/6/55/s_1003055) “For My flesh is true food, and My blood is true drink.

/J[hn 6:56](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/jhn/6/56/s_1003056) “He who eats My flesh and drinks My blood **abides in Me**, and I in him.

There is a unity and absorbing of what we eat and drink, this is the analogy of true belief in Christ.\

[Jhn 6:57](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/jhn/6/57/s_1003057) “As the living Father sent Me, and I live because of the Father, so he who eats Me, he also will live because of Me.

[Jhn 6:58](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/jhn/6/58/s_1003058) “This is the bread which came down out of heaven; not as the fathers ate and died; he who eats this bread will live forever.”

/In the ancient world the grain harvest (bread) represented a life source needed to sustain day to day strength of body. Often times the word *bread* (O.T.) meant meal or food in general. Even the *Manna from heaven* appeared to be a bread product.\

There is great significance with bread concerning the word of God.

/(O.T.) Bread was called *the staff of life* in Ezk 4:16, Ezk 5:16, Ezk 14:13, or *the bread of affliction* as noted in 1Ki 22:27, Psa 127:2, Hos 9:4, Isa 30:20 – which all reflect a spiritual analogy of striving with God or against Him.\

The symbolism and definitions are pretty extensive but my focus is on TLJC and His teaching and using the bread analogy for His new followers.

Jesus does not have physical food foremost in His mind when He would use the term bread.

"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.'"

The Bible uses the word *bread* to mean "that which is taken into the body and provides nourishment."

/Scripture presents two basic types of bread, leavened and unleavened. Leavening consistently symbolizes the OSN – 1Cor 5:8 Therefore let us celebrate the feast, **not with old leaven**, nor with the leaven of malice and wickedness, but with **the unleavened bread** of sincerity and truth.\

Yeast is a product used to make bread rise when it is baked, which is where they got the term leaven….notice something added in makes it un-pure.

The Bel has a choice of spiritual nourishment that he can take into himself: He can choose sinless, healthy bread or sinful, corrupting bread. This latter bread comes in a range of varieties from sinful and unhealthy to evil and downright poisonous bread.

/*The manna* with which God fed the Israelites while they journeyed through the wilderness was symbolic of Christ, *the Bread of Life* (*[John 6:49-51](https://www.bibletools.org/index.cfm/fuseaction/bible.show/sVerseID/26307/eVerseID/26309%22%20%5Co%20%22verse)*). It was pure and untouched, produced by God\

 The account of the giving of the manna in Exo chapter 16 shows that the Israelites had a part to play in receiving nourishment from it. They were required to rise early and gather their daily amount before the sun "became hot" and melted it away, or they would go hungry for that day—and perhaps for the next day, we noted this on the study of the [Sabbath](http://www.sabbath.org/).

This is very similar to what we do when we name and site sin and get back in fellowship.

The filling power of God HS is not like an evil demon that will possess us and take control of our lives against our will. He wants us to choose willingly to believe and obey Him and to seek a relationship with God. Though we are always indwelt by the Trinity, the filling power of the HS is needed to place fellowship back in order and walk in the new nature...the unleavened bread. REPEAT

Now in the OT we can see the rituals and feasts that were all symbolic of the coming savior and one in particular was about the Unleavened Bread;

/The Feast of the Unleavened Bread, (April 15-21). This feast lasted for 7 days, it occurred immediately after the Passover (removal from Egypt). Unleavened bread represents fellowship with God. Showing what God provides is what we need. (Lev 23:6-7).\

Leviticus chapter 23 shows us the command for this.

Egypt represents the cosmic system and when we become born again we are removed from that garbage.

This feast taught that all Israel is not Israel. To be true Israel, you had to believe in Jesus Christ.

It points us to living in grace, which is everything God provides to keep you alive in Satan’s world, which we noted in that MA of that day by day sabbath.

/It also portrayed the Hypostatic Union of Christ, for Jesus Christ is called *the Bread of Life*. So unleavened bread also emphasizes the impeccability of the humanity of Christ. His perfection is the qualification to be our sin offering.\

When we see TLJC speak about being the bread of life it is the analogy that He is the one who offers the sustaining power for eternal life.

/Consecrated bread is set apart, holy and this is also symbolic of Christ and the Bels who are in union with Him. That bread (12 loaves) was always on display on the golden Table of Presence (Lev 24:5-9). Every 7 days it was replaced with fresh bread, and the old bread was only consumed by priests after the new was set into place, and only eaten in the temple.\

The wood of the table represented the humanity of Christ and the gold spoke to His deity.

The analogies about TLJC concerning the temple and every item in it is staggering.

The bread was careful made…unleavened… pure to point to the coming savior. It also highlighted the virgin birth.

The 2 stacks of bread point to unity for the Bels and include CA Bel to that 12 tribes of Israel.

The Bel priests were allowed to eat the bread while in perfect fellowship with God. So much there concerning analogies, but I needed to clarify that bread and consecrated bread does have deeper meaning.

When David ate the bread it broke protocol but we know David was a positive Bel who was ordained by God to not only be a king in Israel but also his bloodline was used in bringing forth the humanity of Jesus Christ.

The Pharisees we see in Matthew chapter 12 were more interested in finding something negative in Jesus and His followers than acknowledging that David is a chosen one in the line of the Messiah. They knew the importance of King David and they taught principles surrounding the life of David.

Truth be told it wasn’t against the commands of the Jewish Sabbath to eat anything….eating wasn’t the issue they tried to knit pick how the Apostles were gathering the crop.

/(Mat 12) Pharisees – did not recognize the Lord and Savior who could offer them the bread of life (eternal security). Instead they were wrapped up in rituals and petty accusations to appease their arrogant nature.\

Only one name under the heavens feeds us the bread of life that gives us eternal security.

/Only one bread has been purified (consecrated) and set apart to be laid bare in front of God the Father and the whole world (heavens). Jesus Christ in His humanity is the bread of life, only blind arrogance and human pride refuse to accept the grace gift of that bread.\