

John 8b

8:12-47

12 We are jumping back to the teaching in the Temple after the Feast of Tabernacles (booths). He had told them that He was the Living Water. Now He is telling them He is the Light of the world. 1:4-9; Isaiah 9:2; 42:6-7
Following Jesus gives light to our path through this life. We will not live in the dark. We'll see what is really happening. Psalms 119:105

13 They are referring to Deuteronomy 19:15. If Jesus was claiming to be someone great, He should have a witness that agreed with the claim for it to be considered. This had already been discussed in John 5:31-47.

14-18 Jesus is claiming that He can speak on His own because He came down from heaven. If He judges it is because of the judgment of the Father. In these ways He is above that of mankind. No other man can tell us of without error of heavenly things and we are expected to believe. No other can pass judgment on their own. In these regards Jesus has special status. 14:10; 3:13

19 To know Jesus is to know God, for Jesus is God incarnated so that we may know Him. 14:6-9; 17:3; Jeremiah 24:7

20 The reason they would seize Him is His clear declaration that He is God.

21-23 The same discourse as in chapter 7, but now he tells them why, they are from a different realm. He is from above, heavenly. They are from below, worldly. It is the carnal versus the spiritual. 17:14; 1John 4:5-6; 1 Corinthians 15:47-48; Philippians 3:19-21 We have the promise of being made like the heavenly.

24 This is the separating factor, belief that Jesus is one with the Father. 3:18,36

25-27 Jesus hears the Father and relays His reliable word. He is not like any other man who just speaks his mind.

28 Isaiah 52:13 When Jesus is crucified (lifted up onto the cross) then they would realize Jesus speaks only what God tells Him. Why? The resurrection would be the proof.

29-30 Jesus never displeases the Father so He is always communicating openly with Him. What about us? The only time Jesus would ever sense separation from the Father was when the sins of the world were laid upon Him. Some in the crowd recognized the truth of His words and began to have faith.

31-32 IF you hold to my teaching you are really disciples (learners). You have to stick with it to really learn. 7:17 You can't just express an interest for a few days. That is like the seed on stony ground that grows up but soon dies. To cling to the truth experientially will result in freedom. The world and your carnal nature will lose their stranglehold on you. Man looks at the Word as a taskmaster. The truth is that the world and the flesh are bondage. Jesus' word frees us to be who He designed us to be. 16:13; 17:17

33-35 Sin is like Lay's Potato Chips – you can't commit just one. When you give it an inch, it takes over 6 feet. Romans 6:16-18 It becomes the master. They were counting on physical lineage. Jesus was saying it is a matter of the heart.

36 There is only one road to real freedom. It is a road that leads through the cross. If He draws you to the cross, there is no going back, it is forward to complete freedom in Christ. You are free to be all that God created you to be.

37 When we have no room for the Word of God, we are hostile toward the things of God. We don't want anymore conviction.

38-39 A person is the image of their mentor. They say they are children of Abraham but they are not ready live by the faith that Abraham lived with. Abraham believed! They just want goodies without paying.

40-41 They claim God as their Father but their actions are not like God's. Here again we have Jesus' spiritual expression understood carnally.

42 – 44 If God is your Father then you love Jesus. That is about as plain as you can make it. Satan is a proud, self-serving, lying, murderer. His children act like him. Children of God act like their Father, with all the fruits of the Spirit. Genesis 3:15; Matthew 13:38; 1John 3:8-10

45 Children of the Evil One cannot hear truth.

46-47 What man can say this? Only the Son of God. Jesus only did good. They could not justly accuse Him of anything. Why then would they not hear Him? It is just as He said, they don't belong to God. 10:27