



John 5:31-47

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FIVE WITNESSES TO THE SON

Introduction:

1) The Witness of the Son Himself (5:31-32)

“if I alone testify about Myself, My testimony is not true”

“there is another who testifies of Me”

“and I know that the testimony which He gives about Me is true”

2) The Witness of John the Baptist (5:33-35)

“you have sent to John and he has testified to the truth”

“but the testimony which I receive is not from man”

“I say these things so that you may be saved”

“he was the lamp that was burning and was shining”

“you were willing to rejoice for a while in his light”

3) The Witness of Jesus' Works (5:36)

“the testimony which I have is greater than the testimony of John”

“1) Their **number**: they were not a few only but very many indeed. 2) Their **greatness**: they were not little but mighty interferences with the ordinary course of nature. 3) Their **publicity**: they were generally not done in a corner but in open day, and before many witness and often before enemies. 4) Their **character**: they were almost always works of love, mercy, and compassion, helpful and beneficial to man and not mere barren exhibitions of power. 5) Their **direct appeal to men's senses**: they were visible and would bear any examination.” – J.C. Ryle

“for the works which the Father has given Me to accomplish”

“the very works that I do - testify about Me, that the Father has sent Me”

4) The Witness of the Father (5:37-38)

“the Father who sent Me, He has testified of Me”

“you have neither...

- 1) ...heard His voice at any time”
- 2) ...nor seen His form”
- 3) ...you do not have His word abiding in you”
- 4) “for you do not believe Him whom He sent”

5) The Witness of the Scriptures (5:39-47)

“you search the Scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life”

“it is these that testify about Me”

“you are unwilling to come to Me so that you may have life”

“I do not receive glory from men”

“I know you, that you do not have the love of God in yourselves”

“I have come in My Father’s name and you do not receive Me”

“if another comes in his own name, you will receive him”

“How can you believe, when you receive glory from one another and you do not seek the glory that is from the one and only God?”

“do not think that I will accuse you before the Father”

“the one who accuses you is Moses, in whom you have set your hope”

“if you believed Moses, you would believe Me, for he wrote about Me”

“But if you do not believe his writings, how will you believe My words?”

Conclusion: Some non-pharisaical questions for you...

- 1) Are you studying the Bible at all?
- 2) Are you studying the Bible to hear the voice of God to you?
- 3) Is your study of the Bible causing you to love God more or less?
- 4) Is your study of the Bible leading you to greater humility or greater pride?