

“All the Father Gives Jesus Will Come”  
(John 6:37)

I. Introduction.

A. Orientation.

This morning, we were looking

At the first point our passage teaches:

That Jesus is the Bread of Life.

He is the One you must eat/feed on by faith

If you are to have eternal life –

You must repent of your sins

And trust in Him, if you hope to get to heaven –

And we saw that having received Him by faith,

You must continue to feed on Him every day

If you are to be spiritually strong.

The greatest reason we often fail

To be what the Lord calls us to be,

And so do what He calls us to do,

Lies in the fact that we don't feed on Him as we should.

B. Preview.

But this passage also contains a second point:

It tells us why some believe and some don't –

Why some hear the Gospel and reject it,

While others believe and follow Jesus,

Even if it costs them their lives:

It has to do with what we call irresistible grace –

The work of the Father drawing His elect to Jesus by the Holy Spirit.

This evening, let's look at two things:

1. If you believe in Jesus, it's because the Father drew you to Him.
2. The Father will draw everyone He has chosen to Jesus.

## II. Sermon.

A. First, if you believe in Jesus, it's because the Father drew you.

1. Our passage shows us first

That there were some who believed

And many who didn't.

- a. Jesus tells us that the call of the Gospel is to be universal.

It's to be preached to everyone.

He says in Matthew 28:19 "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit."

And in Mark 16:15, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation."

He also tells us that everyone who responds in faith will be saved,

"For this is the will of My Father, that everyone who beholds the Son and believes in Him will have eternal life, and I Myself will raise him up on the last day" (v. 40).

- b. But there are many who hear the Gospel who don't believe.

This shouldn't come as a revelation to you

If you've shared the Gospel with very many.

There are relatively few who believe,

And many who don't.

Maybe we tend to think

That more would come if they could see Him,

Or if they could witness a miracle?

These saw Jesus with their own eyes,

They saw His signs/miracles,

But they still didn't believe.

Jesus says, "But I said to you that you have seen Me, and yet do not believe"  
(v. 36).

This shows us first that what Jesus said is true,

"For many are called, but few *are* chosen" (Matt. 22:14).

Many are called outwardly by the Gospel,

But few respond in faith and repentance.

He says in the Sermon on the Mount,

"Enter through the narrow gate; for the gate is wide and the way is broad that leads to destruction, and there are many who enter through it. For the gate is small and the way is narrow that leads to life, and there are few who find it" (Matt. 7:13-14).

But it also shows us

That it's not because they don't see miracles:

Miracles don't save.

They can stop traffic, cause amazement,  
 Verify that the messenger is from God,  
 They can even make someone follow Jesus for a while,  
 But not to the end,  
 Because they can't change your heart.

c. Without a change of heart,

Without faith,  
 No one will follow Jesus.

We saw this morning  
 That Jesus preached the Gospel to this crowd –  
 The crowd that saw the miracle of the loaves and fish –  
 Through the imagery of bread,  
 But they ultimately withdrew  
 Because they didn't believe.

“Therefore many of His disciples, when they heard *this* said, ‘This is a difficult statement; who can listen to it?’ But Jesus, conscious that His disciples grumbled at this, said to them, ‘Does this cause you to stumble? *What* then if you see the Son of Man ascending to where He was before? It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing; the words that I have spoken to you are spirit and are life. 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 it was that would betray Him. And He was saying, ‘For this reason I have said to you, that no one can come to Me unless it has been granted him from the Father.’ As a result of this many of His disciples withdrew and were not walking with Him anymore” (John 6:60-66).

There are a couple of statements here

That we'll return to in a few moments.

But the question we need to ask here is

Did they leave because they didn't understand Jesus?

If He had spoken in plainer language,

Would they have believed?

Jesus said in their current condition,

A greater miracle – such as the ascension –

Would only have stumbled them further.

If they couldn't understand their need of His humanity –

Of His flesh and blood for their salvation –

The ascension of Him bodily into heaven

Would only have confused them more.

They didn't believe,

And wouldn't believe,

No matter what Jesus said or did –

Their hearts were unchanged,

Which is why they ultimately left.

d. But there were also those who did believe.

“So Jesus said to the twelve, ‘You do not want to go away also, do you?’  
Simon Peter answered Him, ‘Lord, to whom shall we go? You have  
words of eternal life. We have believed and have come to know that You  
are the Holy One of God’” (6:67-69).

They knew there was nowhere else to go –

That there was salvation in no one else.

They believed He was the Holy One of God,

And so they would not leave Him.

If you have genuine faith –

If you have this change of heart –

The same will be true of you.

## 2. But why was this true of them?

Why did they believe?

Why do you believe?

You believe for three reasons:

Because the Father chose you;

Because He drew you to Jesus by His Spirit;

Because He had determined to give you to His Son.

### a. You believe, because the Father chose you to this.

“Jesus answered them, ‘Did I Myself not choose you, the twelve, and *yet* one of you is a devil?’ Now He meant Judas *the son* of Simon Iscariot, for he, one of the twelve, was going to betray Him” (vv. 70-71).

Some believe Jesus was speaking here of

His choice of them as His disciples/apostles.

That’s possible.

But it’s also possible He was speaking of their election to salvation.

If this was the only text we had,

There might be a question.

But as we've already seen,

The Bible clearly teaches election.

Paul writes, "Blessed *be* the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly *places* in Christ, just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we would be holy and blameless before Him. In love He predestined us to adoption as sons through Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the kind intention of His will, to the praise of the glory of His grace, which He freely bestowed on us in the Beloved" (Eph. 1:3-6).

He chose us that we would be holy and blameless –

He didn't choose us because we would be holy and blameless.

This is what He predetermined us to be.

This passage also reminds us about reprobation:

There was also one who was chosen here

To be the one who would betray Jesus.

Jesus prays in John 17:12, "While I was with them, I was keeping them in Your name which You have given Me; and I guarded them and not one of them perished *but the son of perdition, so that the Scripture would be fulfilled.*"

And He says in Matthew 26:24, "The Son of Man *is to* go, just as it is written of Him; *but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been good for that man if he had not been born.*"

Could it have been anyone other than Judas? No.

He was a devil from the beginning –

It was his nature to betray Jesus,

And He was chosen for this purpose.

Notice the consequences of this choice:

“It would have been good for that man if he had not been born.”

What does that mean?

It would have been better not to exist

Than to have to spend an eternity in hell.

The Bible doesn't teach annihilationism, but eternal punishment –

If Judas had been annihilated,

He would have been the same as if he had never been born.

Is this only true of Judas?

Was he unjustly singled out to be punished for his sins in hell? No.

This is true for everyone who dies without Christ –

It would have been better for you that you were never born.

That's why you need to trust Jesus while you still have time.

b. Second, you believe because the Father drew you by His Spirit.

“No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent Me draws him; and I will raise him up on the last day. It is written in the prophets, ‘AND THEY SHALL ALL BE TAUGHT OF GOD.’ Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father, comes to Me” (vv. 44-45).

We saw last week,

That this passage speaks of *ability*, not permission.

Jesus doesn't say, “No one *may* come to Me unless the Father draws him,”

But, “No one *can* come to Me.”

We came into this world dead in sin.

Paul writes, “And you were dead in your trespasses and sins, in which you formerly walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, of the spirit that is now working in the sons of disobedience” (Eph. 2:1-2).

We couldn't believe, we couldn't trust Christ,

Because we didn't want to.

Again, Paul writes, “Because the mind set on the flesh is hostile toward God; for it does not subject itself to the law of God, for it is not even able *to do so*, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God” (Rom. 8:7-8).

If we are to come then,

The Father must *draw* us – He must *compel* us.

Thankfully, that's what He did –

Not against our wills, but by changing our hearts –

He drew us from within,

He opened our eyes,

To see our need of Christ,

And changed our hearts

So that we would want to come to Him,

By His Holy Spirit.

Jesus says, “It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing; the words that I have spoken to you are spirit and are life” (John 6:63).

The Spirit convinced us that we were sinners.

He showed us our need of Jesus,

And caused us to love Him,

So that we would come to Him.

It's because of the Spirit's work

That we trust Jesus, while others don't.

Paul writes, "But a natural man does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; and he cannot understand them, because they are spiritually appraised" (2:14).

c. And the Father did all this –

He chose to save us,

And to draw us to Jesus by His Spirit –

Because He had determined

To give us to His Son as His reward for His work.

"*All that the Father gives Me* will come to Me, and the one who comes to Me I will certainly not cast out. For I have come down from heaven, not to do My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me. 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" (vv. 37-39).

What does Jesus gain from His work of redemption?

He gains the approval of His Father,

But also glory and a kingdom,

A kingdom populated by a redeemed people

That are like Him.

If you believe in Jesus this evening,

It's because the Father had determined to give you to Jesus.

B. This brings us to the second (evangelistic) point: Everyone the Father has given Jesus will come to Him.

They will all come to Him.

He will receive them.

Jesus will keep them.

And they will be glorified.

1. They will all come to Him.

When Jesus was evangelizing,

He met with a great deal of opposition,

Just as we do when we do the same,

But He didn't lose heart

Because He knew the Father had promised Him a people

And that they would eventually all come to Him.

*"All that the Father gives Me will come to Me"* (v. 37).

That is our confidence as well.

When we evangelize, we can know

There will be some that will be saved.

Knowing what we do about the nature of man,

We might be tempted to think that no one will come –

What's the point in evangelizing?

But consider what Jesus says here:

The Father has determined to reward His Son,

That reward is those He came into the world to save,

And so they will all come –

Nothing can stop Him from completing this work.

If you're willing to share the Gospel,  
 And living a life consistent with it,  
 The Father will use you to save  
 Those sheep you come into contact with.  
 This is the reason you can be confident  
 That your work will be successful.

2. All who come to Jesus, Jesus will receive.

“All that the Father gives Me will come to Me, and *the one who comes to Me I will certainly not cast out*” (v. 37).

If you don't know Jesus,  
 How can you know that He will receive you, if you come?  
 How can you know that God has chosen you?  
 How can you know He is drawing you by His Spirit?  
 You can only know by coming to Christ.  
 If you don't know Him, and you want to come, come.  
 Jesus says He won't turn you away –  
 He won't turn you away  
 Because you're coming to Him  
 Is His Father's work.

If you want to come, it shows He is drawing you –  
 That is, if you're coming to Him because you really want to,

Because you really love Him,  
 And not just because you want a ticket out of hell.

If you come in this way,  
 He will receive you –  
 You never have to be afraid that He won't.

3. All that receive Jesus will never perish.

If you come to Jesus,  
 And He receives you,  
 You can also know that He will never let you go.

“This is the will of Him who sent Me, that *of all that He has given Me I lose nothing.*”

Jesus will tell us in the Good Shepherd Discourse,

“My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me; and I give eternal life to them, and *they will never perish*; and no one will snatch them out of My hand. My Father, who has given *them* to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch *them* out of the Father's hand” (John 10:27-29).

4. Finally, He will raise them on the last day.

“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*” (v. 39).

If you come to Jesus,  
 He will not only raise you up on that day,  
 But you will be acquitted, rewarded, and glorified.

This is so certain to happen, that Paul speaks about it as though it's already happened, “For those whom He foreknew, He also predestined *to become* conformed to the image of His Son, so that He would be the firstborn among

many brethren; and these whom He predestined, He also called; and these whom He called, He also justified; and these whom He justified, He also glorified” (Rom. 8:29-30).

Have you come to Jesus?

Have you received this heavenly bread?

Do you have this assurance that you will be in heaven with Him?

Then don't thank yourself for any of this –

Give all the glory to Him,

Because it is first to last His work.

If you haven't come,

I urge you to come to Him now.

Come, and know He will receive you.

If you don't want to come,

Then know you will perish if you don't –

If you die in your present condition

It would have been better for you if you had never been born.

If you don't want to come, then pray and ask God for His grace –

Ask Him to draw you in mercy

That you might take hold of His Son, Jesus

And the life that's only in Him. Amen.