

FEAST OF TABERNACLES 2006 – DAY THREE

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Greetings brethren, welcome to day three of the Feast of Tabernacles 2006. Now yesterday we covered John the fourth chapter and showed the comparison between reading the law in the book of Nehemiah and then reading the law and teaching of Jesus Christ in the New Testament for the Feast of Tabernacles.

Now what happens here in Chapter 8, it continues on in the Last Great Day, as a matter of fact, Chapter 8, and Chapter 9 are all the things that took place on the day portion of the Last Great Day, and there are some significant things for us to learn from here. And what it teaches us is really tremendous, and when we think about it there are also some prophecies concerning Israel and concerning the rest of the people of the world.

So, let's come to the Gospel of John, Chapter 8:1. Now after all the rest of them went to their houses, Jesus went to the Mount of Olives and at dawn – so this is the day portion of the Last Great Day. Verse 2: "...He came again into the temple, and all the people came to Him: and He sat down and taught them" and so this is what needs to be during the feast – it needs to be a teaching feast; it needs to be one to help us draw closer to God; one to understand the Word of God more, one so we can grow in faith and grow in knowledge and grow in love and do the things that God wants us to, to give us hope and understanding in the Word of God, and to read the words of God that Christ gave to us – the words of The Father. So this is important for us to really go through and understand and part of the teaching that we have for the Feast of Tabernacles and Last Great Day.

Now beginning here in verse 3 is quite an interesting thing as to what happened [with] the woman taken in adultery, so let's read it. This is misconstrued by a lot of people and yet there is still a prophetic significance in this event. Let's begin here in verse 3: "Then the scribes and the Pharisees brought to Him a woman who had been taken in adultery; and after sitting her in *the* center," in other words, in the midst – there was a group of people that Jesus was teaching – they brought her in through the crowd, put her in the center or in the middle. Verse 4: "They said to Him, Teacher, this woman was caught in the very act of committing adultery" very interesting statement isn't it? Let's ask a question: how did she get caught in the very act of committing adultery? How did they arrange that, what kind of entrapment did they use? Okay, we'll have some other questions to ask a little latter on.

Verse 5: "And in the law, Moses commanded us that those who commit such *a sin* should be stoned. Therefore, what do You say?" Now they were setting a trap for Him so that He would go against the law of Moses – that He would render a judgment that would say, "stone her". Now if He would have said, "Go ahead and stone her", and we are going to see there were some distinct problems, so if He would have fallen into that trap – which He didn't – then they would have come back to Him with a scripture back here in Deuteronomy.

Let's come to Deuteronomy 22 and let's see what God's judgment is concerning adultery, Deuteronomy 22:22. This tells us exactly what Moses said, that God gave to Moses to give to the children of Israel. Now let's pick it up here in Deuteronomy 22:22: "If a man be found lying with a woman married to an husband, they shall both of them die, *both* the man that lay with the woman, and the woman: so shall you put away evil from Israel." Well, that's quite an interesting thing isn't it?

So let's go back to John the eighth chapter. So what they were saying is correct, that they should die, and they should be stoned. We find that in Leviticus the twenty-second chapter. Now let's come back and let's analyze this a little bit. You see part of the things that we need to do with the New Testament is learn the whole lesson that is given to us in whatever section of the New Testament that we are dealing with, so we understand what was going on, we put all the facts together, and as we will see when we do *Judge Righteous Judgment*, that's the only way that it can be. So there has to be a proper judgment.

So, let's come back here to John the eighth chapter, let's pick it up here in verse 6: "Now this they said to tempt Him, so that they might have *cause* to *accuse* Him. But Jesus stooped down *and* wrote on the ground with *His* finger. And as they continued to ask Him, He lifted Himself up and said to them..." (John 8:6, 7).

Now before we continue on here let's ask the question: what do you suppose He was writing in the sand or in the dirt? A lot of people thought "Well, maybe He is listing all the sins of those standing around." I don't think so. What would be the most important thing in this case that He would write on the ground? Now they had the woman, but in order to do what was said in the law of Moses to stone them, what do you need? You need the man and the woman. Because if she was caught in the very act of committing adultery, how could they get her and bring her and not bring the man? See? And I think that Jesus was writing, "Where is the man?" Because see, they wanted to have a lopsided, askewed judgment so that they could accuse Him. So if He said, "Go ahead and stone her" they would have said, "Well, now, the man is not here. Why are you going against the law of Moses?" Because Moses said, both of them shall die. So I think Jesus wrote in there, "Where is the man?"

Then He stood up and said, "Let the sinless one among you cast the first stone at her." Now that's quite a statement, isn't it? Well, then "...He stooped down again, *and* wrote on the ground." Very interesting. Now notice, they still had some conscience. Verse 9: "But after hearing this, they were convicted each by his own conscience, and went out one by one, beginning with the older ones until the last." So at least they had that much of a sense of fairness. "And Jesus was left alone, with the woman standing in *the* center" (John 8: 7-9). Of course, all the people were standing around there watching this, so this must have been quite an event. What a challenge to come up and bring a woman taken in the very act of adultery, and of course very embarrassing for the woman, and didn't bring the man. So you see they weren't judging righteous judgment as Jesus said they ought to

do back there in chapter seven as we covered. This is why we are going to do several [sermons] on judge righteous judgment during the feast.

Verse 10: “And when Jesus lifted Himself up and saw no one but the woman, He said to her, Woman, where are your accusers? Did anyone condemn you? And she said, No one Lord. And He said to her, Neither do I condemn you. Go, and sin no more.” (John 8:10-11). So you see, this was not a matter of forgiveness, this was a matter of judgment, proper judgment, because He recognized that what she was involved in was sin.

Now let’s look and see, perhaps a prophetic understanding of this in relationship to Israel, and Israel being the woman. Now let’s come back here to Ezekiel the sixteenth chapter, and let’s see what God talks about with Israel as the woman, and of course, remember that Israel was married to the Lord. Now here in Ezekiel 16, we won’t go through the whole thing, but this is where God told Israel, “I selected you out of Egypt; I cleaned you up from your own sin, and I brought you into the wilderness and courted you and married you, and after I married you, after cleaning you all up, and blessing you with everything there was to bless you with, and all the nations understood that you are Mine.”

So He says here in verse 14: “And your renown went forth among the heathen for your beauty...” Now you can liken that to the time of Solomon when it went out to all the earth and all the kings of the earth came seeking Solomon’s wisdom, bringing him tribute of gold and silver from the worldwide trading combine that he had at that time. This is talking about the beauty, and then the temple being there and the beauty of the temple, and the beauty of the gardens, and the beauty of the king’s house. And remember when the queen of Sheba came up, she saw all of that, and she saw how that everyone in his court all drank out of pure gold goblets, and [she saw] the beautiful setting of all the tables and the beautiful setting of the temple and all of that and it took her breath away! She had nothing left to say. So that’s when that was fulfilled.

Verse 15, but what happens – what happens to some many people when God blesses them? They get carried away in their own vanity, and they get carried away in their own selves. This is exactly what happened to Solomon, and happened to all of Israel. “But you did trust in your own beauty, and you played the harlot because of your renown...” so this is fulfilled in a personal way by Solomon, who was king, and is fulfilled in a national way by all the people who followed along and did all the evil deeds of Solomon. And of course, playing the harlot, well Solomon certainly did that with three hundred wives and seven hundred concubines didn’t he? And in addition, he made all of the pagan temples for all of his wives, and then he turned his back on God and worshiped their gods! So he explained that what they did, they took all the blessings that God gave them and they gave them to their lovers.

Now let’s come down here to verse 15: “But you did trust in your own beauty and played the harlot, because of your renown, and poured out your fornications on everyone that passed by; his it was.” Now this is something! Normally harlots charge for services, here

Israel in its harlotry, gave money for the other nations to commit harlotry with them! It's unheard of.

Now he says here in verse 17, it says, "You have taken your fair jewels of my gold and of my silver, which I had given you, and you have made yourself images of men, and you did commit whoredom with them, You took your brodered garments, and covered them: and you have set my oil and my incense before them." (Ezekiel 16:17). Remember what happened to Solomon, he burned incense to all the other gods, didn't he?

Verse 19: "My meat which also I gave you, fine flour, and oil, and honey, *wherewith* I fed you, you have even set it before them for a sweet savour: and *thus* it was, says the Lord." Verse 20: "Moreover, you have taken your sons and your daughters, whom you have borne unto me..." now think about that for just a minute. Remember what it was with Manasseh, how bad he was? He was the worst king of all, and he even caused the children to pass through the fire and offered them to Molech and caused the children of Israel to offer their children in sacrifice to Molech to burn them in the fire. But notice what God says, "These are my children." Now you think about that today in relationship to abortion. All children belong to God. Now think about that, because God says children are a gift from the Lord, and God is going to judge for that.

Now we don't pass them through the fire today, we do worse – we have the abortion clinic, which is the temple, and we have the abortion table, which is the altar, and we have the doctor who is the high priest, and the sacrifice to Satan the devil of a live baby from the womb of its mother. And the worst and most horrible kind of abortion is the late-term abortion where it is a fully developed baby, and they cause the partial birth abortion and the doctor makes an incision in the head of the baby and sucks out it's brain, and kills the baby. And do you know what they do with the brains? They send them off to the gods, the scientists, and they run experiments with them, and this is why they want to have their stem cell research, so they can experiment with human beings, experiment with the very fundamentals of life. And if God judged these people for that think of what God is going to judge this nation and this world for.

Now as I have mentioned earlier, there have been forty-four million abortions in America, since abortion became legal. And as I mentioned in the sermon I gave on the biblical truth about immigration, [there is] almost one illegal immigrant for every abortion. Now think about that! So you know God's judgment is coming.

So he says, continuing in verse 20: "...which you have borne to me, and these you have sacrificed unto them to be devoured. *Is this* of your whoredoms a small matter, That you have slain my children, and delivered them to cause them to pass through *the fire* for them? And in all your abominations and your whoredoms you have not remembered the days of your youth, when you were naked and bare, and were polluted in your blood. And it came to pass after all you wickedness, (woe, woe unto you! says the Lord GOD;) That you have built unto you an eminent place, and have made you a high place in every

street” (Ezekiel 16: 19-24). Yes, churches on every corner – and yet look what is going on – so we have a great deal to learn here.

So this woman in John the eighth chapter can be likened unto Israel taken in adultery.

Now let’s come on down here to verse 30: “How weak is your heart, says the Lord GOD, seeing that you do these things, the work of an imperious whorish woman;” quite an indictment wasn’t it? Caught in the very act of adultery, yes. Verse 31: “In that you built your eminent place in the head of every way, and make your high place in every street; and have you not been as a harlot in that that you scorn to hire; *But as* a wife that commits adultery...” and that’s what we just read about. “...*which* takes strangers instead of her husband! They give gifts to all whores: but you give gifts to all your lovers, and hire them that they may come to you on every side for your whoredom.” Verse 34: “ And the contrary is in you from *other* women in your whoredoms, whereas none follows you to commit whoredoms: and in that you give a reward, and no reward is given to you, therefore you are contrary.” So God says, “I’m going to judge you. I’m going to break you as a woman that breaks wedlock” [paraphrased] (Ezekiel 16:30-38). And so that’s exactly what happened here. And you read the rest of it. Read all of Ezekiel 16 and see as you read it and compare it to what we have today. Toward the end of it, it says they are worse than Sodom, and don’t we have such a homosexual problem in the world today in all the Israelite countries, yes indeed, we really do.

So when Israel comes to repentance, let’s come here to Ezekiel 36, and let’s see when Israel comes to repentance – Israel is going to repent. And when God brings them back as it is in the second resurrection on the Last Great Day, and God gives them a new heart, and gives them a new mind. Let’s pick it up here in verse 25 of Ezekiel 36. And so God is going to do exactly like Jesus did, He is going to give the judgment that in giving them a new life and being resurrected at the second resurrection, as we will see on the Last Great Day, that He is going to remove the judgment against them of being the adulterers. Now verse 24: “I will take you from among the heathen, and gather you out of the countries, and will bring you into your own land. Then I will sprinkle clean water upon you, and you shall be clean: from all your filthiness, and from all your idols, I will cleanse you. A new heart will I also give you, and a new spirit I will put within you...” just image what this is going to be like when this change comes you see. God is going to fulfill His will and His purpose and this is what we are told through all the Bible. And this is why we have John the eighth chapter and this event there. “...I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh and I will give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my spirit within you...” conversion “...and cause you to walk in my statutes, and you shall keep my judgments, and do *them*. And you shall dwell in the land I gave your fathers...” and so forth (Ezekiel 36:24-28).

Now after He does that what’s going to happen? Verse 31: “Then shall you remember your evil ways, and your doings that *were* not good, and you shall lothe yourselves in your own sight for your iniquities and for your abominations.” And they will repent and

God will bring them back and give them salvation. So this is the message that we have here in Ezekiel 16 as compared to John the eighth chapter.

Now let's come back to John the eighth chapter and it's going to be the same thing then, just like Jesus told this woman, He said, "Go and sin no more." Now of course there are going to be a lot of helpers around. We are going to be there to help them, to teach them, to lead them, to guide them, there is going to be everything on their side, but let's understand one thing for sure – God has not given up on Israel, though He must punish because of what He said, and because God is righteous and God is good and God is true. God will not be mocked and He has to have the judgment, but then there will also be the mercy and He will lift it all from them.

Now let's begin here in verse 12 of John the eighth chapter. "Then Jesus spoke to them again, saying, I am the light of the world; the one who follows Me shall never walk in darkness," and that's what it's going to be when Israel is forgiven, they're going to walk in the light of the Lord. Now you see, when they came out of Egypt, they didn't learn that lesson did they? No, they had the pillar of cloud by day and the pillar of light by night, they didn't walk in the light of God which provided for them – after He gave His Word they didn't walk in the light of His Word, they didn't walk in the light of His truth. And when Jesus came, they didn't walk in the light of His teachings. He says, "I am the light of the world; the one who follows Me shall never walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life."

Now let's come back here to Matthew the sixth chapter and let's look at some scriptures concerning light, and concerning conversion, and concerning darkness; because you see there is a lot of darkness out there in the world today that we need to realize is about ready to consume and awful lot of people. Now let's pick it up here in verse 22. Now, Christ is the light of the world, now if we have Christ in us, and this is what He is talking about here in Matthew 6:22, that if we have Christ in us, Who is the light and enlightens every man. Verse 22: "The light of the body is the eye" you can tell an awful lot about a person's character and their purpose and determination by their eyes, the look in their eyes and so forth. You have heard of deceitful eyes, lying eyes, wanton eyes, all of those show and telegraph the meaning of the heart and mind and the attitude of love and obedience or the attitude of lust and self-serving, it's all right there. Now Christ can discern it better than any other man. We can discern a little bit of it, but every parent knows what? They know when their children are lying. Why – because they know what to look for. So verse 22: "The light of the body is the eye. Therefore, if your eye be sound, your whole body shall be *full of light*." And of course, that's full of the Holy Spirit, full of truth and so forth. "But if your eye be evil, your whole body shall be *full of darkness*. Therefore, if the light that is in you be darkness, how great is that darkness!" (Matthew 6:22-23).

And then here is another principle that we can apply to John the eighth chapter concerning the woman taken in adultery, Matthew 6:24: "No one is able to serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will hold to the one and

despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon” (Matthew 6:24). You cannot serve God and be committing adultery. You cannot serve God and be stealing and lying and cheating and murdering. You cannot serve God and break His Sabbath. You cannot serve God and take His name in vain. You cannot serve God with idols. You cannot serve other gods and expect the true God to recognize that as something good for you. See so you have the same thing here. So if you have Christ and He is in you, you’re not going to walk in darkness, but you will have the light of life, but as we know from the different parables, you’ve got to keep the light going, you’ve got to keep growing in spirit and truth and understanding.

Now let’s come back to John 8:13: “Therefore, the Pharisees said to Him, You are testifying about Yourself; Your testimony is not true. Jesus answered and said to them, Even if I testify about Myself, My testimony is true, because I know where I have come from and where I am going. But you do not know where I come from and where I go. You judge according to the flesh; I judge no one.” That is of the self – how does He judge – righteous judgment with truth of the Word of God. “Yet if I do judge, My judgment is true, for I am not alone; but I and the Father Who sent Me. And it is written in your law that the testimony of two men is true. I am *one* Who bears witness of Myself, and the Father, Who sent Me bears witness of Me.” (John 8:13-18).

Now from here on it really starts getting [into] quite a confrontation and [gets] quite interesting and very prophetic for our day today. Verse 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 also have known My Father. Jesus spoke these words in the treasury *while* teaching in the temple; but no one arrested Him because His time had not yet come” as we already covered. There was the proper time that God had set and determined for it to happen, [and it] hadn’t come yet.

Verse 21: “Then Jesus said to them...” here again, He is telling them the same thing “I am going away; and you shall seek Me, but you shall die in your sin. Where I am going, you are not able to come” have no power to get there. Verse 22: “Therefore, the Jews said, Will He kill Himself? Is that why He says, Where I am going, you are not able to come?” Now that’s quite something isn’t it? Yes, indeed, “... you shall die in your sins.”

Now notice what He says. Now He begins to really bear down on them and bring out the truth. Verse 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.” And what did Jesus say in the final prayer for us? He said, “Father, just as I am not of the world, these are not of the world, keep them from the evil one.” See we are not to be part and parcel of this world. They were from the world. Now if you are from the world, what does that mean, who are you following, who is your god? Now we will see that a little later as the confrontation gets a whole lot stronger here. Verse 24: “That is why I said to you that you shall die in your sins; for if you do not believe that I AM, you shall die in your sins” (John 8:19-24). Now He brought out the name of God. When He brought this out, they knew exactly what He was saying, but they didn’t understand it completely.

Let's come back here to Exodus the third chapter, and let's see that those who knew the Scriptures, knew that this was one of the names of God. Let's come back here to Exodus 3:13: "And Moses said unto God, Behold, *when* I come to the children of Israel, and shall say unto them, The God of your fathers has sent me unto you; and they shall say to me, What is his name? what shall I say unto them? And God said unto Moses, I AM THAT I AM:" So when He says, "I AM" back here in John the eighth chapter, they knew what that meant. Now they didn't quite grasp the whole significance of it, that He was God manifested in the flesh. They knew that He claimed to be the Son of God, but now to say that "I AM" fulfilled what the Jews were accusing Him of to make Himself equal with God which is true and was not a sin.

Now notice, verse 14: "...and he said, Thus shall you say unto the children ...I AM has sent me... And God said moreover unto Moses, Thus shall you say unto the children of Israel, The LORD God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob, has sent me unto you: this is my name forever, and this is my memorial unto all generations." (Exodus 3:13-15). I AM – now I want you to remember that as we continue on in John the eighth chapter because this becomes very important and very meaningful. Now they didn't understand it the way that they ought to and they didn't realize what it was and what they were doing.

Let's come back here to John the eighth chapter and let's continue on, verse 25: "Then they said to Him, Who are You?" to take the name I AM "And Jesus said to them, The one that I said to you from the beginning." He told them from the beginning. "I have many things to say and to judge concerning you;" see so when He says He doesn't judge over here, that doesn't mean that He's not going to judge at a later time, and that judgment was coming. "...But He Who sent Me is true, and what I have heard from Him," as we have gone through and have seen that He only spoke the words of God. "...These things I speak to the world. They did not know that He was speaking to them of the Father" (John 8: 25-27) because the Father wasn't revealed to them. Now this is another proof of what Jesus said that He came to reveal the Father that they didn't know the Father. And this also is absolute, conclusive proof that the God of the Old Testament was not the Father, but the one Who became Jesus Christ.

Now then, it starts getting very intense from here through the rest of the chapter. And a lot of the things that we're going to cover here, covers a lot of the experiences that we are going to go through, and some of the confrontations that we have come up against with the religions of this world, and some of the confrontations that come up as it was with the church at Ephesus that tried those who were false apostles, and the church at Smyrna against the synagogue of Satan, and the church of Philadelphia that resisted the synagogue of Satan – all of those, keep that in mind as we are reading this and see the witness that Jesus gave to them.

And we are also going to see something else, that a lot of these were His disciples and they were trying to be His disciples and yet cling to their satanic ways. Now you can't do

that. You cannot cling to your satanic ways and be a disciple of Jesus Christ. **Now let me make it plain – you cannot keep Halloween and Christmas, and New Year’s, and Easter, and Valentine’s Day, and Lent and all of those pagan days and say you belong to Christ because you do not. If you do not keep the Sabbath and holy days of God, you do not belong to God.**

Now a lot of people keep the Sabbath, but not the holy days so you’re only half belonging to God. And a lot of those like the Seventh Day Adventists and Church of God Seventh Day, had better get their act together, and they’d better get their noses in the Bible, and they’d better understand what the Bible is saying and they better need to realize that a lot of these things that Christ taught, like here on the Last Great Day, have direct relevance to them. And what God is showing is this, that in the final analysis when we come to the Last Great Day fulfillment, as we will see on the eighth day, Satan is not going to be around. There is never, never going to be an amalgamation of the things of Satan and things of God after Jesus Christ returns to this earth! And there is a lot that it says in here. So He declared Who He was, “I AM”.

Now let’s continue on, John 8:28: “Then Jesus said to them, When you have lifted up the Son of man, then you yourselves shall know that I AM, and that I do nothing of Myself. But as the Father taught Me, these things I speak. And He Who sent Me is with Me. The Father has not left Me alone because I always do the things that please Him” (John 8:28-29). Now this is also a requirement for us.

Now let’s come here to the Epistle of 1 John chapter three. Let’s see that this is important. Let’s see that we can do the things that please God. If you keep the Sabbath, and if you keep the holy days, and if you are growing in grace and knowledge and the Spirit of God is that not pleasing to God? Yes, indeed. If you’re faithful to the end and you die, and you graduate from this life into the grave, your place of safety, and God says that He delights in the death of His saints that endure unto the end; is that not pleasing to God? Yes, indeed. So we can do the things that please God. Does it not please God when we pray to Him, when we yield our heart, and our mind, and our soul, and our being to Him? Yes it does. Does it not please God when we love Him with all our heart, and all our mind, and all our soul, and all our being? Yes, it does. How many people on the face of the earth do that? Very few. Don’t you think that that is pleasing to God? Yes, indeed.

Now let’s pick it up here in 1 John 3:18: “My little children, we should not love in word,” that is just mouthing the words or in message or whatever, “nor with *our* tongues; rather, *we should love* in deed and in truth.” Isn’t that something; love has works, and true love is based on truth. That’s why God is love and God is truth. So if that is coming to us, then we can love in truth can’t we? Yes. “...In deed and truth.” Now verse 19: “And in this *way* we know that we are of the truth, and shall assure our hearts before Him,” now think about this. This is something we are to know. “And in this *way* we know that we are of the truth, and shall assure our hearts before Him,” now that is something isn’t it. You see, too many ministers condemn the people of God all the time; rather, they should

be uplifted and inspired with the Word of God. And so if there is any correction that comes along, they'll be willing, they'll be ready, they'll be anxious to change. And of course, if you are reading and studying the Word of God, and God's Spirit is convicting you of sin so that you can repent, that's the easiest correction that comes, is it not? Yes indeed, because God is dealing with you. You can have your hearts assured before God.

Now verse 20: "That if our hearts condemn us," that is because we have sinned – sinned a sin not unto death we can repent of, "God is greater than our hearts, and knows all things. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, then we have confidence toward God." That's why we need to repent of our sins everyday. We need the grace of God everyday. We need to walk in faith, and believe in hope, and live in love everyday. We can have confidence toward God. We know His word is true. We know He lives. We know He exists. We know Jesus Christ is our Savior. We know that whatever He tells us to do when we do that, that it's pleasing in His sight. Verse 22: "And whatever we may ask we receive from Him because we keep His commandments and practice those things that are pleasing in His sight." (1 John 3: 18-20, 22). Just like Jesus said He always did the things that please the Father.

Now let's continue on and see how this is to be just in the same way as it is with Christ. Verse 23: "And this is His commandment: that we believe on the name of His Son Jesus Christ, and that we love one another, exactly as He gave commandment to us." You see, so that's what all of this is to do. Think about it for a minute. We better learn to love each other the way Christ loves us because that's what we're going to need when we enter the kingdom of God right? So if we learn that now, it's going to make it a whole lot easier isn't it? Verse 24: "And the one who keeps His commandments is dwelling in Him," that is in Christ, "...and He in him; and by this we know that He is dwelling in us: by the Spirit which He has given to us." (1 John 3: 23-24). So we need to know that we have the Spirit of God – assure our hearts before God, have confidence in God, have that steadfast faith and love and belief and hoping always in the promise and the blessings of God.

Now let's come back here to John the eighth chapter. Let's continue on here, verse 29, Jesus said, "...I always do the things that please Him. As He spoke these things, many believed in Him." Oh, people love to hear great sounding words don't they? Oh, yes. Verse 31: "Therefore, Jesus said..." now here comes a test! There is always going to be a test isn't there. And how many have failed the test? Look at the Protestant world, look at the Catholic world; look at the Churches of God that are failing the test. But here is the test: "Therefore, Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in Him, If you continue in My word, you are truly My disciples" (John 8:29-31). Now, we'll look at that here in just a minute.

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Now let's continue on here in John the eighth chapter, ...the Gospel of John and let's read again here verses 31 and 32, "...Jesus said, If you continue in My word..." notice

that's conditional, and what I like to try and do in my Bible whenever I can, when I come to an "if", I circle it, because this means this is a condition for me to understand. God has given us something here conditioned upon what we do. Now you need to think about this in relationship to being a disciple of Christ or a true Christian. And all of those who do not keep the Sabbath or do not keep the holy days, you need to ask the question: why don't you do it? **Because you see, the "if" means that if you are not doing what Jesus said, you're not His disciple.** So He says, "If you continue in My word," that's it, and remember as Lord God of the Old Testament that includes that, where Jesus said, "If you love Me keep My commandments", that includes Old and New Testaments as Jesus gave it to us in the New Testament to do. Now you can read that in the New Testament or in the Harmony, *How Did Jesus Fulfill the Law and the Prophets?*

Then He says, "If you continue in My word, you are truly My disciples. And you shall know the truth," the Word of God is truth, the commandments are truth, the statues are true, every precept of God is true, and everything that God does is truth from the beginning. God is a God of truth. God cannot lie. His Word is true. All of that all ties together to know the truth, "... and the truth shall set you free." (John 8: 31-32). And Jesus said that He was the way, the truth and the life, so Jesus is the one Who sets you free, gives you the truth.

Now verse 33, now notice how they answered. They were looking to their physical descent. They were claiming the righteousness of Abraham. Now notice. "They answered Him, We are Abraham's seed, and have never been in bondage to anyone." Yet at that very time, they were slaves to Rome, weren't they? Yes, indeed. Very few people realize it, but at the temple area, and if you've ever seen a picture of the temple, there are the colonnades that come down with a pavement at the top of the colonnades which come from the north from Fort Antonia. And Fort Antonia is where the Mosque of Omar is. And what is called the Wailing Wall is part of the foundation of Fort Antonia – Roman property was never part to the temple area. Well anyway, the colonnades come down and guess what, on top of those colonnades and the pavement, there always stood Roman troops on guard against rioting. And they said, "...We've never been enslaved to anyone..." and where was He? He was right at the temple! And they could look up and see the Roman guards watching them. So you see they were out of touch with reality. So they said, "What do You mean by saying, You shall become free? Jesus said to them, Truly, truly I say to you, everyone who practices sin is a servant of sin" (John 8:33-34).

Now let's come back to the Epistle of 1 John chapter 3. And let's understand if you are a servant of sin, enslaved to your sins – who is your master? Whose child are you? 1 John 3, now let's pick it up here in verse 4: "Everyone who practices sin is also practicing lawlessness," or transgressing the law. That's what Jesus was talking about back there. "And you know that He appeared in order that He might take away our sins; and in Him is no sin. Everyone who dwells in Him does not *practice* sin;" see Jesus wants you to practice the truth, practice the commandments, "Anyone who *practices* sin has not seen Him, nor has known Him." Now verse 7, 1 John 3: "Little children, do not allow anyone

to deceive you; the one who practices righteousness is righteous, even as He is righteous. The one who practices sin is of the devil..." (1 John 3:4-8).

Now I want you to see how closely this ties in with the rest of John the eighth chapter. Whose child are you? You are either a child of God, or you are a child of the devil. Now you are either enslaved to him through sin, and there are people who worship him openly who are enslaved to him in a dedicated way to fight and hate all forms of Christianity and to destroy the name of Jesus Christ from under the sun. Now they'll never get away with it, they will think that they will, but the question is: whose child are you? Whose disciple are you?

Now notice. "The one who practices sin is of the devil because the devil has been sinning from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God appeared that He might destroy the works of the devil." So that's going to be accomplished – when Christ returns, He is going to destroy all of it isn't He? Yes, indeed. Now notice this, verse 9, "Everyone who has been begotten by God does not practice sin because His seed of *begettal* (which comes from the Father) is dwelling within him and he is not able to *practice* sin because he has been begotten by God." And therefore, the Spirit of God will prick your conscience and lead you to repentance to put away the sin so that you will obey God and keep His commandments, and love Him.

Verse 10: "By this *standard* are manifest..." that is made evident "...the children of God and the children of the devil." Now we're going to see the confrontation between the children of the devil who profess belief in Christ, but weren't willing to give up practicing sin and were not willing to practice the truth. So this is quite a battle that's going to go on there. "Everyone who does not practice righteousness is not of God," so if you don't keep His commandments, you're not of God. If you don't dwell in the grace of God and have the Spirit of God, you're not of God. And if you dwell in Christ and have the grace of God, by the grace of God, you will keep the commandments of God and He will blot out and forgive all your sins. "...Neither is the one who does not love his brother. For this is the message that you heard from the beginning—that we should love one another" (1 John 3:9-11).

Now let's come back here to John the eighth chapter, the Gospel of John, and let's see how this develops, you see. The one who practices sin, is the slave of sin. Are you a slave of God and Jesus Christ or are you a slave of sin? What is your life? Now if you're a slave of sin, you can repent. If you're a slave of God, you can grow in grace and knowledge and love God and serve Him even more. Now He says in verse 35: "And the servant (or slave) does not live in the house forever; but the Son lives forever." Again He is telegraphing Who He is. "Therefore, if the Son shall set you free," free from sin, free from the devil, "...you shall truly be free. I know you are Abraham's seed; but you are seeking to kill Me, because My words do not enter into your *minds*." (John 8:35-37). Now you think about that. Do you let all the words of God enter into your mind? Or is your mind there fighting, saying, "Oh, I wonder what commandments we can get rid of?" And the first test of any teacher is this, if he gets up in the pulpit or preaches to you and

says, “God has done away with His laws through the sacrifice of Jesus Christ” [he] is a liar and the truth is not in him!

Now let’s see how this battle develops here, see because if you truly love God the Father and Jesus Christ, every word of Christ will enter into your mind won’t it? Yes, and He is going to write those words in your heart and in your mind with His laws and commandments and everything. Verse 38: “I speak the things that I have seen from My Father, and you do the things that you have seen from your father. They answered and said to Him, Our father is Abraham. Jesus said to them, If you were Abraham’s children, you would do the works of Abraham. But now you seek to kill Me, a man who has spoken the truth to you...” you see and sooner or later as we come down the line speaking the truth and speaking the Word of God, people are going to seek to kill us. Jesus guaranteed that didn’t He? Yes He did. “...Spoken the truth to you, which I have heard from God; Abraham did not do this. You are doing the works of your father” (John 8:38-41).

Now it starts really getting hot and heavy here. “Then they said to Him, We have not been born of fornication.” So they believed all the lies about Jesus, right? They didn’t believe that He was divinely impregnated in Mary His mother by God the Father, which was not fornication. And this tells us what? They knew, and even though Joseph tried to keep it quiet, the word got out that Mary was pregnant when they got married, so therefore, you’re born of fornication. “We have one Father, *and this is God.*” So Jesus responded this way. “He said to them, If God were your Father, you would love Me, because I proceeded forth and came from God. For I have not come of Myself, but He sent Me. Why can’t you understand My speech? Because you cannot hear My words.” (John 8:41-43). Why? Because – we read it before – their hearts are hardened and their minds and their eyes were blinded. Notice what He says. The reason they can’t bear His words is because, verse 44. Now this gets right to the heart and core of it. Now let’s understand something, these were those who professed to be disciples that believed in Him, but they weren’t willing to practice the truth. They weren’t willing to repent of their sins. So if you believe in Jesus and are not willing to repent and are not willing to quit practicing your sins, you’re still of your father the devil! See because the demons believe in one God and they tremble... because they know their fate. So it’s no big thing to say, “I believe in Jesus, I believe in the Father.” No, if you don’t have any works to back it up, if you don’t have repentance to prove it, if you don’t have the Holy Spirit of God to lead you, whatever your profession is doesn’t mean anything and you’re still a child of the devil.

Let’s read on here and see what He says. Verse 44: “You are of *your* father the devil,” that ties right in with 1 John 3 doesn’t it? “...and the lusts of your father you desire to practice. He was a murderer from *the* beginning, and has not stood in the truth because there is no truth in him. Whenever he speaks a lie, he is speaking from his own *self*; for he is a liar, and the father of it.” And what does Satan like to do more than anything else? He likes to go into the Bible and take out some verses here and some verses there and arrange them in a lying presentation rather than properly divide the Word of God, and

[then] present false doctrines which appear to come from the Bible. The master liar, the master deceiver, the master counterfeiter knows how to do that doesn't he? "...He is a liar and the father of it. And because I speak the truth, you do not believe Me." Now they wanted to be His disciples, but they didn't want to listen to the truth, and they didn't want to believe that Jesus was I AM. "Which *one* of you can convict Me of sin? But if I speak *the* truth, why don't you believe Me?" (John 8:44-46). Now you think about that. Why do people have such a hard time in believing God, believing His Word, keeping His commandments, repenting and being able to have their sins forgiven, to receive the Holy Spirit of God and practice the truth? They want to keep their own ways, all of the lusts, all of the desire, all of the power, all the things that they have, all the great things that they think they have or are they want to retain. Well you cannot crossbreed sin and righteousness; it won't work, and that's what Jesus is saying. You cannot crossbreed and intermingle truth and lies because every time you do, you come up with a lie. And even though the truth of some scriptures is quoted, it is turned into a lie by a devious turning and twisting of scriptures which Satan loves to do.

Now notice the dividing line. As I said before, there are no "tweeners" you either "is" or you "ain't". Verse 47: "The one who is of God hears the words of God..." and wants more of the words of God, loves the words of God, desires to live by the words of God, right? Yes. "For this reason you do not hear, because you are not of God..." (John 8:47). **Bottom-line: anyone who does not come to Christ, the way Christ says to come, is not of God.** Anyone who hears what Jesus said, and hears what is written in the New Testament, and in the Old Testament, and does not adhere to the words of God, is not of God. They may be like Israel who loved to profess God, who loved to say "we're God's people" just like here, and oh, they claim to be His disciples, and they claim to really know the truth of God – Abraham's children, yes indeed. But Jesus said, "You didn't do the works of Abraham who believed Me, who loved Me, who kept My commandments and statues and judgments and obeyed My voice."

Now the Jews responded to this. Verse 48: "Then the Jews answered and said to Him, Are we not right in saying that You are a Samaritan and have a demon?" Remember, they even called Him Beelzebub. And then what did Jesus say? "If they call the Master of the house Beelzebub, what do you think they will call the servants of the house?" So you see what's going to happen to us. So, "Jesus answered, I do not have a demon. But I honor My Father, and you dishonor Me. Yet I do not seek My own glory; there is one Who seeks and judges" which is God the Father. Verse 51: "Truly, truly I say to you, if anyone keeps My words, he shall not see death forever." (John 8: 48-51). Now that's quite a statement isn't it? Yes. Now it doesn't mean that he won't die. That's why in the *Faithful Version* here it's translated properly, "...shall not see death forever". This means that they can die, but if they die in the faith, they are going to be resurrected and they won't see death forever. Only the incorrigible wicked will be dead forever, burned up, no longer exist.

Verse 52: "Then the Jews said to Him, Now we know you have a demon. Abraham and prophets are dead, yet You say, If anyone keeps My words, he shall not taste of death

forever. Are you greater than our father Abraham who died? And the prophets, *who* died? Whom do You make Yourself *to be*?" Now any minister who is going to teach the Word of God the right way, the way it should be; that accusation is going to be hurled back to him also, if he preaches the truth of God. Verse 54: "Jesus answered, If I glorify Myself, My glory is nothing. It is My Father Who glorifies Me, of Whom you say that He is your God. Yet you have not known Him; but I know Him. And if I say that I do not know Him, I shall be a liar, like you. But I know Him, and have kept His Word."

Now He really unloaded on them, verse 56, so this is quite a crescendo that this comes into. Notice the dividing line that is there, and setting the stage for when it came down to the final Passover of Jesus. They hated Him; they reviled Him; they couldn't stand Him; they could stand His words, His teaching, His preaching. And you know, how many Protestants and Catholics do the same thing in a little different way by saying, "We don't need to keep the Sabbath. Well, it's all right if we keep Sunday. We don't worship idols, we only venerate them. Oh, we don't need to keep the holy days of God. Let's keep these things because the church has sanctified them. Oh, Halloween is a wonderful time. Christmas and Easter are wonderful times and Lent and Valentine's Day and all of these are wonderful and they've been blessed!" See people have everything up side down, cockeyed, and screwy because they want to crossbreed the name of God with all of their sins and have God put His stamp of approval on their abominations, and God won't do it!

Now notice what He says here, verse 56: "Abraham your father was overjoyed to see My day" and that means that God probably gave it to him in vision "...and he saw it, and rejoiced. Then the Jews said to Him, You are not even fifty years old, and You have seen Abraham?" Now verse 58: "Jesus said to them, Truly, truly I say to you, before Abraham was born, I AM" He told them Who He was, the Lord God of the Old Testament, right? I AM THAT I AM "...before Abraham was I AM." And so they all fell to their knees and repented and wept and asked for forgiveness. No! Verse 59: "Then they picked up stones to throw at Him. But Jesus concealed Himself..." it doesn't say how He did it, but He did "...and went out of the temple, passing through the midst of them, and in this manner departed" (John 8:52-59). That's quite a confrontation isn't it? Yes. And this a prelude to what the Last Great Day then pictures, getting rid of Satan the devil who starts and foments all of these things that lead the world into sin – deceiving the whole world. So here, this is quite a thing! Now there is probably a whole lot more we can get out of this, but this is the basic fundamentals that we can get out of this chapter.

Now let's come to John the ninth chapter because this is still on the Last Great Day. And here is one of the best chapters, one of my favorites, and [it] has quite a bit of humor in it for its religious stupidity on the part of the Pharisees. And there is such intense hatred for Jesus that they wouldn't believe!

Now here is the situation. The last verse says, "...in this manner departed." Now John 9:1: "Now as Jesus was passing by, He saw a man who was blind from birth. And His disciples asked Him, saying, Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Now how could a child in the womb possibly sin to be born blind? So you know,

this is kind of a stupid question on the part of the disciples, but nevertheless you have to ask the question. So, “Jesus answered, Neither did this man sin, nor his parents” now this is going to tell us something about why God does certain things. “...Rather, this blindness came so that the works of God might be manifested in him.” He was born blind by the will of God for the specific act of healing that Jesus was now going to do on him, and for the very purpose that this would be written in scripture for our learning. Now think about that for a minute. And we are going to understand how this man born blind could also apply to the Israelites who were blind, or also apply to the Gentiles who were also blinded because of their sins – born blind, born into a community without God, born into a nation without God, born into a satanic, pagan religion without God. At least Israel and the Jews had available to them the knowledge of God, but the Gentiles didn’t. So they were born blind, and God is going to have mercy on them and that the works of God can be manifest for them all down during the Millennium and in the Last Great Day.

Now let’s continue, verse 4: “I must work the works of Him Who sent Me while it is still day. When the night comes, no one is able to work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world” (John 9:1-5). Now let’s understand something, brethren, about the days that we are living – the night is coming, troubles are coming, difficulties are coming, and they are mounting, it’s coming, coming, coming, coming, and it’s not going to stop. And we need to, as individuals work in our lives the work of love, the work of grace, the work of submission, the work of keeping the commandments of God in our own individual lives, and we must work the work that God has given us to do, to get out the things that need to get out for the generation which comes after us. And they are going to enter into a time that is going to slam them right up against the wall and down to the ground, and be enslaved! And so we’ve got to provide the things for them now. That’s why we are doing the things that we do. And I see the night coming just like Jesus said, and we need to work while it is still day.

I think of that everyday; I think about it when I go to bed at night. I think about those poor Jews who were herded into cattle cars and run off to the slaughter camps and the crematoriums to be burned up. And I think about lying there in my warm bed after having a nice meal, living in my comfortable house, no one disturbing me. And I think about what must it have been for them in those cattle cars herded all together, just crowded together, no place to go to the bathroom, no place to lay down, no place to rest and sleep, freezing to death while you’re going along in these cattle cars, and people getting sick with dysentery, and everybody getting sick and vomiting and defecating in the corners, urinating in the corners, crying out for help, and no one was there for help. So when the night comes and it falls, it’s going to be just like that. And I think about that and I think about what we need to do, and I think about what God has set before us, and I think about the inadequacies that we all have and how we need the Spirit of God, and the love of God, and the hope of God, and to work, and to accomplish what God wants us to because this is true.

And after saying that, verse 6, “After saying these things, He spat on *the* ground...” now how is this for an anointing, spit and mud, you know, today we anoint with oil see but

Jesus did this for a special purpose “He spat on *the* ground and made clay of the spittle, and applied the clay to the eyes of the blind man. And He said to him, Go and wash in the pool of Siloam (which is, by interpretation, “Sent”). Then he went and washed, and came *from there* seeing. Therefore,” now notice how people react, some rejoiced, some were skeptical, some didn’t even believe. “Therefore, the neighbors and those who had seen him before, *and knew* that he was blind, said, Isn’t he the one who was sitting and begging? Some said, It is he. But others said, He is like him. He said, I am *the one*.” You see, some people can’t even believe with the evidence right before their eyes. “Then they said to him, How were your eyes opened? He answered and said, A man called Jesus made clay, and applied *it* to my eyes, and said to me, Go to the pool of Siloam and wash; and after I went and washed, I received sight. Then they said to him, Where is He?” Well how could he know? “He said, I do not know.” (John 9:6-12).

[Verse 13:] So “They brought him who *was* once blind to the Pharisees.” Now the inquisition begins. You see the Catholics weren’t the only ones to have inquisitions, the Jews had inquisitions, don’t Arabs have inquisitions today, Catholics are going to have them again. Didn’t even some of the Protestants have inquisitions? Oh yes! The Calvinists who follow John Calvin – John Calvin burned at the stake, **Cervantes** because he didn’t believe in the trinity. And so all of you who think you are Calvinist Christians, you’ve got another thought coming because Calvin was never a Christian. **Anyone who keeps Sunday and the holidays of this world is not a Christian in deed or in truth, but is a false Christian, period. That’s what the Word of God tells us.** Now if you don’t like that statement, then you go disprove me.

Let’s continue on here. “... Brought him to the Pharisees.” Verse 14: “Now it was *the* Sabbath...” Oh, oh, the last holy day a Sabbath, right? “...when Jesus made the clay and opened his eyes. Therefore, the Pharisees in turn also asked him how he had received sight. And he said to them, He put clay on my eyes, and I washed; and *now* I see. Then some of the Pharisees said, This man is not from God because He does not keep the Sabbath.” Well now, yes, Jesus did keep the Sabbath, but He didn’t follow the rules of the Pharisees and scribes and the traditions of the elders in their Sabbath rejecting commandments, you see. “Others said, How can a man who is a sinner do such miracles? And there was a division among them. Then they said to the blind man again, What do you say about Him since He opened your eyes? And he said, He is a prophet.” What else are you going to conclude? And wasn’t he called, as we saw earlier, The Prophet? Yes!

Verse 18: “However, the Jews did not believe this about him, that he was blind and had received sight, until they called the parents of the one who had received sight.” So the inquisition goes on to the family. So “They asked them, saying, Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see? His parents answered them and said, We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind. But how he sees, we do not know; or who opened his eyes, we do not know. He is of age; ask him. He will speak for himself.” See, quite a thing, and “His parents said those things because they were afraid of the Jews; for the Jews had already agreed among themselves that if anyone

confessed Him *to be the Christ*, he would be put out of the synagogue.” How is that for fair, true, righteous judgment – already have your mind made up ahead of time, right? Okay, we’ll find out about that when we get to *Judge Righteous Judgment*. “For this reason, his parents said, He is of age; ask him” (John 9:13-23).

Verse 24: “Therefore, they called a second time...” now here is the second round of inquisition see “... *for* the man who had been born blind, and said to him, Give glory to God. We know that this man is a sinner.” See they have already judged Jesus, right? “Then he answered and said, Whether He is a sinner, I do not know. One *thing* I do know, that I was blind, *and* now I see. And they said to him again, What did He do to you? How did He open your eyes?” This sounds like the interrogation at the local police department – trying to wring out a confession. And “He answered them, I have already told you, and you did not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you desire to become His disciples too?” Oh man, can you see the reaction of those hateful, judging Jews in this situation? “Then they railed at him and said, You are His disciple, but we are Moses’ disciples.” (John 9:24-28). Remember what we read earlier, that ...”if you don’t believe Moses, you won’t believe Me. And Moses accuses you...” because his word is still valid today.

Verse 29: “We know that God spoke to Moses. As for this man, we do not know where He has come from. The man answered and said to them, This is truly an amazing thing, that you do not know where He has come from, yet He has opened my eyes. Now we know that God does not hear sinners. But if anyone is God-fearing and is doing His will, He hears him. From the beginning...” now this is quite an eloquent speech from this man undoubtedly inspired by God you see? “From the beginning of the world it has never been heard that anyone has opened *the eyes of one* who has born blind. If this *man* were not from God, He could do nothing.” Notice their reaction – they all repented and got on their knees and asked forgiveness – no, no way! See when you take a position and a religious position and you take one built on hatred, and murder, and lies, you never want the truth. You cannot stand the truth. You do not want the truth. And the truth cuts to the quick and cuts to the heart, just like the Word of God is sharper than any two-edged sword, and cuts to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit and joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart, right? Yes! So how did they react? Verse 34: They answered and said to him, You were born wholly in sin, and you are teaching us? And they cast him out”(John 9:29-34).

Now notice verse 35: “Jesus heard that they had cast him out; and when He found him, He said to him, Do you believe in the Son of God? He answered and said, Who is He, Lord, that I may believe in Him? And Jesus said to him, You have see Him, and He is the one Who is even now speaking to you. Then he said, Lord, I believe. And he worshiped Him.” Again showing that He was God manifested in the flesh. Verse 39: “And Jesus said, For judgment I have come into this world...” now that’s something – before He said He didn’t come to judge the world, but because of what He has said and what He has done and in giving His life as a sacrifice for the sin of the world, judgment has come upon the world. Now we’ll learn this about judgment when we get into *Judge*

Righteous Judgment. "...So that those who do not see might see, and those who see might become blind." Now the Pharisees weren't all dumb and stupid altogether. "And those of the Pharisees who were with Him heard these things; and they said to Him, Are we also blind? Jesus said to them, If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now you say, We see. Therefore, your sin remains" (John 9:35-41).

Now let's look and see some things concerning about the coming of the Holy Spirit to reinforce this. So this is quite a lesson. Now let's look at it this way, all the Gentiles who have been blinded, God is going to open their eyes – started with Cornelius and those who believed when Peter came to them at Caesarea, then all the preaching of Paul, all the preaching of all the other apostles going into all the world. Now then, when Christ returns and Satan is bound, all the Gentiles are going to have the scales removed from their eyes, just as miraculous as it was with this man. This taking place on the Last Great Day symbolized all the nations of the world, beginning with Israel who are going to have their sins forgiven.

Now let's see what else Jesus said concerning the coming of the Holy Spirit and concerning what these things would do. Now let's come here to John 15, and let's begin here in verse 22. [This is a] very important thing, now this is what He said the night of the Passover before He was crucified, before He was arrested and crucified. He says, "If I had not come and spoken to them..." and also the instance back here of the man born blind and the healing of him "...they would not have had sin; but now they have nothing to cover their sin." **See unless you repent to Jesus Christ, accept His sacrifice for full payment of your sins, and unless you repent and give yourself to God the Father and Jesus Christ, and unless you start walking in the truth, your sin remains.**

Now notice, verse 23: "The one who hates Me hates My Father also." And if you don't keep the commandments of God, you hate Him. "If I had not done among them the works that no other man has done, they would not have had sin; but now they have both seen and hated both Me and My Father. But this has happened so that the saying might be fulfilled which is written in their law, They hated Me without a cause" (John 15:22-25). Now that's quite an important thing to understand isn't it? How many people have the Bible, but they hate Christ because they don't read it, because they don't repent, because they don't believe it. You see? Amazing isn't it? Yes it is.

Now let's come over here to Chapter 16. And He says; let's begin here in verse 7: "But I am telling you the truth. It is profitable for you that I go away because if I do not go away, the Comforter..." which then is the Holy Spirit "...will not come to you. However, if I go, I will send it to you. And when that one has come, it will convict the world concerning sin..." and that's what parts of this sermon is intended to do – to convict those who hear concerning their sins, that they may repent and have them forgiven. "...And righteousness..." to show the truth and righteousness of God "...and judgment" proper judgment of God. Verse 9: "Concerning sin, because they do not believe in Me; Concerning righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you no longer will see Me;" because then when He went to the Father, forgave their sins, blotted

out their transgressions, sent the Holy Spirit to them, then they received the imputation of the righteousness of Jesus Christ. Verse 11: “Concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world has been judged” (John 16: 7-11). He hasn’t been removed yet, but he is going to be removed when Christ returns.

And so this tells us the meaning of John 7, 8 and 9 referring to the Feast of Tabernacles, and the Last Great Day in the meaning of what it was when Jesus spoke these words, and the prophetic meaning of what it was even down to our time.

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