

1. Revisiting the end of John 7
2. John 8:31-59

Intro: At the end of chapter 7, Jesus is at the Temple in Jerusalem during the Feast of Tabernacles.

End of Chapter 7 Recap

LIGHT AND WATER in the Feast of Tabernacles - Mark Robinson's study on the Feast of Tabernacles

37 In the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying, **If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink.**

38 **He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water.**

STRIKING SYMBOLISM - Mark Robinson's study on the Feast of Tabernacles

39 (But this spake he of the Spirit, which they that believe on him should receive: for the Holy Ghost was not yet given; because that Jesus was not yet glorified.)

This relates well to John 6:44 and John 12:32 - Those who came to Jesus in John 6 were drawn by the father. Jesus said in John 12 that after His death, he would draw all men unto Himself. This is done through the Holy Spirit convicting the world of sin, righteousness and judgement. When did the Holy Spirit come? Only after the death, burial, resurrection, and glorification (ascension) of Jesus.

40 Many of the people therefore, when they heard this saying, said, **Of a truth this is the Prophet.**

41 Others said, **This is the Christ. But some said, Shall Christ come out of Galilee?**

42 **Hath not the scripture said, That Christ cometh of the seed of David, and out of the town of Bethlehem, where David was?**

43 **So there was a division among the people because of him.**

44 **And some of them would have taken him; but no man laid hands on him.**

45 **Then came the officers to the chief priests and Pharisees; and they said unto them, Why have ye not brought him?**

46 **The officers answered, Never man spake like this man.**

47 **Then answered them the Pharisees, Are ye also deceived?**

48 **Have any of the rulers or of the Pharisees believed on him?**

Many actually did. Acts 6:7, John 12:42 - Many of the Chief rulers and priests, as well as Nicodemus.

49 **But this people who knoweth not the law are cursed.**

50 **Nicodemus saith unto them, (he that came to Jesus by night, being one of them,)**

51 **Doth our law judge any man, before it hear him, and know what he doeth?**

52 **They answered and said unto him, Art thou also of Galilee? Search, and look: for out of Galilee ariseth no prophet.**

53 **And every man went unto his own house.**

Begin Chapter 8...

1 **Jesus went unto the mount of Olives.**

2 **And early in the morning he came again into the temple, and all the people came unto him; and he sat down, and taught them....**

John 8:30-59

30 **As he spake these words, many believed on him.**

As mentioned previously, these who "believed" were "professors" - NOT possessors. In a few verses this same crowd will be calling Jesus demon possessed. Verse 30 simply shows us their willingness to listen to Jesus' words **up to this point. IT IS THEIR DENIAL OF SINFULNESS AND NEED OF A SAVIOR THAT IS THE PROBLEM.**

31 **Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed;**

32 **And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.**

These verses show that these Jewish people were not truly saved. Jesus tells them that they must continue to hear, and believe what He has to tell them. He says that if they do this, they **shall** be made free. (Future)

33 **They answered him, We be Abraham's seed, and were never in bondage to any man: how sayest thou, Ye shall be made free?**

This is a common sentiment among many Jewish people today. They are God's chosen people - they are children of Abraham! They don't need to be saved! Some "Christians" believe this as well. This is called "Dual Covenant" theology. Also, was their statement of never being in bondage even accurate? It is simple pride.

34 Jesus answered them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whosoever committeth sin is the servant of sin

Wow! What do all people need to be made free from? What are they enslaved to? SIN! Jesus always seems to bring the discussion back to the topic of SIN. This is the heart of the matter. This is what the Messiah's coming was all about!

1. Isaiah 53:5,6,8,10,11,12
2. Daniel 9:26 "Messiah... (shall) ...be cut off, but not for Himself..."

SIN is the problem! JESUS is the answer!

35 And the servant abideth not in the house for ever: but the Son abideth ever.

36 If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed.

This is an interesting passage. Jesus is telling these Jewish people that although they were chosen to be servants of God, they are not free. They are by their own nature, servants to sin rather than the Lord. The servant or slave is not an irrevocable permanent position. It is temporary and limited. Jesus, as the only begotten Son of God has power to set us free from our slavery to sin, and give us power to become the sons of God (John 1:12)

37 I know that ye are Abraham's seed; but ye seek to kill me, because my word hath no place in you.

Jesus knows their hearts. They - at that moment - wanted to kill Him. Why? Because His word is being rejected. He is offending them, and they are getting upset. It is pride. Jesus will now strike to their hearts as he smashes their pride.

38 I speak that which I have seen with my Father: and ye do that which ye have seen with your father.

Verse 44 will tell us whom Jesus is referring to when He says "your father."

39 They answered and said unto him, Abraham is our father. Jesus saith unto them, If ye were Abraham's children, ye would do the works of Abraham.

40 But now ye seek to kill me, a man that hath told you the truth, which I have heard of God: this did not Abraham.

They are Abraham's physical descendants, yes. But in heart and spirit, they do not take after Abraham.

41 Ye do the deeds of your father. Then said they to him, We be not born of fornication; we have one Father, even God.

The "universal fatherhood of God" is a concept that is taught by many in this world. It is shown in this chapter to be false.

42 Jesus said unto them, If God were your Father, ye would love me: for I proceeded forth and came from God; neither came I of myself, but he sent me.

Remember that one of the central themes of John is that of Jesus' authority. Jesus is showing these Jewish people that although their words make the claim that they came from God, their actions and thoughts show otherwise. Their rejection of Jesus shows that they are not the children of God. It is impossible to separate Jesus the individual from the fact that He was sent from God the Father.

43 Why do ye not understand my speech? even because ye cannot hear my word.

Verse 47 will show us the importance behind this statement. They hear, but they don't *listen*.

1. Isaiah 30:9 "...Children that will not hear the law of the Lord"
2. Isaiah 6:7-10 "Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then said I, Here am I; send me. And he said, Go, and tell this people, Hear ye indeed, but understand not; And see ye indeed, but perceive not. Make the heart of this people fat, And make their ears heavy, and shut their eyes; Lest they see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, And understand with their heart, and convert, and be healed."

Here, the Hebrew concept of "obedience" is hinted at. שמע בקול "Shema b'kol" literally means "to hear in the voice" this phrase is a Hebrew idiom meaning to obey. What Jesus is stressing is their lack of obedience to His teaching. Abraham's faith was shown through his obedience (leaving Ur, binding Isaac, etc.)

44 Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it.

All of those who have not trusted in the God of Israel through Jesus the Messiah, are "children of disobedience," "children of wrath," and have as our father, the devil. (Eph. 2:1-3) This is not an anti Semitic statement geared toward the Jewish people, but rather a truth about all unsaved, that has a glaring contrast in this passage. When did Satan murder in the beginning? Adam? Eve? Abel? (1 John 3:10-12)

45 And because I tell you the truth, ye believe me not.

People only want to believe truth that sounds good to them.

46 Which of you convinceth me of sin? And if I say the truth, why do ye not believe me?

No one can lay any charge of sin upon Jesus. He is totally without sin.

47 He that is of God heareth God's words: ye therefore hear them not, because ye are not of God.

Look back up as verse 43. Jesus is claiming to be God!

48 Then answered the Jews, and said unto him, Say we not well that thou art a Samaritan, and hast a devil?

They are convicted and angry. Saying that Jesus was a Samaritan was completely unfounded. They then call Jesus demon possessed!

49 Jesus answered, I have not a devil; but I honour my Father, and ye do dishonour me.

50 And I seek not mine own glory: there is one that seeketh and judgeth.

The judgement of God committed to Jesus is mentioned in John 5,6,7, and 8 already. It is a major issue that goes right along with the subject of Jesus' authority.

51 Verily, verily, I say unto you, If a man keep my saying, he shall never see death.

What is "death?" Look at Deuteronomy 30:15 & 19.

- John 1:4 In him was **life**; and the **life** was the light of men.
- John 3:15 That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal **life**.
- John 3:16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting **life**.
- John 3:36 He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting **life**: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see **life**; but the wrath of God abideth on him.
- John 5:24 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting **life**, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto **life**.
- John 5:26 For as the Father hath **life** in himself; so hath he given to the Son to have **life** in himself;
- John 5:29 And shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of **life**; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation.
- John 5:40 And ye will not come to me, that ye might have **life**.
- John 6:40 And this is the will of him that sent me, that every one which seeth the Son, and believeth on him, may have everlasting **life**: and I will raise him up at the last day.
- John 6:47 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me hath everlasting **life**.
- John 6:48 I am that bread of **life**.
- John 6:63 It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are **life**.
- John 6:68 Then Simon Peter answered him, Lord, to whom shall we go? thou hast the words of eternal **life**.
- John 8:12 Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of **life**.
- John 10:10 The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have **life**, and that they might have it more abundantly.
- John 10:11 I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his **life** for the sheep.
- John 10:15 As the Father knoweth me, even so know I the Father: and I lay down my **life** for the sheep.
- John 10:17 Therefore doth my Father love me, because I lay down my **life**, that I might take it again.
- John 10:28 And I give unto them eternal **life**; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand.
- John 11:25 Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the **life**: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live:
- John 12:50 And I know that his commandment is **life** everlasting: whatsoever I speak therefore, even as the Father said unto me, so I speak.
- John 14:6 Jesus saith... I am the way, the truth, and the **life**: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.
- John 17:2 As thou hast given him power over all flesh, that he should give eternal **life** to as many as thou hast given him.
- John 17:3 And this is **life** eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent.
- John 20:31 But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have **life** through his name.
- Acts 11:18 When they heard these things, they held their peace, and glorified God, saying, Then hath God also to the Gentiles granted repentance unto **life**.

Rom 5:17 For if by one man's offence death reigned by one; much more they which receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness shall reign in **life** by one, Jesus Christ.)

Rom 5:18 Therefore as by the offence of one judgment came upon all men to condemnation; even so by the righteousness of one the free gift came upon all men unto justification of **life**.

Rom 5:21 That as sin hath reigned unto death, even so might grace reign through righteousness unto eternal **life** by Jesus Christ our Lord.

Rom 6:4 Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of **life**.

Rom 6:22 But now being made free from sin, and become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting **life**.

Rom 6:23 For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal **life** through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Rom 8:2 For the law of the Spirit of **life** in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death.

Rom 8:6 For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is **life** and peace.

2 Cor 3:6 Who also hath made us able ministers of the new testament; not of the letter, but of the spirit: for the letter killeth, but the spirit giveth **life**.

2 Cor 5:4 For we that are in this tabernacle do groan, being burdened: not for that we would be unclothed, but clothed upon, that mortality might be swallowed up of **life**.

Gal 3:21 Is the law then against the promises of God? God forbid: for if there had been a law given which could have given **life**, verily righteousness should have been by the law.

Gal 6:8 For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap **life** everlasting.

Col 3:3 For ye are dead, and your **life** is hid with Christ in God.

Col 3:4 When Christ, who is our **life**, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory.

2 Tim 1:10 But is now made manifest by the appearing of our Saviour Jesus Christ, who hath abolished death, and hath brought **life** and immortality to light through the gospel:

2 Pet 1:3 According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto **life** and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue:

1 John 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, of the Word of **life**;

1 John 1:2 (For the **life** was manifested, and we have seen it, and bear witness, and shew unto you that eternal **life**, which was with the Father, and was manifested unto us;)

1 John 3:14 We know that we have passed from death unto **life**, because we love the brethren. He that loveth not his brother abideth in death.

1 John 5:11 And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal **life**, and this life is in his Son.

1 John 5:12 He that hath the Son hath **life**; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not **life**.

1 John 5:13 These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal **life**, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God.

Jude 21 keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal **life**.

Rev 20:15 And whosoever was not found written in the book of **life** was cast into the lake of fire.

Rev 21:6 And he said unto me, It is done. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of **life** freely.

Rev 21:27 And there shall in no wise enter into it any thing that defileth, neither whatsoever worketh abomination, or maketh a lie: but they which are written in the Lamb's book of **life**.

Rev 22:1 And he shewed me a pure river of water of **life**, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb.

Rev 22:2 In the midst of the street of it, and on either side of the river, was there the tree of **life**, which bare twelve manner of fruits, and yielded her fruit every month: and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.

52 Then said the Jews unto him, Now we know that thou hast a devil. Abraham is dead, and the prophets; and thou sayest, If a man keep my saying, he shall never taste of death.

53 Art thou greater than our father Abraham, which is dead? and the prophets are dead: whom makest thou thyself?

54 Jesus answered, If I honour myself, my honour is nothing: it is my Father that honoureth me; of whom ye say, that he is your God:

55 Yet ye have not known him; but I know him: and if I should say, I know him not, I shall be a liar like unto you: but I know him, and keep his saying.

The unbelieving Jewish people do not know God. He is not their God. They do not know Jesus - God in the flesh.

56 Your father Abraham rejoiced to see my day: and he saw it, and was glad. Gen. 18 & 19?

57 Then said the Jews unto him, Thou art not yet fifty years old, and hast thou seen Abraham?

58 Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Before Abraham was, I am.

59 Then took they up stones to cast at him: but Jesus hid himself, and went out of the temple, going through the midst of them, and so passed by.