

Christ, the Bread of Life and the Grain in the Furrow

Bread Prayer 4

1 Hudson Taylor's Spiritual Secret

2 "The Lord Jesus received is holiness begun; the Lord Jesus cherished is holi-
3 ness advancing; the Lord Jesus counted upon as never absent would be holi-
4 ness complete."—Henry Law, *Christ is All: The Gospel in Leviticus*, Chapter
5 8 "Holiness."

6 Christ the Bread of Life

7 *John 6:48 (NKJV) 48 I am the bread of life.*

8 What does the Bible say about Christ the Bread of Life?

9 Christ is the Bread that does not perish.

10 John 6:27 (NKJV) 27 "Do not labor for the food which perishes, but for the
11 food which endures to everlasting life...."

12 The True Bread comes from heaven and is the gift of the Father.

13 John 6:32 (NKJV) 32 "Then Jesus said to them, "Most assuredly, I say to
14 you, Moses did not give you the bread from heaven, but My Father gives you
15 the true bread from heaven."

16 Christ, who came from heaven, is the Bread of God.

17 John 6:33 (NKJV) 33 "For the bread of God is He who comes down from
18 heaven and gives life to the world."

19 Christ is the Bread of Life.

20 (NKJV) 35 "And Jesus said to them, 'I am the bread of life.'"

21 Those eating this Bread never hunger or thirst.

22 John 6: 35 (NKJV) 35 "He who comes to Me shall never hunger, and he who
23 believes in Me shall never thirst."

24 We struggle to believe the promises associated with this Bread.

25 John 6:36 (NKJV) 36 "But I said to you that you have seen Me and yet do
26 not believe."

27 Those seeking this Bread will not be cast out.

28 John 6:37-39 (NKJV) 37 "All that the Father gives Me will come to Me, and
29 the one who comes to Me I will by no means cast out. 38 For I have come
30 down from heaven, not to do My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me.

31 39 This is the will of the Father who sent Me, that of all He has given Me I
32 should lose nothing, but should raise it up at the last day.”

33 Christ described Himself as the Living Bread.

34 John 6:51 (NKJV) 51 “I am the living bread which came down from heaven.
35 If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever;”

36 The Bread is Christ’s flesh which He will give for the salvation of the world.

37 John 6:51 (NKJV) 51 “and the bread that I shall give is My flesh, which I
38 shall give for the life of the world.”

39 There is no life without eating His flesh and drinking His blood.

40 John 6:53 (NKJV) 53 “Then Jesus said to them, “Most assuredly, I say to
41 you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink His blood, you
42 have no life in you.”

43 Eating this Bread brings eternal life.

44 John 6:54-55 (NKJV) 54 “Whoever eats My flesh and drinks My blood has
45 eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day. 55 For My flesh is food in-
46 deed, and My blood is drink indeed.”

47 Eating this Bread brings mutual abiding.

48 John 6:56 (NKJV) 56 “He who eats My flesh and drinks My blood abides in
49 Me, and I in him.”

50 Those who feed on Christ, will live eternally because of Christ.

51 John 6:57-58 (NKJV) “He who feeds on Me will live because of Me. 58 This
52 is the bread which came down from heaven—not as your fathers ate the man-
53 na, and are dead. He who eats this bread will live forever.”

54 What are the Responses to Christ the Bread?

55 Many reject Christ the Bread of Life.

56 John 6:60 (NKJV) 60 “Therefore many of His disciples, when they heard
57 this, said, “This is a hard saying; who can understand it?”

58 Some accept Christ the Bread.

59 John 6:67-69 (NKJV) 67 Then Jesus said to the twelve, “Do you also want to
60 go away?” 68 But Simon Peter answered Him, “Lord, to whom shall we go?
61 You have the words of eternal life. 69 Also we have come to believe and
62 know that You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.”

63 **Christ the Grain in the Furrow**

64 *John 12:24 (NKJV) 24 “Unless a grain of wheat falls into the ground and*
65 *dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it produces much grain.”*

66 What is the context of this verse?
67 John 12:20-21 (NKJV) 20 “Now there were certain Greeks among those who
68 came up to worship at the feast. 21 Then they came to Philip, who was from
69 Bethsaida of Galilee, and asked him, saying, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.”

70 What hour had come?
71 John 12:23 (NKJV) 23 “But Jesus answered them, saying, “The hour has
72 come that the Son of Man should be glorified.”

73 How did Christ characterize His hour of glorification?
74 John 12:24 (NKJV) 24 “Most assuredly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat
75 falls into the ground and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it produces
76 much grain.”

77 What was the dying going on in Christ’s life?
78 Isaiah 53:5 (NKJV) 5 “But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was
79 bruised for our iniquities; The chastisement for our peace was upon Him, And
80 by His stripes we are healed.”

81 Isaiah 53: 6 (NKJV) 6 “And the LORD has laid on Him the iniquity of us
82 all.”

83 Isaiah 53:7 (NKJV) 7 “He was oppressed and He was afflicted, Yet He
84 opened not His mouth; He was led as a lamb to the slaughter, And as a sheep
85 before its shearers is silent, So He opened not His mouth.”

86 Isaiah 53:9-10 (NKJV) 9 “He had done no violence, Nor was any deceit in
87 His mouth. 10 Yet it pleased the LORD to bruise Him; He has put Him to
88 grief.”

89 Hebrews 2: (NKJV) 9 But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the
90 angels, for the suffering of death crowned with glory and honor, that He, by
91 the grace of God, might taste death for everyone.”

92 Philippians 2:6-8 (NKJV) 6 “who, being in the form of God, did not consider
93 it robbery to be equal with God, 7 but made Himself of no reputation, taking
94 the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men. 8 And being
95 found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to
96 the point of death, even the death of the cross.”

97 What would become possible if Christ died?
98 2 Peter 1:4 (NKJV) 4 “by which have been given to us exceedingly great and
99 precious promises, that through these you may be partakers of the divine na-
100 ture, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.”

101 "Truth, precious truth, is sanctifying in its influence. The sanctification of the
102 soul by the operation of the Holy Spirit is the implanting of Christ’s nature in
103 humanity. It is the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ revealed in character, and
104 the graces of Christ brought into active exercise in good works. Thus the
105 character is transformed more and more perfectly after the image of Christ, in
106 righteousness and true holiness." {Ms34-1894.}

107 "The life of the true believer in Christ is a mystery. It is something that can-
108 not be explained. It is the privilege of every believer in Christ to possess
109 Christ's nature, a nature far above that which man forfeited by transgression.
110 He who sees the Son by faith and believes in Him is obedient to the com-
111 mandments of God, and in this obedience he finds everlasting life."
112 {Lt6a-1900.6}

113 What is the result of Christ's dying? What does that mean for you and me?

114 John 12:24 (NKJV) 24 "but if it dies, it produces much grain."

115 Compare this text with the following verses? What is produced compared to
116 John 12:24 (above)? Is there a difference between grain and fruit?

117 John 15:5 (NKJV) 5 "He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit."

118 Galatians 5:22-24 (NKJV) 22 "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace,
119 longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness, self-control.
120 Against such there is no law. 24 And those who are Christ's have crucified
121 the flesh with its passions and desires."

122 What does this mean for the grain produced?

123 Grain produces grain. For grain to be used it has to be sown in the field and
124 then processed in some way! Here we get the idea that the dying to self of
125 Christ in the "furrow" produces "grains" (people) who also die to self in
126 taking up their crosses and following Him!

127 What was included in Christ's call to follow Him?

128 Luke 9:23-24 (NKJV) 23 Then He said to them all, "If anyone desires to
129 come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow
130 Me. 24 For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his
131 life for My sake will save it.

132 Notice what the call to follow meant for the following people?

133 Joseph: Betrayed by his brothers, accused falsely, says what was meant for
134 evil was used by God for good!

135 Daniel's friends: Told to bow and refused, thrown in the fiery furnace, pro-
136 tected and delivered by God.

137 Christ: Hebrews 5:8-9 (NKJV) 8 "though He was a Son, yet He learned obe-
138 dience by the things which He suffered. 9 And having been perfected, He be-
139 came the author of eternal salvation to all who obey Him,"

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