



John 8:30-47

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HEARING THE WORD OF GOD

Introduction:

Matthew 7:21-23

I. THEIR FALSE CONVERSION (8:30-32)

A. An Easy Profession (vs. 30)

“As He spoke these things, many came to believe in Him.”

B. The Essential Proof (vs. 31)

“so Jesus was saying to those Jews who had believed Him...”

“If you continue in My word, then you are truly disciples of Mine.”

C. An Emancipating Practice (vs. 32)

“you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free”

II. THEIR FATEFUL CONFUSION (8:33-44)

A. Their Boast (vs. 33)

“We are Abraham’s descendants and have never yet been enslaved to anyone.”

“How is it that You say, ‘You will become free?’ ”

B. Their Bondage (vs. 34-36)

“Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who commits sin is the slave of sin.”

“the slave does not remain in the house forever; the son does remain forever”

“So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed.”

C. Their Blindness (vs. 37-42)

“I know that you are Abraham’s descendants; yet you seek to kill Me...”

“My word has no place in you.”

“I speak the things which I have seen with My Father; therefore you also do the things which you heard from your father”

“Abraham is our father.”

“If you are Abraham’s children, do the deeds of Abraham.”

“But as it is, you are seeking to kill Me, a man who has told you the truth, which I heard from God. This Abraham did not do. You are doing the deeds of your father.”

“We were not born of fornication; we have one Father: God.”

“If God were your Father, you would love Me, for I proceeded forth and have come from God, for I have not even come on My own initiative, but He sent Me.”

D. Their Birthmark (vs. 43-44)

“Why do you not understand what I am saying? It is because you cannot hear My word.”

“You are of your father the devil, and you want to do the desires of your father.”

“He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth because there is no truth in him. Whenever he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own nature, for he is a liar and the father of lies.”

III. HIS FORCEFUL CLARIFICATION (8:45-47)

A. The Transparency of His Word (vs. 45)

“But because I speak the truth, you do not believe Me.”

B. The Trustworthiness of His Word (vs. 46-47)

“Which one of you convicts Me of sin?”

“If I speak truth, why do you not believe Me?”

“He who is of God hears the words of God; for this reason you do not hear them, because you are not of God.”

Conclusion:

- 1) It is possible to have a false faith in Christ that will not save you.
- 2) Genuine saving faith is evidenced by a love for God’s Word that is described as “abiding”.
- 3) “Test yourself to see if you are in the faith.” (II Corinthians 13:5)

Food for Thought:

- 1) What are the marks of genuine saving faith?
- 2) Why is the distinction between a “believer in Christ” and a “disciple of Christ” (a higher commitment) a false distinction?
- 3) How would you describe a true child of God?
- 4) Are there any marks of a false convert in your own life?