

- A brief review:

³¹ So Jesus said to those Jews who had believed in Him, if you abide in My word [hold fast to My teachings and live in accordance with them], you are truly My disciples.

³² And you will know the Truth, and the Truth will set you free.

³³ They answered Him, we are Abraham's offspring (descendants) and have never been in bondage to anybody. What do You mean by saying, you will be set free?

³⁴ Jesus answered them, I assure you, most solemnly I tell you, whoever commits *and* practices sin is the slave of sin.

³⁵ Now a slave does not remain in a household permanently (forever); the son [of the house] does remain forever.

³⁶ So if the Son liberates you [makes you free men], then you are really *and* unquestionably free.

³⁷ [Yes] I know that you are Abraham's offspring; yet you plan to kill Me, because My word has no entrance (makes no progress, does not find any place) in you. **John 8:31-37**

- Jesus talks about being a disciple.
 - You must 'continue' ...put roots down in My Word. (**v31-32**) The Truth is freeing!
 - They claim that they have never been in bondage to anyone...even though they were in bondage to Rome in that very moment.
- If the Son liberates you...sets you free, then you are unquestionably free!

"True freedom is not the liberty to do anything we please, but the liberty to do what we ought; and it is genuine liberty because doing what we ought to do now pleases us."

~ **D.A. Carson**

- Comments on **John 8:37**:
 - "My Word is not advancing in you...not making progress or moving forward in you...it is not making room or having place in you...because you are refusing the advance of my Word in you."
N.T. Transline
 - "The Word which is Mine is not having free course in you..." **Wuest**
 - "My teaching gains no ground in you." **Weymouth**
 - "My Word makes no headway in you." **Moffat**
 - "My Word finds no place in you!" **Rotherham**
 - "My Word finds no room in your hearts." **E.V. Riey**

And we also [especially] thank God continually for this, that when you received the message of God [which you heard] from us, you welcomed it not as the word of [mere] men, but as it truly is, the Word of God, which is effectually at work in you who believe

[exercising its superhuman power in those who adhere to and trust in and rely on it]. **1**
Thessalonians 2:13 AMPC

³⁸ I tell the things which I have seen *and* learned at My Father's side, and your actions also reflect what you have heard *and* learned from your father.

³⁹ They retorted, Abraham is our father. Jesus said, if you were [truly] Abraham's children, then you would do the works of Abraham [follow his example, do as Abraham did].

⁴⁰ But now [instead] you are wanting *and* seeking to kill Me, a Man Who has told you the truth which I have heard from God. This is not the way Abraham acted.

⁴¹ You are doing the works of your [own] father. They said to Him, we are not illegitimate children *and* born out of fornication; we have one Father, even God.

⁴² Jesus said to them, If God were your Father, you would love Me *and* respect Me *and* welcome Me gladly, for I proceeded (came forth) from God [out of His very presence]. I did not even come on My own authority *or* of My own accord (as self-appointed); but He sent Me.

⁴³ Why do you misunderstand what I say? It is because you are unable to hear what I am saying. [You cannot bear to listen to My message; your ears are shut to My teaching.]

⁴⁴ You are of your father, the devil, and it is your will to practice the lusts *and* gratify the desires [which are characteristic] of your father. 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 falsehood, he speaks what is natural to him, for he is a liar [himself] and the father of lies *and* of all that is false.

⁴⁵ But because I speak the truth, you do not believe Me [do not trust Me, do not rely on Me, or adhere to Me].

⁴⁶ Who of you convicts Me of wrongdoing *or* finds Me guilty of sin? Then if I speak truth, why do you not believe Me [trust Me, rely on, and adhere to Me]?

⁴⁷ Whoever is of God listens to God. [Those who belong to God hear the words of God.] This is the reason that you do not listen [to those words, to Me]: because you do not belong to God *and* are not of God *or* in harmony with Him.

⁴⁸ The Jews answered Him, are we not right when we say You are a Samaritan and that You have a demon [that You are under the power of an evil spirit]? **John 8:38-48 AMPC**

- Who's your 'daddy'?
 - They claim Abraham as their father.
 - They are no doubt Abraham's descendants (Greek word is 'sperma') but they are not his children (tekna) because they are seeking to kill Jesus.
 - There is no room in their hearts for His Word...it is not 'advancing' in them. **(v43)**

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- You are of your father the devil.
- "...You desire to do what brings him pleasure..." **v44 Weymouth**
- "he...does not stand in the truth because there is no truth in him..." **v44 AMPC**
- "...he is a liar and the father of lies..." **v44 Weymouth**
- "Whoever is of God listens to God" ...you don't listen to him...why?...**v47**
- Their response...

⁴⁹ Jesus answered, I am not possessed by a demon. On the contrary, I honor *and* reverence My Father and you dishonor (despise, vilify, and scorn) Me.

⁵⁰ However, I am not in search of honor for Myself. [I do not seek and am not aiming for My own glory.] There is One Who [looks after that; He] seeks [My glory], and He is the Judge.

⁵¹ I assure you, most solemnly I tell you, if anyone observes My teaching [lives in accordance with My message, keeps My word], he will by no means ever see *and* experience death. **John 8:49-51 AMPC**

- Jesus tells them He doesn't have a demon and in fact, if they believe in Him..."they will never see death." **v49-51**

⁵² The Jews said to Him, now we know that You are under the power of a demon (insane). Abraham died, and also the prophets, yet You say, if a man keeps My word, he will never taste of death into all eternity.

⁵³ Are You greater than our father Abraham? He died, and all the prophets died! Who do You make Yourself out to be?

⁵⁴ Jesus answered, If I were to glorify Myself (magnify, praise, and honor Myself), I would have no real glory, for My glory would be nothing *and* worthless. [My honor must come to Me from My Father.] It is My Father Who glorifies Me [Who extols Me, magnifies, and praises Me], of Whom you say that He is your God.

⁵⁵ Yet you do not know Him *or* recognize Him *and* are not acquainted with Him, but I know Him. If I should say that I do not know Him, I would be a liar like you. But I know Him and keep His word [obey His teachings, am faithful to His message].

⁵⁶ Your forefather Abraham was extremely happy at the hope *and* prospect of seeing My day (My incarnation); and he did see it and was delighted.

⁵⁷ Then the Jews said to Him, You are not yet fifty years old, and have You seen Abraham?

⁵⁸ Jesus replied, I assure you, most solemnly I tell you, before Abraham was born, I AM.

⁵⁹ So they took up stones to throw at Him, but Jesus, by mixing with the crowd, concealed Himself and went out of the temple [enclosure]. **John 8:52-59 AMPC**

- The Jews ask...“Are you greater than Abraham? He died...the prophets died...who do you make yourself out to be?” **v53**
- Jesus tells them that the one who they claim to be their God, is His Father. **v54-58**
- He tells them that Abraham was glad to see “My day” and that he did see it.
- They say, “So you have seen Abraham?”
- Jesus says...“Before Abraham was born, I AM!”
- They pick up stones to kill Him but gets lost in the crowd and makes it out of the temple.

Chapter 9 – Jesus heals a blind man.

As He passed by, He saw a man blind from birth. ² And His disciples asked Him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he would be born blind?” ³ Jesus answered, “*It was neither that* this man sinned, nor his parents; but *it was* so that the works of God might be displayed in him. ⁴ We must work the works of Him who sent Me as long as it is day; night is coming when no one can work. ⁵ While I am in the world, I am the Light of the world.” ⁶ When He had said this, He spat on the ground, and made clay of the spittle, and applied the clay to his eyes, ⁷ and said to him, “Go, wash in the pool of Siloam” (which is translated, Sent). So he went away and washed, and came *back* seeing. ⁸ Therefore the neighbors, and those who previously saw him as a beggar, were saying, “Is not this the one who used to sit and beg?” ⁹ Others were saying, “This is he,” *still* others were saying, “No, but he is like him.” He kept saying, “I am the one.” ¹⁰ So they were saying to him, “How then were your eyes opened?” ¹¹ He answered, “The man who is called Jesus made clay, and anointed my eyes, and said to me, ‘Go to Siloam and wash’; so I went away and washed, and I received sight.” ¹² They said to him, “Where is He?” He *said, “I do not know.” **John 9:1-12 NASB**

- A blind man...so, whose sin caused this? He was born blind...in order that the workings of God should be manifested, displayed, and illustrated in him...**John 9:3 AMPC**
- Do you remember what Jesus told John the Baptist’s disciples?

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- There was great purpose in this healing...so that “the works of God might be displayed in him...” (**John 9:3-4**)...and so people would believe in Jesus.
- The Pharisees were ‘back at it’...it was the Sabbath when Jesus healed the man.
- This man cannot be from God...he healed this man on the Sabbath.
- They interrogate the man who had been healed...including his parents and then they question this man again. (**v13-34**)
- So, a second time they called the man who had been blind and said, “Give glory to God, we know that this man (Jesus) is a sinner.” **v24**
- ...I was blind and now I see. **v25**
- You do not want to become his disciples too, do you? **v27**
- The Pharisees declare their loyalty to Moses, but they don’t know where Jesus is from. **v28-29**

³⁰ The man answered and said to them, “Well, here is an amazing thing, that you do not know where He is from, and *yet* He opened my eyes. ³¹ We know that God does not hear sinners; but if anyone is God-fearing and does His will, He hears him. ³² ^[d] Since the beginning of time it has never been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. ³³ If this man were not from God, He could do nothing.” ³⁴ They answered him, “You were born entirely in sins, and are you teaching us?” So they put him out.

John 9:30-34 NASB

- What a testimony!

³⁵ Jesus heard that they had put him out, and finding him, He said, “Do you believe in the Son of Man?” ³⁶ He answered, “Who is He, Lord, that I may believe in Him?” ³⁷ Jesus said to him, “You have both seen Him, and He is the one who is talking with you.” ³⁸ And he said, “Lord, I believe.” And he worshiped Him. ³⁹ And Jesus said, “For judgment I

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came into this world, so that those who do not see may see, and that those who see may become blind.” ⁴⁰ Those of the Pharisees who were with Him heard these things and said to Him, “We are not blind too, are we?” ⁴¹ Jesus said to them, “If you were blind, you would have no sin; but since you say, ‘We see,’ your sin remains.

- He worshiped Jesus...he prostrated himself with his forehead touching the ground on Jesus’ feet.
- The blindness of religion...**v40-41**