



Your Daddy's the Devil, Part 1

John 8:39-47

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John 8 ESV

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."

YOU CAN HAVE A HEAVENLY FATHER...

who will never give up on you. Luke 15:22-24
who created you to do good, not evil. Matt. 5:16
who designed you to be different from others. Matt. 5:44-45
who promises to meet your needs. Matt. 6:31-33
who loves to hear your prayers. Matthew 6

WHEN GOD IS YOUR FATHER...

YOU WILL LOVE THE SON OF GOD.

YOU WILL LOVE THE WORD OF GOD.

WHEN THE DEVIL IS YOUR FATHER...

(The Doctrine of Original Sin) Psalm 14:3; Romans 3:23; Col. 3:5-6

YOU ARE COMFORTABLE DOING HIS WILL.

YOU CAN'T SEE THE LIES AND DEATH HE BRINGS.

For next Sunday: John 8:48-59, Your Daddy's the Devil, Part 2



Your Daddy's the Devil, Part I

John 8:39-47

Discuss

Think about your family and friends; in what ways are children like their fathers? In what ways are you like your father? Why is this true?

Dig In

The Jews argued that Abraham was their father. 8:39

What did Jesus say to incite this response? 8:38

Look back at 8:19. What was the Pharisees' question of Jesus? (This was not just a question to produce His Father as a witness, but an insinuation that He was born out of wedlock). Jesus not only identified His Father, but in 8:39-47 He also revealed the true father of these Jews and how they have been deceived by him. In 8:37, Jesus agrees that they are Abraham's descendants physically, but not spiritually. This dialogue is a continuation of that fatherhood discussion.

Why was it so important for Jews to have Abraham as their father? 33, 39 (See also John's warning about this: Matthew 3:9)

[It is clear that these Jews were counting on their physical, Jewish heritage and religion to put them in right standing with God. One might say they were dependent on Abraham's blood-line for a relationship with God, wanted to spill Jesus' blood, but they did not believe on Him and rely on His shed blood for redemption (Isa 53). The apostle Paul did the same thing when he was a Pharisee. He boasted in his Jewish credentials, but what was Paul's outlook after experiencing eternal redemption in Christ? (Phil 3:4-6) Also see <https://bible.org/seriespage/7-abraham-faith-our-father-romans-327-425>]

What did Paul say about being spiritual children of Abraham? Romans 2:28-29; Galatians 3:7

In light of Paul's teaching, what does this mean for true Christians?

Compare Jesus' statement in John 8:38 with 8:40-41. What logical conclusion must they make about what Jesus said about their father?

What are the identifiable characteristics of the children of God?
8:42-43

What are the identifiable characteristics of the children of the devil?
8:44-45

In what specific ways were these Jews lying (and believing lies) and killing like their father?

How can a person become a child of God? John 1:12, John 3:16

After we trust in Christ, what does God call us and how does that affect our lives? 1 John 3:1-2

What is unique about our relationship with God as our Father?
Galatians 3:26-4:7; Matthew 5:5-15; 7:7-12; Romans 8:15-17;
Ephesians 1:2; Hebrews 12:4-13; James 1:16-18; 1 Peter 1:13-17;
1 John 5:10-13; 2 John 1:4, 9

Live It Out

What do you appreciate most about your relationship with God?

The children of the devil live according to lies, hate, and murder.
The children of God live according to opposite values: truth, love, and life. How can we show these toward God our Father?

How can we show life, love, and truth to our brothers and sisters in Christ? ...to those who are children of the devil?

What did you learn most from this study? How will you respond:

With your head:

With your heart:

With your hands: