

John 6:32

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Then Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Moses gave you not that bread from heaven; but my Father giveth you the true bread from heaven.

Analysis

Jesus corrects their theology: 'Moses gave you not that bread from heaven, but my Father giveth you the true bread from heaven.' This correction emphasizes that God, not Moses, provided manna, and that manna was merely typical, not ultimate. The present tense 'giveth' indicates current provision of something superior—Christ Himself as the true bread.

Historical Context

Jesus' distinction between Moses as mediator and God as provider counters their Moses-veneration. His emphasis on 'my Father' claims unique relationship with the divine Provider, and 'true bread' indicates manna was shadow, not substance.

Related Passages

John 15:13 — Greatest form of love

1 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics of love

Study Questions

1. How do we sometimes credit human mediators rather than God for His provisions?

2. What makes Christ 'true bread' in contrast to manna or other types and shadows?

Interlinear Text

εἶπεν	οὖν	αὐτοῖς	ὁ	Ἰησοῦς	ἀμὲν	ἀμὲν	λέγω	ὕμῖν	
said	Then	unto them	G3588	Jesus	Verily	Verily	I say	unto you	
G2036	G3767	G846		G2424	G281	G281	G3004	G5213	
οὐ	Μωσῆς	δίδωσιν	ὕμῖν	τὸν	ἄρτον	ἐκ	τοῦ	οὐρανοῦ	
not	Moses	gave	unto you	G3588	bread	from	G3588	heaven	
G3756	G3475	G1325	G5213		G740	G1537		G3772	
ἀλλ'	ὁ	πατήρ	μου	δίδωσιν	ὕμῖν	τὸν	ἄρτον	ἐκ	τοῦ
but	G3588	Father	my	gave	unto you	G3588	bread	from	G3588
G235		G3962	G3450	G1325	G5213		G740	G1537	
οὐρανοῦ	τὸν	ἀληθινόν·							
heaven	G3588	the true							
G3772		G228							

Additional Cross-References

Exodus 16:4 (References Moses): Then said the LORD unto Moses, Behold, I will rain bread from heaven for you; and the people shall go out and gather a certain rate every day, that I may prove them, whether they will walk in my law, or no.

John 6:58 (Parallel theme): This is that bread which came down from heaven: not as your fathers did eat manna, and are dead: he that eateth of this bread shall live for ever.

John 15:1 (Truth): I am the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman.