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- Removal of access to the Tree of Life is enforced
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- Fulfilling the Promise of God's Mercy (Isaiah 55:1-3)
- Filling those who long for impossible righteousness (Matthew 5:6)

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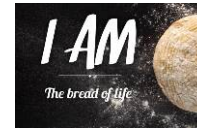
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²⁸ *Therefore they said to Him, "What shall we do, so that we may work the works of God?" ²⁹ Jesus answered and said to them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in Him whom He has sent."*

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³² *Jesus then said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, it is not Moses who has given you the bread out of heaven, but it is My Father who gives you the true bread out of heaven. ³³ For the bread of God is that which comes down out of heaven, and gives life to the world." ³⁴ Then they said to Him, "Lord, always give us this bread." ³⁵ Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; he who comes to Me will not hunger, and he who believes in Me will never thirst ³⁶ But I said to you that you have seen Me, and yet do not believe.*



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