

Satisfied in Christ
Matthew 14:13-21

Worship is expressing complete devotion, submission, or attention to someone or something through thoughts, words, or actions.

What satisfies me the most?

We worship out of place of satisfaction – whatever satisfies us the most will likely be the object of our ultimate worship.

“...that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.” (Eph. 3:17-19)

“Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.” (Eph. 3:20-21)

1. Know Jesus as Shepherd (v13-14)

“When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd.” (Matt. 9:36)

Do you know Jesus as shepherd?

“The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters. He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name’s sake.” (Ps. 23:1-3)

“...cast all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you.” (1 Peter 5:7)

2. Know Jesus as Provider (v.15-19)

“They need not go away; you give them something to eat.”

“We have only five loaves here and two fish.”

“Bring them here to me.”

Do you know Jesus as provider?

As a deer pants for flowing streams, so pants my soul for you, O God. My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When shall I come and appear before God? My tears have been my food day and night, while they say to me all the day long, “Where is your God?” These things I remember, as I pour out my soul: how I would go with the throng and lead them in procession to the house of God with glad shouts and songs of praise,

a multitude keeping festival. Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you in turmoil within me? Hope in God; for I shall again praise him, my salvation and my God. (Ps. 42:1-5).

3. Know Jesus as Satisfier (v20-21, Jn 6:25-40)

A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing the man of God bread of the firstfruits, twenty loaves of barley and fresh ears of grain in his sack. And Elisha said, "Give to the men, that they may eat." But his servant said, "How can I set this before a hundred men?" So he repeated, "Give them to the men, that they may eat, for thus says the LORD, 'They shall eat and have some left.' " So he set it before them. And they ate and had some left, according to the word of the LORD. (2 Kings 4:42-44)

In the evening quail came up and covered the camp, and in the morning dew lay around the camp. And when the dew had gone up, there was on the face of the wilderness a fine, flake-like thing, fine as frost on the ground. When the people of Israel saw it, they said to one another, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was. And Moses said to them, "It is the bread that the LORD has given you to eat. This is what the LORD has commanded: 'Gather of it, each one of you, as much as he can eat. You shall each take an omer, according to the number of the persons that each of you has in his tent.' " And the people of Israel did so. They gathered, some more, some less. But when they measured it with an omer, whoever gathered much had nothing left over, and whoever gathered little had no lack. Each of them gathered as much as he could eat. Exod. 16:13-18

As the good shepherd, Jesus will satisfy the afflicted.

As the all-powerful provider, Jesus will satisfy the needy.

As the perfect savior, Jesus will perfectly satisfy every lost soul who calls upon him in faith.