

FINAL NOTES - THIS WEEK'S STUDY – 12/4-5/2023

(John 7:53- 8:47) – An Adulteress Faces the Light of the World; Jesus Defends His Self-Witness; Jesus Predicts His Departure; The Truth Shall Make You Free; Abraham's Seed and Satan's!

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OPENING PRAYER

Review from last week: Jesus' Brothers Disbelieve; The Heavenly Scholar; Could This be the Christ? Jesus and the Religious Leaders; The Promise of the Holy Spirit; Who Is He? Rejected by the Authorities!

Introduction:

- **The seventh chapter ended at the end of the last day of the *Feast Of Tabernacles*, that great day of the feast. As the chapter ends, it ends with these words, "*And everyone went to his own house*" (John 7:53). *The Feast* is over, the day is over, every man went to his own house.**

Joh 8:1 But Jesus went to the Mount of Olives.

- **Every man went into his own house, but Jesus went to the Mount of Olives.** We are reminded of (*Mat 8:20*) *And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay His head."* They went to their houses, Jesus went to the Mount of Olives, no doubt to spend the night there in a garden area that He was used to going to with His disciples, a place where they usually spent the night. We find that six months later, He will again be going into that area in the Mount of Olives, where He will finally be arrested and Judas will betray Him. Judas knew the place that Jesus was accustomed to going there on the Mount of Olives. So it is of a keen sense of sadness and a reminder; *Every man went to his own house but Jesus went to the Mount of Olives.*

Joh 8:2 Now early in the morning He came again into the temple, and all the people came to Him; and He sat down and taught them.

- **Yesterday, the last day of the feast, we find Jesus stood and cried saying, "*If any man thirsts, let him come unto Me, and drink*" (John 7:37).** Now He is sitting down and teaching, He is assuming the position of a Rabbi. In that time and culture, the teachers sat and the pupils stood. So, when Jesus is sitting, He is now in the position of the Rabbi, the teacher. He is sitting to teach the people.
- **When a person is heralding a truth, they would stand to herald the truth.** So, when Jesus was proclaiming the way of salvation, when He was proclaiming the Gospel, a herald of the Gospel, Jesus stood and He cried, "*If any man thirsts, let him come to Me, and drink.*" Now He is going to teach and thus, He sits there in the temple and the people have gathered to listen to Him. As He is teaching the people, suddenly there is a commotion.

Joh 8:3 Then the scribes and Pharisees brought to Him a woman caught in adultery. And when they had set her in the midst,

Joh 8:4 they said to Him, "Teacher, this woman was caught in adultery, in the very act.

Joh 8:5 Now Moses, in the law, commanded us that such should be stoned. But what do You say?"

Joh 8:6 This they said, testing Him, that they might have something of which . But Jesus stooped down and wrote on the ground with His finger, as though He did not hear.

- **Early in the morning He is teaching. The scribes and Pharisees have caught a woman** in the very act of adultery. She had probably spent the night with a man. Now they come dragging her to Jesus. She is likely defiant, rebellious, screaming, causing quite a commotion. They set her in the midst, saying, We caught this woman, in the very act of adultery. Moses' law said we are to stone her! What do you say? But John is careful to point out that they trying to catch Jesus.

- **They knew that Jesus was full of grace and truth.** They are trying to put Him at conflict with the Mosaic law, because they understood that the law came from God through Moses. As John said in the first chapter, the law came by Moses and grace and truth by Jesus Christ. So, they are trying to put Him at odds with the Mosaic law. Not only that, but the Roman law. The Romans had taken the power of capital punishment from the Jews, and only Rome could give the death sentence to a person.
- **If Jesus now advocates stoning her, they will then go to the Roman authorities** and accuse Jesus as a rebel to the Roman authority, because they had taken away the Jew's right to execute capital punishment. They feel that they have Him pretty well trapped in this situation. He cannot say, Well, be gracious and merciful, because then they would say, He is at odds with the Mosaic law; and He cannot say, "Stone her, because then He would be at odds with the Roman law.
- **So, Jesus. Stooped down and with his finger wrote on the ground.** Some of the old manuscripts read as though He heard them not. He just ignored them and started writing on the ground. So they persisted, they are not going to let Him off the hook.

Joh 8:7 So when they continued asking Him, He raised Himself up and said to them, "He who is without sin among you, let him throw a stone at her first."

- That "without sin" is sort of "who has never sinned" among you, let him cast the first stone.

Joh 8:8 And again He stooped down (kata) and wrote (grapho) on the ground.

- **These words have given rise to the theory that what He is writing are incriminations against them.** Perhaps He is recording their sins there in the dirt. He had just said, "He who is without sin among you, let him throw a stone at her first." Then as He began to write down, to make a record, from the oldest to the youngest, they began to excuse themselves and leave. Probably as He was writing, first of all, their name and then starting to list the things that they have been doing lately, they remembered other obligations that they had and they left! One by one, until they were all gone!

Joh 8:9 Then those who heard it, being convicted by their conscience, went out one by one, beginning with the oldest even to the last. And Jesus was left alone, and the woman standing in the midst.

- **Then those who heard it, being convicted by their conscience, went out one by one.** It was probably related to their sins. They were convicted by their own conscience,

Joh 8:10 When Jesus had raised Himself up and saw no one but the woman, He said to her, "Woman, where are those accusers of yours? Has no one condemned you?"

- **I imagine there was a bit of humor in that,** What happened to them? Doesn't anybody condemn you?

Joh 8:11 She said, "No one, Lord." And Jesus said to her, "Neither do I condemn you; go and sin no more."

- **There was only one person in that whole crowd who was qualified to cast a stone** and He refused to do it. There was only one who was sinless among them.
- **This goes back to the conversation that Jesus had with Nicodemus in the third chapter,** where Jesus said, (*Joh 3:17-20*) *For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved. [18] "He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. [19] And this is the condemnation, that the light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. [20] For everyone practicing evil hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed.*
- **So here were men who came to the light and they were exposed.** They had left. Only the woman remained. There must have been a total change in her attitude. I believe that she came in screaming, scratching, kicking. But as the accusers began to leave, she was moved by Jesus. When He said, "Where are your accusers? Doesn't anyone condemn you?" She said, "No one, Lord." There was that total change of her attitude; the rebellion was gone; her anger was gone. Probably there were tears in her eyes as she looked at the Man of compassion, full of grace and truth, and to hear His words, "Neither do I condemn you."

- **Jesus said that He did not come to condemn but to save.** (*Luk 19:10*) *for the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost.* Here was one that He was going to die for. Here is one that He came to save. Thus, this beautiful picture!
- **There are some who say that this account of the adulteress does not belong in the Bible.** There are a couple of older texts, mainly the Codex Sinaiticus in which this particular account is absent. Thus, Wescott and Hort who compiled a Greek New Testament, from which translations are made, decided to leave it out of the text at this point. They did put it in at the end of the gospel of John as sort of an appendage. Some of the modern translations put it in brackets and an explanation of the fact that in some of the older manuscripts, it does not exist. They usually say some of the “best manuscripts.” But I would challenge that the Codex Sinaiticus was a good manuscript. It is a poor manuscript. That may be why it has survived. No one wanted to read it because it was poor. So the others that were good manuscripts were worn out and this one remained.
- **There is a man who is a great scholar, especially in the realm of the original text,** Dean Burgon, Dean of Chichester, England, who wrote what he called the Apostrophe of John in which he gives very strong, powerful arguments for the inclusion of this in the text, where it is in the text, showing that the text would be incomplete without it. I personally feel that it is a part, and surely it is in the Majority Text, the Textus Receptus and all. It is there because the majority of the text include this story in place. For additional insight, one might refer to Chuck Missler’s online video; https://youtu.be/HZG_5yl6Zaw

“I AM the Light of the World!”

Joh 8:12 Then Jesus spoke to them again, saying, "I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life."

- **Then Jesus spoke to them again, saying.** The Pharisees and the scribes who brought the woman, they have left. The people are still there. Jesus spoke to them again.
- **I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life.** Jesus has come to bring light into the world that is dark by the result of sin. Light illuminates. Men will not come to the light because it exposes. (*Joh 3:19*) *And this is the condemnation, that the light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil.* Again the affirmation and it is interesting that it is related to not condemning. (*Joh 3:17*) *For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.* (*Joh 8:11*) *She said, "No one, Lord." And Jesus said to her, "Neither do I condemn you: go and sin no more."*
- **I am the light of the world.** I did not come to condemn but to bring light! *He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life!*
- **John said in (1Jn 1:1) That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, concerning the Word of life.**
- **(1Jn 1:6-7) If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. [7] But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.** So here John, no doubt, is remembering these words of Jesus when He said, “*He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness.*” So a man, and often men say, I am in the light or I am walking in the light. And yet, they are living in darkness. Their lives are still filled with sin and darkness. You say you have fellowship with God, but John said, You lie, but you really do not. “*We walk in the light, as He is in the light.*”
- **According to the Jewish Talmud, there was an Illumination of the Temple Ceremony, during the Feast of Tabernacles (Sukkot),** which involved the ritual lighting of four golden oil-fed lamps in the Court of Women. These lamps, whose wicks were made of priests’ old garments, were huge menorahs (candelabras), seventy-five feet high, lighted in the Temple at night to remind the people of the pillar of fire that had guided Israel in their wilderness journey. All night long, for seven nights, the light shone their brilliance, it is said, illuminating the entire city! On the eighth day the lights were extinguished for a holy and solemn assembly. Then, on the eighth day with the courts dimly lighted, imagine the impact of the words said by Jesus in the Temple courtyard when He announced, “I am the Light of the world!”
- **In celebration and anticipation, the holiest of Israel's men danced and sang psalms of joy and praise,** before the Lord. This festival was a reminder that God had promised to send a light, the Light, to a sin-darkened world. God promised to send the Messiah to renew Israel's glory, release them from bondage, and restore their joy. Imagine that you are in ancient Jerusalem during *The Feast of Tabernacles*. Visualize,

having seen these massive menorahs giving a tremendous amount of light for the seven nights of The Feast, now dimmed on the eighth day and Jesus' proclaiming, "I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life!"

Joh 8:13 *The Pharisees therefore said to Him, "You bear witness of Yourself; Your witness is not true."*

- **The Pharisees who were still there, not the ones that brought the woman** to arrest her, but "the Pharisees therefore said to Him, "You bear witness of Yourself; Your witness is not true." In (Joh 5:31) "If I bear witness of Myself, My witness is not true. Jesus is saying what they would say, if He bore record of Himself. So He said, My Father bears record of Me; John bore record of Me; the works bear record of Me. He told of all of the witnesses that He had who bore record of Him. Now He declares, "I am the light of the world." They immediately pounce on that, saying, You are testifying for Yourself, and thus we reject it." That is basically what He was saying back in John 5:31, If I would testify, you would reject it. You would say, You are testifying for Yourself. So here Jesus then defends it.

Joh 8:14 *Jesus answered and said to them, "Even if I bear witness of Myself, My witness is true, for I know where I came from and where I am going; but you do not know where I come from and where I am going."*

- **I know who I am. I know where I have come from.** I know where I am going, you do not!

Joh 8:15 *You judge according to the flesh; I judge no one.*

Joh 8:16 *And yet if I do judge, My judgment is true; for I am not alone, but I am with the Father who sent Me.*

- **So there is another who bears witness with Me.** Yes, I have born witness of Myself. But there is another who bears witness with Me, My Father!

Joh 8:17 *It is also written in your law that the testimony of two men is true.*

- **There is the confirmation to My witness** and that is My Father.

Joh 8:18 *I am One who bears witness of Myself, and the Father who sent Me bears witness of Me."*

Joh 8:19 *Then they said to Him, "Where is Your Father?" Jesus answered, "You know neither Me nor My Father. If you had known Me, you would have known My Father also."*

- **Where is your Father?** This is one of the many questions that we have in this chapter, Where is Your Father? In other words, Alright, You say Your Father bears witness, show us. Produce Your Father, *where is Your Father?* Jesus answered, *You know neither Me nor My Father. If you had known Me, you would have known My Father also.* In (Joh 14:9) Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you so long, and yet you have not known Me, Philip? He who has seen Me has seen the Father; so how can you say, 'Show us the Father'?"
- **Here Jesus is saying, If you had known Me, you would have known My Father also.** In other words, there is such an identity, there is such a oneness that to know the One is to know the other! To see the One is to see the other. So, My Father bears witness but you do not know Him. If you had known Me, you would have known My Father also.

Joh 8:20 *These words Jesus spoke in the treasury, as He taught in the temple; and no one laid hands on Him, for His hour had not yet come.*

- **The treasury was in the court of the women.** That is where the treasury was. There was the outer court of the Gentiles. Then the court of the women. From there, the court of the men, and on into the actual place of sacrifice. A woman was only allowed to pass through the court of the men, if she was taking in a sacrifice. But there was the outer court of the women and this is where *the treasury* was, where both men and women could enter. There were thirteen large containers for the treasury.
- **The first six of them were for designated purposes.** The first one is for the half-shekel temple tax that every Jew had to pay each year. Then the next one was to purchase the sacrifices; for the women, the turtledoves and so forth that they had to offer for purification. The next one was to buy the wood for the

fires that were on the altars; the upkeep of the vessels and so forth. I think there were seven of them that designated. Then, the rest were just for anything you have left. So you had to go by the thirteen collection points and that's where Jesus was teaching now. The porches, large colonnades, was where Jesus was teaching.

- ***And no man laid hands on him; for his hour was not yet come.*** This hour in which He is to be crucified, this hour in which He calls it, He was to be glorified. The hour of His full dedication and submission to the will of the Father in going to the cross and bearing our sins.

Joh 8:21 Then Jesus said to them again, "I am going away, and you will seek Me, and will die in your sin. Where I go you cannot come."

- They are confused by this.

Joh 8:22 So the Jews said, "Will He kill Himself, because He says, 'Where I go you cannot come'?"

Joh 8:23 And He said to them, "You are from beneath; I am from above. You are of this world; I am not of this world.

Joh 8:24 Therefore I said to you that you will die in your sins; for if you do not believe that I am He, you will die in your sins."

- **Where I go you cannot come.** Why? Because you do not believe that I AM. The only way, the only way, we can possibly hope to gain heaven as an eternal dwelling place is to believe in Jesus Christ. He said, (***Joh 14:6***) *Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.* He's talking about, if you know Me, you would have known My Father. Now I am going to go away. You are going to seek Me. You will not be able to come to where I am going. Though you be a practicing Jew, heaven will not be open to you. You have to believe in Me to gain entrance into heaven. ***"For if you do not believe that I am He, you will die in your sins."***
- **God has made only one provision for your sins to be forgiven!** That is through His Son, Jesus Christ! You cannot atone for your own sins. You cannot do good works and bring justification. God has only one provision for the forgiveness of your sins and that is through faith and trusting in His Son, Jesus Christ! Very narrow? Yes, it is, (***Mat 7:14***) *Because narrow is the gate and difficult is the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it.* Jesus said, (***Joh 10:1***) *"Most assuredly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door, but climbs up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber. There is only one way! There is only one door to the sheepfold, and that is Jesus Christ!"*

Joh 8:25 Then they said to Him, "Who are You?" And Jesus said to them, "Just what I have been saying to you from the beginning.

Joh 8:26 I have many things to say and to judge concerning you, but He who sent Me is true; and I speak to the world those things which I heard from Him."

Joh 8:27 They did not understand that He spoke to them of the Father.

- **So the second question, "Who are You?"** And Jesus said to them, "Just what I have been saying to you from the beginning." He is now again laying claim that He is declaring to them, only the things of the Father, the things that He *heard from Him.*

Joh 8:28 Then Jesus said to them, "When you lift up the Son of Man, then you will know that I am He, and that I do nothing of Myself; but as My Father taught Me, I speak these things.

- **When you lift up the Son of Man.** This is a term by which is a reference to the cross, "lifted up on the cross." Again He'll say, (***Joh 12:32-33***) *And I, if I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all peoples to Myself." [33] This He said, signifying by what death He would die.* It is referring to the cross and being lifted up on the cross. Here He is saying, When I am lifted up, when I am dying on the cross, then you will come to recognize.
- **When Jesus was being nailed to the cross, Luke tells us that He prayed,** (***Luk 23:34a***) *Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they do."*
- **When on the day of Pentecost, the Holy Spirit was poured out, people gathered** to observe the phenomena. Peter stood up and he preached to them. (***Act 2:22-24; 32-33; 38***) *"Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a Man attested by God to you by miracles, wonders, and signs which God did*

through Him in your midst, as you yourselves also know. [23] Him, being delivered by the determined purpose and foreknowledge of God, you have taken by lawless hands, have crucified, and put to death; [24] whom God raised up, having loosed the pains of death, because it was not possible that He should be held by it. [32] This Jesus, God has raised up, of which we are all witnesses. [33] Therefore being exalted to the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, He poured out this which you now see and hear. [38] Then Peter said to them, "Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

- **He acknowledged, For I realize that in ignorance, you did it!** Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; they know not what they do." They are ignorant of what they are doing.
- **Now these people who were there, crucifying Him in ignorance,** lifting Him up in ignorance, now they are saying, What shall we do? Peter said, "I know that you did it ignorantly. But he offered to them the way of salvation because what you did, you did ignorantly. So the prayer of Jesus was really answered on the Day of Pentecost. Jesus is saying, When I am lifted up, you will now understand these things, when I am crucified!

Joh 8:29 And He who sent Me is with Me. The Father has not left Me alone, for I always do those things that please Him."

- **I always do those things that please Him! What a statement! Would to God I could make that statement!** I do so many things to please myself. Only Jesus could say, "I always do those things that please Him."
- **We read in (Psa 40:7-8) Then I said, "Behold, I come; In the scroll of the book it is written of me. [8] I delight to do Your will, O my God, And Your law is within my heart."** This goes right along with, "I always do those things that please Him." The Father is with Me! He has not left Me alone! Where then was this really fulfilled?
- **He is talking about being lifted up.** When I am lifted up. When Jesus is on the cross, He is there to please the Father. For it has pleased Him to put Him to death for our sins. (**Mar 14:36**) *And He said, "Abba, Father, all things are possible for You. Take this cup away from Me; nevertheless, not what I will, but what You will."* It was submission to the will of the Father.
- Also at Jesus' baptism, (**Mat 3:17**) *And suddenly a voice came from heaven, saying, "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."* When did He say that? When Jesus said, (**Mat 3:15**) *But Jesus answered and said to him, "Permit it to be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness."* Then he allowed Him. That is, to be obedient in all of the issues of righteousness and the Father acknowledges, "I am well pleased." "I do always those things that please Him."
- **It should be a goal of each of our lives. What would please the Father in this? How can I please the Father?** What would please the Father? Often we make a mistake by trying to draw a fine line of definition between right and wrong. That really is not the issue. That is not the question we should be asking, is it right or is it wrong? The issue should be, is it pleasing to the Father? Does it please the Lord that I do this? Is He pleased with my actions? Jesus could say, "I do always those things that please the Father. That should really be our goal and our aim, to please the Father. Does it please Him? I always do those things that please Him."

Joh 8:30 As He spoke these words, many believed in Him.

- **Now He is going to address those that believed in Him because at this point it is just a mental persuasion,** but it is not a commitment. There are many people who come to sort of a persuasion that yes, these things are true. Yes, He must be the Son of God. They have a mental persuasion but there is not a commitment. So, Jesus is going to really challenge them now. He is going to really test their belief. He is going to say things that are going to upset them, to find out just what you do believe.

The Truth Will Set You Free

Joh 8:31 Then Jesus said to those Jews who believed Him, "If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed.

- **Then said Jesus to those Jews who believed in Him. He is addressing them now** and He is going to get into some pretty heavy-duty things with them. "Then Jesus said to those Jews which believed on Him," *If*

you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed. You believe now, but there is more than just believing. You must continue in the word to be a disciple. It must be more than just a head trip. It is more than just, yes, this must be the Son of God. There has to be that commitment of the heart and the continuing in the word. That then is a true disciple.

Joh 8:32 And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.

Joh 8:33 They answered Him, "We are Abraham's descendants, and have never been in bondage to anyone. How can You say, 'You will be made free'?"

- **The nation of Israel was in bondage in Egypt.** They went into bondage to Babylon. They were in bondage to Assyria. Now, they are in bondage to Rome. What do they mean, we were never in bondage to any man? Roman soldiers are walking their streets. They are resenting having to pay taxes to the Roman government. Yet, they say, We were never in bondage to any man.
- **In a sense, this is true that their spirit was never conquered.** They were always rebelling against whatever authority was over them, even the authority of God. They were never really in real submission to God. That rebelling spirit seem to be just a part of them and thus they declare, We were never in bondage to any man. Oh yes, they might be ruling over us. They might be walking our streets and we might pay taxes to them but in our hearts, we are still not in bondage!

Joh 8:34 Jesus answered them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, whoever commits sin is a slave of sin.

Joh 8:35 And a slave does not abide in the house forever, but a son abides forever.

- **They are thinking of it in a physical way and Jesus is talking to them in spiritual things.** Always there is that misunderstanding because Jesus is so often speaking in the spiritual realm and man is thinking in the physical realm.
- **Jesus answered them, Most assuredly, I say to you, whoever commits sin is a slave of sin. And a slave does not abide in the house forever, but a son abides forever.** If you commit sin, you are a servant to sin. (2Pe 2:19) *While they promise them liberty, they themselves are slaves of corruption; for by whom a person is overcome, by him also he is brought into bondage.* So Jesus is talking about the bondage of sin, a *slave of corruption*, as the scriptures call it. The servant does not abide in the house forever. He can be released at any time. *But the son, He abides forever!*

Joh 8:36 Therefore if the Son makes you free, you shall be free indeed.

- **The true freedom that we have is in Jesus Christ, Who breaks the power that sin had over your life.** I love that song, *He breaks the power of cancelled sin, He sets the prisoner free. His blood can make the foulest clean, His blood availed for me.*
- **The power of Jesus. "Whom the Son sets free is free indeed."** How we enjoy and love that freedom that we have in Jesus Christ.

Joh 8:37 "I know that you are Abraham's descendants, but you seek to kill Me, because My word has no place in you.

Joh 8:38 I speak what I have seen with My Father, and you do what you have seen with your father."

- **They said, we are Abraham's descendants! We were never in bondage to anyone.** I know you are Abraham's seed.
- **Now He is making the distinction. My Father and your father. I am doing the things of My Father; you're doing the things of your father.** You are trying to kill Me. That is the desire of Satan, to destroy the Son of God. So you are going about to kill Me and thus, you are doing the things that you have seen with your father.

You Are of Your Father the Devil

Joh 8:39 They answered and said to Him, "Abraham is our father." Jesus said to them, "If you were Abraham's children, you would do the works of Abraham.

Joh 8:40 But now you seek to kill Me, a Man who has told you the truth which I heard from God. Abraham did not do this.

- *(Gen 15:6) And he believed in the LORD, and He accounted it to him for righteousness.* Paul said, *(Rom 9:6) But it is not that the word of God has taken no effect. For they are not all Israel who are of Israel.* They again are thinking in the terms of the physical. I am a physical descendant of Abraham. My genealogy goes back to Abraham, we have Abraham as our father. Jesus said, “No, if you were Abraham’s children,” now Jesus is talking in the spiritual realm, “then you would be doing the works of Abraham.” Abraham was the father of a spiritual race, of those who believed in the word of God. So, Abraham did not do what you are doing.

Joh 8:41 You do the deeds of your father." Then they said to Him, "We were not born of fornication; we have one Father—God."

- **Jesus is actually here pressing the issue, their father, and they are now cutting, very cutting.** “*We were not born of fornication*, which was an intimation concerning His birth. That secret of Mary was not a secret. When Mary and Joseph were married, the people counted the months. Thus, Jesus was accused of being conceived out of wedlock, which of course, He was. But they are using it now, “*We were not born of fornication*” as a very cutting remark to Jesus. They countered, “*We have one Father--God.*” Now they are claiming God is their Father.

Joh 8:42 Jesus said to them, "If God were your Father, you would love Me, for I proceeded forth and came from God; nor have I come of Myself, but He sent Me.

- **You are wanting to kill Me because your father, Satan, wants to destroy Me.** You are doing the works of your father because you want to kill Me. “*If God were your Father, you’d love Me.*” When you see people today it is their response and reaction to Jesus Christ, that is very revealing as to who their father really is. If God is your Father, then you would love Jesus. “For I proceeded forth and came from God; neither did I come of Myself, but He sent Me.” Jesus said, I did not come to do My own will, but the will of Him that sent Me.”

Joh 8:43 Why do you not understand My speech? Because you are not able to listen to My word.

- **There is that hardness of heart, the deafness of the ear.**

Joh 8:44 You are of your father the devil, and the desires of your father you want to do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own resources, for he is a liar and the father of it.

- **Now He is going to get very pointed.** “*You are of your father the devil, and the desires of your father you want to do.* They did crucify Him. They did fulfill the desires of their father, the devil, in seeking to destroy God!
- **He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him.** When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own resources, for he is a liar and the father of it. Two accusations; he is a murderer, and he is a liar. He wants to murder Me. I am the truth; he wants to extinguish the truth. He is a liar and has been a liar from the beginning. You will know the truth; the truth will make you free. But the lies of Satan will bring you into bondage, into the bondage of corruption and sin, the powers of darkness.

Joh 8:45 But because I tell the truth, you do not believe Me.

Joh 8:46 Which of you convicts Me of sin? And if I tell the truth, why do you not believe Me?

- **Which of you can point out sin in Me?** I would not dare say that. We could get a long line of witnesses here. But Jesus lived such a life He could say, *Which of you convinces me of sin?* Can you show any sin in Me?
- **Jesus turns the floor over to these religious leaders that are plotting his death, saying, accuse Me of one sin!** What is the response on their part to this challenge? Complete silence! They could not break that silence because He is the only one who could. He then broke it by asking them about the logical conclusion to their silence. *And if I tell the truth, why do you not believe Me?* They had an opportunity to nail Him and they struck out.

- **It is important to understand that. If you are not a Christian here tonight, and you reject Jesus Christ as Messiah, as your Savior, as the Son of God, that is the question that you will have to answer one day, before Him. You will have to have a sin from His life as a reason for rejecting Him, because it is a silence that cannot be broken. There is no good reason for rejecting Jesus, not His life, not His teaching, not His miracles, not His anything!**

Joh 8:47 He who is of God hears God's words; therefore you do not hear, because you are not of God.

- **These are strong statements but yet very probing statements by which we need to look at ourselves. Do I hear His words? Do I submit? That is, hearing, listening in the sense of submitting to the word. Then I am of God! But if I am rebelling, not listening, then I am not of God! Am I, are we, truly *hearing God's words?***

SUMMARY:

- **An Adulteress Faces the Light of the World;**
 - ✓ *He who is without sin among you, let him throw a stone at her first. Then those who heard it, being convicted by their conscience, went out one by one. Jesus was left alone, and the woman standing in the midst. Woman, where are those accusers of yours? Has no one condemned you?" She said, "No one, Lord." And Jesus said to her, "Neither do I condemn you; go and sin no more!"*
 - ✓ *I Am the Light of the World! He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life.*
- **Jesus Defends His Self-Witness;**
 - ✓ *I am One who bears witness of Myself, and the Father who sent Me bears witness of Me." Then they said to Him, "Where is Your Father?" Jesus answered, "You know neither Me nor My Father. If you had known Me, you would have known My Father also."*
- **Jesus Predicts His Departure;**
 - ✓ *Then Jesus said to them again, "I am going away, and you will seek Me, and will die in your sin. Where I go you cannot come." You are from beneath; I am from above. You are of this world; I am not of this world.*
- **The Truth Shall Make You Free;**
 - ✓ *Then Jesus said to those Jews who believed Him, "If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed.*
 - ✓ *And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."*
- **Abraham's Seed and Satan's!**
 - ✓ *He who is of God hears God's words; therefore you do not hear, because you are not of God."*

Free Indeed! Joh 8:36 Therefore if the Son makes you free, you shall be free indeed.

- The true freedom that we have is in Jesus Christ, Who breaks the power that sin had over your life. **He breaks the power of cancelled sin; He sets the prisoner free. His blood can make the foulest clean, His blood availed for me. The power of Jesus. "Whom the Son sets free is free indeed."** How we enjoy and love that freedom that we have in Jesus Christ.

CLOSING SONG:

O FOR A THOUSAND TONGUES Charles Wesley (1739) Maranatha (2:12/2:15)

1 O for a thousand tongues to sing My great Redeemer's praise

The glories of my God and King The triumphs of his grace!

2 Jesus! the name that charms our fears That bids our sorrows cease

'tis music in the sinner's ears 'tis life and health and peace

3 He breaks the power of cancelled sin He sets the prisoner free;

His blood can make the foulest clean; His blood availed for me

4 Hear him, ye deaf; his praise, ye dumb, Your loosened tongues employ
Ye blind, behold your savior come, And leap, ye lame, for joy
5 My gracious Master and my God Assist me to proclaim
To spread thro' all the earth abroad The honors of your name.

CLOSING PRAYER:

Read and study John Chapter 8-9!

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