

I Am the Bread of Life

John 6:25-40

"I am the God of your father the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob." Exodus 3:6

INTRODUCTION: In Exodus 3 God revealed His Name to Moses as I Am who I Am. Exodus 3:14. The Hebrew rendering is YAHWEH

A. The Jewish Scriptures were written in Hebrew.

Around the 3rd century BC, the Scriptures began to be translated into Greek which was the common language throughout the known world.

B. Two words in Greek can be translated as "I Am." Those words are "ego" and "eime." Ego means "I Am." Eime means "I Am." In the Greek transition of God's name in Exodus 3, "I Am who I Am" both words are used. Ego eime which literally says "I Am, I Am."

C. Jesus says ego eime I Am, I Am the bread of life.

He uses the exact same language to describe Himself that the Greek translation of the Old Testament used for the Name of God in Exodus.

D. So Jesus is literally saying that He is the I Am of the Old Testament.

THE FIRST "I AM" STATEMENT: "I Am the Bread of Life"

Context:

- Jesus had just fed over 5000 with 5 loaves of bread and 2 fish.
- That night Jesus and the disciples took a boat to the other side of the lake

- The next morning the crowds got into boats to search for Jesus.

I. We tend to pursue those things that only satisfy temporarily.

4 Hungers That Don't Satisfy.

- A. The hunger for power. 2 Samuel 15-18.
- B. The hunger for possessions. Luke 18:18-30.
- C. The hunger for praise. Daniel 4.
- D. There is the hunger for pleasure. 2 Samuel 11.

II. The things we hunger for can make us spiritually sick.

III. We often want Jesus to simply make our lives better.
"From now on give us this bread." 6:34

IV. We want Jesus to rescue us when we encounter a crisis

V. Jesus wants to give Himself completely to us and He wants us to give ourselves completely to Him

"I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty." John 6:35

"There is a God-shaped vacuum in the heart of each man which cannot be satisfied by any created thing but only by God the Creator, made know through Jesus Christ." Blaise Pascal

The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full. John 10:10.