Who’s Your Father?

John 8:40-51
Jeremiah 23:30-40
1 John 3:1-10

They Sought to Kill Jesus (v. 40)

• A scary verse. They wanted to kill Jesus in sincerity!
• They were convinced in their minds that they were in the kingdom!
• Jesus charges them that they want to kill Him because He had told them the truth.
• They were presented the truth and thought it was a lie!
• They believed a lie and thought it was the truth!

BEWARE!

Your Father, the Devil (vv. 41-44)

• The discussion, so far and continuing in the chapter, is centered around fatherhood.
• The Jews are sure that they are children of Abraham and that GOD was their father.
• The LORD is refuting their claim.
• (v. 41) Jesus is about to get to the bottom of the truth! - “You do the deeds of your father…”
  • To this, the Jews answer: “Since you have brought up the topic of fatherhood, we are not born of fornication.”
• Were the Jews accusing Jesus of being a bastard?
• The truth of the virgin birth had been hid from them. (Matthew 11:25-27)
• (v. 42) If GOD were your father, you would love Me . . .” (See 1 John 5:1-3; 4:20; John 15:23)
• The Jews’ boast that they were in the kingdom was EMPTY:
  • They were bond-slaves to sin. (v. 34)
  • Christ’s Word had no place in them. (v. 37)
  • They sought to kill Jesus. (v. 40)
  • They did not love the Son of GOD. (v. 42)
• (v. 43) “You do not understand my speech, because you cannot hear my word.”
  • They were strangers; not Sons. Children understand their parents’ language!
  • If the Word of GOD comes to me as an unknown tongue, then I should question whether or not I am His child or not!
• “Hear” means to receive and believe and obey.
• They could not hear because they had no faith! (Deut. 32:20; Hebrews 4:2)

WE Do Not Like the TRUTH (vv. 45-48)

• Jeremiah 9:5 — They taught their tongues to lie.
• Jeremiah 16:19 — We have inherited lies.
• Jeremiah 23:32 — Teachers have causes us to error by their lies.
• Psalm 62:4 — “they delight in lies”
• Isaiah 28:15 — They make lies their refuge.
• 2 Timothy 4:4 — They turn away from the TRUTH and believe lies.
• 2 Timothy 3:7 — They study and study and never come to the knowledge of the truth.
• 2 Thessalonians 2:9-11 — Because they do not love the TRUTH God will cause them to believe a LIE!
• Romans 1:19-32 — GOD gave them over to foolishness - over to a lie!
• (v. 46) Jesus asks his opponents to charge Him with sin! – Watch for their reply!
• (v. 47) Only those who hear (receive, believe, and obey) GOD are born of GOD.
  • Others are NOT of GOD. (John 10:26; 18:37)
• (v. 48) The Jews’ response: INSULT!

The Father’s Honor (vv. 49-51)

• Jesus’ concern is the Father’s honor.
• A mark of a true teacher is one who is more concerned with GOD’s glory than the creature’s glory or comfort.
• “I always do what pleases Him!” (John 8:29)
• (v. 50) Jesus trusted GOD with His glory, honor and reputation. Jesus did not depend on man for His reputation.
• (v. 51) PROMISE of ETERNAL LIFE:
  • If a man keep my saying (My Word) . . .” (See John 14:15, 21, 23; 1 John 2:3-5; 5:2-3)
  • IT IS NOT HOW WE START OUR CHRISTIAN LIFE BUT HOW WE LIVE IT AND END IT! (John 8:31; Hebrews 3:6, 14; 6:11-12; Matthew 10:22, 24:13; Revelation 2:10, 26)