



John: The Great "I AM" Gospel
John 8:37-47
From Sermon 2.25.24

Read *John 8:37-47*

Overview from Sunday's sermon: Following His revelation to the crowd that they are/were slaves of sin, His audience now begins state their flawed case of being justified by the flesh and works. They are clearly wrong on every front—wrong about history, wrong about the present, and wrong about the future. They have a false doctrine regarding Abraham, self, Jesus, the Father, and the enemy. Jesus gives them truth.

1. What does the expression mean: "Like father like son"? Generally, people will not only look like their father (parents), but also display their character, traits, values, and flaws. Psychologically, children also want to please their parents, accomplish their desires, and make them proud. See Proverbs 10:1

[Note: like the book of Proverbs, this is obviously a general truth vs a universal one. Some people are just the opposite their parents (father) or strive to be because they weren't/aren't great examples.]

2. How does Jesus use this general truth in correcting the false thinking and assumptions of crowd? Jesus does an inventory. Look at Abraham. Look at Jesus. Look at God the Father. Consider the devil. When you put your actions, traits, and nature up next to any of those, who do you resemble?

3. From Sunday, what three areas of false trust was Jesus confronting? Heritage, Religion, & an incomplete doctrine of the benevolent nature of God.

4. What three persons were they totally ignorant about? Discuss each. Abraham, God, and the devil.

Abraham: (More next week) How was Abraham saved, justified, made righteous? By self, choice, Law, by being related to Shem, Noah, Seth, Adam? None of the above. He was justified by faith that God gifted him. See also *Romans 4:3 & 20-25*

Worldly views of God:

- There isn't one. See also *Psalms 14:1*
- Theistic Evolution [God used evolution to create everything. Put it in motion, then stepped back]
- He's much like us: relative, scales, be good. See *Isaiah 55:8-9*
- Universal: reveals Himself in many ways to various groups. See *John 14:6*
- Natural: power, force, in all things, morality, reincarnation
- Legal: religions, rituals, rites, regional (holy places, buildings, special times) See *Acts 17:24*
- The Holy God of the Bible

Worldly views of the Devil:

- He doesn't exist.
- Natural: merely a force, a balance to good, bad society/ethics
- The cause and effect of all things "bad"
- A hero to some
- As revealed in Scripture. See also *2 Corinthians 11:14 & 1 Peter 5:8*