

John 5b 19-47

19 The religious leaders were angry at Jesus' healing the lame man on the Sabbath. Jesus tells them that God shows mercy on the Sabbath. He is only doing what He observes the Father doing. In fact, that is all he is doing. He has eyes to see. 3:3, 8:28, 12:49 What about us?

20-21 Greater than healing the lame man? Or greater than daily showering man with mercy. Either way, they will be amazed. 17:2; Luke 10:22

22-23 see verse 27; 3:35; Psalm 9:7,8; Acts 10:42; If Jesus is the one who judges me, I certainly better honor Him like I honor the Father. This must have infuriated the Pharisees.

24 If you hear Jesus' words, and believe in the Father who sent Him, you have passed from death to life. 3:18; 6:40; 20:31

25 Luke 15:24 Jesus referred to those who were separated from God as dead people. Ephesians 5:14; Matthew 27:51-52

26-29 Matthew 25:31-46

30 Jesus can be trusted to judge because He seeks only to please the Father. When we have to judge, here is our guideline. What judgment would please the Father? 14:10

31 –33 1:33; 8:14 John bore witness that Jesus was the Christ but they would not accept his testimony. The Father bore witness when the voice came from heaven.

34 Jesus cared about the Pharisees. They accepted the testimony of two witnesses. Though Jesus didn't need man to testify that He was indeed the Son, He reminded the Pharisees for their sake.

35 –36 3:2 The Pharisees also believed that miracles testified to the anointing and call. 10:37-38

37 –38 15:24 Because of the miracles that are possible only by the power of God, not receiving Christ meant not receiving the Father.

39-40 Hundreds of prophecies directly speak to the details of Christ's life. The Pharisees were so proud about knowing them, yet they missed the whole point of

the Old Covenant – to lead them to the Messiah, the Lamb. Matthew 22:29;
Mark 12:10; John 1:45

41-42 The Spirit filled man will not accept praise from men. The Pharisees lived for the praise of men. Jesus lived to please the Father. 2 Peter 1:17

43 –44 Those who seek to please men will never come to belief. It takes a supernatural desire to be pleasing to God before we come to humbly seek salvation. Salvation is a result of a desire to be right with God, to please Him.

45-47 Moses can say, "I told them He was coming and that they had to listen to Him. They read my words and yet still rebelled!" Deuteronomy 18:15