

John 8:31-59 Part II

Your Actions Reveal Your True Father

1. The Jews Are _____ By Jesus' Words: (33-38)

- a. They proudly insist that they are Abraham's _____. –John 1:13
- b. They deny that they have _____ been enslaved to anyone:
 - i. An absurd claim if made _____. –John 18:31
 - ii. They are likely speaking of _____ freedom. –Matt 8:11-12
- c. They _____ at Jesus' offer of freedom. –Deut 18:15, 19; John 3:31
- d. Jesus' correction:
 - i. Everyone who _____ sin is slave to sin. –John 3:19-21
 - ii. Slaves don't remain in God's house forever. –Rom 6:15-23
 - iii. _____ Jesus the Son can grant true freedom. –John 10:10; Rom 8:2
 - iv. They _____ Him because they _____ His word. –John 6:60
 - v. They _____ as if they have a very different father. –John 5:19-21

2. They Insist They Are _____ of Abraham: (39-41a)

- a. They _____ Jesus' declarations about them:
 - i. They insist they are true _____ of Abraham. –John 8:33, 56
 - ii. They insist that they will _____ in God's house. –Mk 2:17
- b. Jesus' correction:
 - i. _____ son-ship is decisive. –John 5:19-21; Matt 5:9
 - ii. They want to kill Jesus for telling them God's _____. –John 8:26
 - iii. They do not respond to God's _____ as Abraham did. –Gen 15:6
 - iv. They are doing the _____ of their true father. –Eph 2:1-3

3. They Claim That _____ is Their Father: (41b-47)

- a. Their _____: "We are not born of sexual immorality". –John 6:42
- b. Their _____: "We have one Father – even God" –Deut 32:6
- c. Jesus' _____: "If God were your Father, you would _____ me."
- d. Jesus' _____: their desires are united with their father the devil.

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So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him, "If you abide in my word, 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 offspring of Abraham and have never been enslaved to anyone. How is it that you say, 'You will become free'?"

³⁴ Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who practices sin is a slave^[a] to sin. ³⁵ The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. ³⁶ So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed. ³⁷ I know that you are offspring of Abraham; yet you seek to kill me because my word finds no place in you. ³⁸ I speak of what I have seen with my Father, and you do what you have heard from your father."

³⁹ They answered him, "Abraham is our father." Jesus said to them, "If you were Abraham's children, you would be doing the works Abraham did, ⁴⁰ but now you seek to kill me, a man who has told you the truth that I heard from God. This is not what Abraham did. ⁴¹ You are doing the works your father did." They said to him, "We were not born of sexual immorality. We have one Father—even God." ⁴² Jesus said to them, "If God were your Father, you would love me, for I came from God and I am here. I came not of my own accord, but he sent me. ⁴³ Why do you not understand what I say? It is because you cannot bear to hear my word. ⁴⁴ You are of your father the devil, and your will is to do your father's desires. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks out of his own character, for he is a liar and the father of lies. ⁴⁵ But because I tell the truth, you do not believe me. ⁴⁶ Which one of you convicts me of sin? If I tell the truth, why do you not believe me? ⁴⁷ Whoever is of God hears the words of God. The reason why you do not hear them is that you are not of God."