

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

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John 8

⁴⁸ The Jews answered him, "Are we not right in saying that you are a Samaritan and have a demon?" ⁴⁹ Jesus answered, "I do not have a demon, but I honor my Father, and you dishonor me. ⁵⁰ Yet I do not seek my own glory; there is One who seeks it, and he is the judge. ⁵¹ Truly, truly, I say to you, if anyone keeps my word, he will never see death." ⁵² The Jews said to him, "Now we know that you have a demon! Abraham died, as did the prophets, yet you say, 'If anyone keeps my word, he will never taste death.' ⁵³ Are you greater than our father Abraham, who died? And the prophets died! Who do you make yourself out to be?" ⁵⁴ Jesus answered, "If I glorify myself, my glory is nothing. It is my Father who glorifies me, of whom you say, 'He is our God.' ⁵⁵ But you have not known him. I know him. If I were to say that I do not know him, I would be a liar like you, but I do know him and I keep his word. ⁵⁶ Your father Abraham rejoiced that he would see my day. He saw it and was glad."

Terms You Need to Understand:

Samaritan; Father Abraham; Demons; Devil/Satan

APPLICATION:

The devil will attack you; expect it and be on guard.

Like Jesus, you have to be certain of your identity.

Be encouraged; you will overcome because the "I AM" has overcome.

Your soul will not succumb to death. You are free from the domain and authority of the devil. The "I AM" is your Savior, no mere prophet or religion.

PLAN OF ACTION: Ephesians 6:12-18

Run: (Flee)
Resist: (Fight)
Remain: (Freeze)



For next Sunday, read John 9, "The One Who Can Open Eyes" Your Daddy's the Devil, Part 2
John 8:48-59

Review

Review John 8:42-47. What are the key principles about fatherhood, habits, and obedience?

Dig In

In this passage, you will find two escalations regarding the identity of Christ. One is the escalation of accusations and persecution by the Jews. The other is the escalation of the claims of Christ.

The escalation of the Jews' accusations and persecution

Level 1: Offensive Question: What offensive question do they ask Jesus about His identity? Why would both parts of this question be offensive to Jesus?

Level 2: Defamatory Accusation: What defamatory remark do they make toward Jesus? Why would they say this?

Level 3: Doubtful Sneer: What doubt do they express? (Historians say that the life span of people in the first century is 50)

Level 4: Hate and Destruction (59) What attitude and actions reflected that they really were the children of the devil?

The escalation of Jesus' claim of deity

Level 1: Claim that God is His Father and He honors Him: What does Jesus deny and exclaim (49-51)? Why would this anger the Jews?

Level 2: Claim that His Father glorifies Him (54-55). In what way is this an escalation? In what way does God glorify Him? What does He say about Abraham?

Level 3: Claim to exist before Abraham and be the I AM. What did Jesus mean by His statement? How could He exist before Abraham (John 1:1).

Live It Out

In what ways did the devil use these Jews?

What attitude can you see in Jesus in how to battle the devil?

How does the fact that Jesus' true identity is I AM and the Son of God affect your identity?

Describe the spiritual battle that you see in your life and in our church.

Read 2 Corinthians 10:3-5 and Ephesians 6:10-18. How can God's armor help you be victorious this week?

How can you help a brother or sister in Christ who is in a battle, but does not recognize they are in a battle?