

## John 8:38-47

**John 8:38-40** – *“(38) I speak that which I have seen with my Father: and ye do that which ye have seen with your father. (39) They answered and said unto him, Abraham is our father. Jesus saith unto them, If ye were Abraham's children, ye would do the works of Abraham. (40) But now ye seek to kill me, a man that hath told you the truth, which I have heard of God: this did not Abraham.”*

A. Jesus establishes that He speaks after what He's seen with God the Father (**John 12:49-50**).

1. Jesus was obedient to God the Father (**Hebrews 5:8-9**).
2. The obedience of Christ kept Him in the love of the Father (**John 15:10**).
3. Through disobedience, the Jews separated themselves from the Father (**Psalms 34:16, Proverbs 15:29, Proverbs 28:9, Isaiah 59:1-3, and John 9:31**).
4. Rather than God being their Father, they were of the devil because of sin (more on this later; **John 8:41-44**).

B. They claimed Abraham as their father, but what did that matter (**Luke 3:7-8**)?

1. They were physical descendants of Abraham (**John 8:37**), but the basis of the promise was more than a physical seed (**Romans 4:12-16**).
2. If they were spiritually of the mindset of Abraham they would do the works of God (**James 2:21-23**).
  - a. If they were really of Abraham, they would have been watching for the promise to be fulfilled (**Genesis 22:18 and Acts 3:25**).
  - b. They would have seen that Jesus was the fulfillment of the promise to Abraham (**Galatians 3:14-16 and Galatians 3:29**).

C. Jesus brought more than a seed promise. Jesus brought the truth of the Gospel (**Matthew 4:23 and John 1:14-17**).

1. The promise to Abraham was great, but Jesus brought salvation (**Luke 19:1-10, Acts 13:26-39, and I Thessalonians 5:9**).
2. In response to Christ bringing the truth, they wanted to kill Him (**Psalms 37:32 and Matthew 16:21**).

**John 8:41-44** – *“(41) Ye do the deeds of your father. Then said they to him, We be not born of fornication; we have one Father, even God. (42) Jesus said unto them, If God were your Father, ye would love me: for I proceeded forth and came from God; neither came I of myself, but he sent me. (43) Why do ye not understand my speech? even because ye cannot hear my word. (44) Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it.”*

A. If God had been their Father they would have obeyed Christ (**John 5:23**).

1. By hating Jesus they hated the Father also (**John 15:23**).

2. You cannot deny Christ and have a relationship with God the Father (**I John 2:23** and **II John 9**).
- B. The deeds of these Jews exposed who their true father was (**I John 3:8-10**).
  1. Like Cain, children of the devil hate the true children of God (**I John 3:12**).
  2. The world contains many children of Satan (**Matthew 13:24-30; 13:36-43**).

**John 8:45-47** – *“(45) And because I tell you the truth, ye believe me not. (46) Which of you convinceth me of sin? And if I say the truth, why do ye not believe me? (47) He that is of God heareth God's words: ye therefore hear them not, because ye are not of God.”*

- A. Jesus told them the truth, but they chose not to believe it (**II Thessalonians 2:10-12**).
  1. Jesus never did anything that would have harmed His creditability (**Hebrews 4:14-16, Hebrews 7:26, and I Peter 2:21-23**).
  2. Just as our Lord, we too are expected to live above reproach (**Philippians 2:15-16 and I Peter 4:11-15**) so that any charges made against us have to be false (**Matthew 5:11 and I Peter 3:16-17**).
- B. They did not hear the word of God because they were not of God (**I John 4:4-6**).
  1. If they loved God they'd obey, which includes loving the Son (**I John 5:1-3**).
  2. Jesus later makes it clear that only His sheep truly hear Him (**John 10:26-27**).