

John 6:34

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Then said they unto him, Lord, evermore give us this bread.

Analysis

The crowd's request 'Lord, evermore give us this bread' parallels the Samaritan woman's 'give me this water' (John 4:15)—both show initial interest based on misunderstanding. They still think materially while Jesus speaks spiritually. Their address 'Lord' (kyrie) and word 'evermore' show growing reverence, yet comprehension lags. God works through partial understanding toward full revelation.

Historical Context

Like the Samaritan woman's request for water without returning to the well, this crowd wants perpetual bread without labor. Their request reflects human desire for ease and provision, which Jesus will transform into spiritual truth.

Related Passages

Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

Psalm 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

Study Questions

1. How does God work through our initial misunderstandings to bring us to truth?

2. What earthly desires or needs might God be using to draw you toward spiritual reality?

Interlinear Text

Εἶπον οὖν πρὸς αὐτόν Κύριε πάντοτε δὸς ἡμῖν τὸν
said they Then unto him Lord evermore give us G3588
G2036 G3767 G4314 G846 G2962 G3842 G1325 G2254

ἄρτον τοῦτον

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Additional Cross-References

John 4:15 (Parallel theme): The woman saith unto him, Sir, give me this water, that I thirst not, neither come hither to draw.

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