

John 8

1-2 Prayer, then teaching at the temple.

3 Pharisees favorite pastime – condemning other's sins.

4-5 A test case. They knew He received sinners, now if He condemned one, no doubt His popularity would decline. Also would He uphold Moses' law?

6 Their real motive – a trap. They would accuse Him of being a judge or of condoning adultery. What did He write on the ground?

7 Now they are put to the test. To condemn the woman they must profess to be without guilt themselves.

8 They retreat defeated.

9-11 He had not come to condemn but to save sinners. He did not condemn her neither did He condone her sin.

12 One of our Lord's great "I am's". The Light of the world. The whole world is lost in the darkness of sin. There is only one Ray of light. Followers of The Lord know who they are and where they are going.

13 Pharisees challenge! "No one can testify on your behalf"!

14 He is unique.

15 They judged by outward appearance. Again He came to save not to judge.

16-18 If He were to judge, He is competent to do so . He does have another witness, The Father who sent Him.

19 You don't know Me or The Father. It is in the Son The Father reveals Himself.

20 Again His time had not come for Him to die.

21 He will be going away by death and resurrection back to the Father. But they would not because of their sin.

22 What does He mean?

23 They have two totally different origins. They are earth bound sinners He is The Lord from heaven.

24 The only way for them or anyone else to be saved and avoid dying with a guilty conscience would be to believe in Him as Lord and Saviour.

25 His testimony had been consistent.

26 Whatever He says to them is from The Father.

27-29 He represents The Father. This will lead to His being lifted up on the cross. Thus He will fulfill the Father's plan. The Father is with Me. I always please Him.

30 Many believed Him.

31 He challenges those who profess faith in Him. They will prove real if they hold fast.

32 The truth of the gospel leads to freedom from the dominion of sin. The Lord Jesus is the great Liberator.

33 They protest! Because of their ancestry they are already free as God's people. They were blind to their true state.

34 Every sinner is a slave to some sin, passion or pleasure.

35 There is a great difference between sons and slaves. Slaves may be dismissed when unfaithful. Sons cannot be expelled from the family.

36 The freedom and security the Lord Jesus gives to those who trust Him is that of sons or children of God.

37 They were Abraham's earthly descendants but not his believing spiritual children as shows by their attitude to Him.

38 Theirs is another spiritual family.

39 If you were truly Abraham's children you would act as Abraham did.

40-41 Abraham was no murderer. You show by your actions who your real spiritual father is – the devil. They protest, "We are children of God'.

42 If that were true they would love and recognize that God the Father had sent Him.

43 They were not on the same wavelength. They were not spiritually minded.

- 44** He puts it plainly! Those intent on murder and lying are indeed children of the devil.
- 45-47** They are strangers to The Truth. They are out of touch with God. Jesus challenges them to accuse Him of sin! Unbelief is unreasonable.
- 48** They resort to name calling and accuse Him of demon possession.
- 49** But He honours The Father while they dishonour Him.
- 50** Not that He was out to vindicate Himself. The Father would do that.
- 51** Truly truly – precedes a most important statement. True believers will never die with no hope.
- 52-53** But, they say, even Abraham and the prophets died. Who do you think you are?
- 54-55** Jesus declares His oneness with The Father.
- 56** Abraham for whom they professed great respect had rejoiced in anticipation of the Lord Jesus coming to fulfill the great promise he had received, that through his line, the whole world would one day be blessed.
- 57-58** The Lord Jesus makes it clear that He predated Abraham being the eternal Son of God.
- 59** They recognized what He was claiming and thought it blasphemy.