



Knowing Christ

Bread of Life



The Great I Am

- ^{NAS} **John 6:19** When therefore they had rowed about three or four miles, they beheld Jesus walking on the sea and drawing near to the boat; and they were frightened. ²⁰ But He said to them, "It is I; do not be afraid."

➤ V.20, lit. "*I Am, Fear Not!*"

Satisfaction Offered

- ^{NAS} **John 6:25** And when they found Him on the other side of the sea, they said to Him, "Rabbi, when did You get here?"
²⁶ Jesus answered them and said, "Truly, truly, I say to you, you seek Me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate of the loaves, and were filled. ²⁷ "Do not work for the food which perishes, but for the food which endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man shall give to you, for on Him the Father, even God, has set His seal."
- ^{NAS} **Isaiah 55:1** "Ho! Every one who thirsts, come to the waters; And you who have no money come, buy and eat. Come, buy wine and milk Without money and without cost. ² "Why do you spend money for what is not bread, And your wages for what does not satisfy? Listen carefully to Me, and eat what is good, And delight yourself in abundance."

Satisfaction Desired

- ^{NAS} **John 6:28** They said therefore to Him, "What shall we do, that we may work the works of God?" ²⁹ Jesus answered and said to them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in Him whom He has sent."
- ^{NAS} **Isaiah 55:6** Seek the LORD while He may be found; Call upon Him while He is near. ⁷ Let the wicked forsake his way, And the unrighteous man his thoughts; And let him return to the LORD, And He will have compassion on him; And to our God, For He will abundantly pardon

The Source of Satisfaction

- ^{NAS} **John 6:31** "Our fathers ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, 'He gave them bread out of heaven to eat.'" ³² Jesus therefore said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, it is not Moses who has given you the bread out of heaven, but it is My Father who gives you the true bread out of heaven. ³³ "For the bread of God is that which comes down out of heaven, and gives life to the world."

The Source of Satisfaction

- ^{NAS} **Isaiah 55:8** "For My thoughts are not your thoughts, Neither are your ways My ways," declares the LORD. ⁹ "For as the heavens are higher than the earth, So are My ways higher than your ways, And My thoughts than your thoughts. ¹⁰ "For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, And do not return there without watering the earth, And making it bear and sprout, And furnishing seed to the sower and bread to the eater; ¹¹ So shall My word be which goes forth from My mouth; It shall not return to Me empty, Without accomplishing what I desire, And without succeeding in the matter for which I sent it.
 - ^{NAS} **John 1:1** In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

The Location of Satisfaction

- ^{NAS} **John 6:35** Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; he who comes to Me shall not hunger, and he who believes in Me shall never thirst.
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The Duration of Satisfaction

- ^{NAS} **John 6:37** "All that the Father gives Me shall come to Me, and the one who comes to Me I will certainly not cast out. ³⁸ "For I have come down from heaven, not to do My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me. ³⁹ "And this is the will of Him who sent Me, that of all that He has given Me I lose nothing, but raise it up on the last day. ⁴⁰ "For this is the will of My Father, that everyone who beholds the Son and believes in Him, may have eternal life; and I Myself will raise him up on the last day."

The Duration of Satisfaction

- ^{NAS} **Isaiah 55:11** So shall My word be which goes forth from My mouth; It shall not return to Me empty, Without accomplishing what I desire, And without succeeding in the matter for which I sent it. ¹² "For you will go out with joy, And be led forth with peace; The mountains and the hills will break forth into shouts of joy before you, And all the trees of the field will clap their hands.

Applications

Life and Satisfaction Through Faith

- ^{NAS} **Isaiah 55:1** "Ho! Every one who thirsts, come to the waters; And you who have no money come, buy and eat. Come, buy wine and milk Without money and without cost
 - "Christ does not ask money, but faith—which is more valuable than money" → *Ambrose of Milan*
- ^{NAS} **Ephesians 2:8** For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; ⁹ not as a result of works, that no one should boast.

Life and Satisfaction in Christ

- ^{NAS} **Isaiah 55:3** "Incline your ear and come to Me. Listen, that you may live; And I will make an everlasting covenant with you, According to the faithful mercies shown to David.
 - Here Christ offers to poor sinners, if they will come to him, to give them an interest in the same everlasting covenant that he had made with David, conveying to them the same sure mercies. But what is that covenant, in which sinners obtain an interest when they come to Christ, but the covenant of grace? -> *Jonathan Edwards*

Satisfied Now and Forever More

- ^{NAS} **John 6:35** Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; he who comes to Me shall not hunger, and he who believes in Me shall never thirst.
 - Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of the life; the continually coming to Me one absolutely shall never be hungry, and the continually believing in Me one *absolutely will not thirst ever.*
 - ^{NAS} **John 4:14** but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him *shall never thirst*, but the water that I shall give him shall become in him a well of water springing up to eternal life."

Conclusions

True Satisfaction in Christ Alone

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Promised in the Old Testament

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- ^{NAS} **Psalms 81:10** "I, the LORD, am your God, Who brought you up from the land of Egypt; Open your mouth wide and I will fill it.
- ^{NAS} **Isaiah 49:10** "They will not hunger or thirst, Neither will the scorching heat or sun strike them down; For He who has compassion on them will lead them, And will guide them to springs of water.

Realized in the Kingdom

- **NAS Revelation 7:15** "For this reason, they are before the throne of God; and they serve Him day and night in His temple; and He who sits on the throne shall spread His tabernacle over them. ¹⁶ "They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore; neither shall the sun beat down on them, nor any heat; ¹⁷ for the Lamb in the center of the throne shall be their shepherd, and shall guide them to springs of the water of life; and God shall wipe every tear from their eyes."
- **NAS Revelation 21:6** And He said to me, "It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give to the one who thirsts from the spring of the water of life without cost.

Come to Jesus and Be Satisfied

- ^{NAS} **Revelation 22:17** And the Spirit and the bride say, "Come." And let the one who hears say, "Come." And let the one who is thirsty come; let the one who wishes take the water of life without cost.
- ^{NAS} **John 6:35** Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; he who comes to Me shall not hunger, and he who believes in Me shall never thirst.