"The Witness of the Son of God" – Part 2

John 5:41-47

The stunning rejection of the witness of Jesus Christ

1. Cause: A Radical Contrary Allegiance! vv. 41-44

(1) The Allegiance Identified (44)

"How can you believe,
who receive honor from one another,
and do not seek the honor
that comes from the only God?"

- Hearts entirely dominated by the praise, approval, and acceptance of men

- The "polar opposite" of the fear of the Lord!

- cf. "You shall worship the LORD your God and serve Him only"

(2) Our Lord entirely pure of such! (41) *"I do not receive honor from men."*

- The *only one* pure of such!

(3) This dark allegiance renders the heart void of true love for God! (42)

"But I know you, that you do not have
the love of God in you."

(4) Its perversity revealed (43)

"I have come in My Father's name,
and you do not receive Me;
if another comes in his own name,
him you will receive."

- By their rejection of Jesus (cf. 1:9-11)
- By their refusal to believe in Him

- Quite ready to receive the testimony of men!

2. Culpability for such Dark Allegiance vv. 45-47

(1) The Jews stood accused by the very Scriptures they claimed to believe!

"Do not think that I shall accuse you to the Father;
there is one who accuses you – Moses,
in whom you trust."

- cf. "We are disciples of Moses!"
"We are the keepers of the Law!"

-"Really?!" "Moses wrote about Me!" *"For if you believed Moses, you would believe Me;*
for he wrote about Me."

(2) Unbelief toward the Scriptures = Unbelief in Christ

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

Further Application: