

John 29 – Who’s Your Daddy?

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John 8:41-50

Remembering the Context

- Christ is speaking in the Court of the Women {Treasury} on the Great Day {Immediately following Sukkot – Festival of Booths} Judgment of Sinners
 - Jesus addressed those who claimed to believe His words
 - He refuted their belief when they rejected His words
 - They based their faith on being Abraham’s descendants
 - They had unbelief; Abram had belief, he was justified
(Ge 15:1-6)

Only Two Belief Systems

God

- God changes you ergo you believe (JCo 5:37)
- Salvation solely the work of the Father (Jo 5:27; 6:44-46)
- Evidence of the change – Abba {Daddy} (Ro 8:15; Ga 4:6)

Not God

- You cannot change you ergo you remain lost (Ro 4:1-9)
- If you can change; Christ died needlessly (Ga 2:20-21)
- All other belief systems not God; another daddy

Foundational Truth of Scripture

Doing the Works of Your Faith

- Every faith produces outward forms others can observe (Jc 2:14-20)
 - Christ said His works supported His truth that He came from the Father (Jc 3:1-2)
 - Jesus then tells them that their works shows everyone their spiritual father; it is not Abraham
 - Jews claim that they are not spiritually immoral to God, He is their Father; their history refutes them (Jc 4:10)

If God Were Their Father

- Christ says: *If God were their Father Then they would believe Him as His words come from God* (Jc 10:22-29)
 - This implies that God would not give two opposing messages or His Kingdom would not stand
 - Message is clear, if Christ's words are from God, their works (fruits) declare source of their faith, Satan (Jc 7:17-20)
 - Their own declaration telegraphs source of their words

Christ Sent

- Christ says He did not come of His own accord; the Father sent Him
 - Christ did not come to establish His own kingdom
 - Recognizes that the Jews fear to lose power to Him
 - Displays the limited scope of their worldview
- Christ over all universe, what is one planet to rule?
 - Their vision is small (Ge 15:56; Ps 79:1; Is 64:4; Jc 1:3; JCo 2:9)

Why Do You Not Hear?

- Issue is not about hearing the words, they do; the issue is understanding the import of Christ’s message and its implication {Rhetorical question}
- They cannot understand because they are not of God
- Their belief system opposes God and the Son He sent
- As there are only two belief systems possible, and Christ has shown that their unbelief demonstrates they are not of God; ergo, they must have a different source of faith

Satan is Your Daddy

- Imagine hearing that Satan is your spiritual father
- Christ proves His claim
- Their desires are the same desires as Satan, not God
- Desire {Present Active Indicative} shows they actively give expression to the same lusts as Satan; i.e., sinners
- To do {Present Active Infinitive} shows there is no limit to their sin, they can only sin {Source of all thought}

Satan Murderer from Beginning

- Christ says Satan was a murderer from the beginning...
- This could be from beginning of Man’s history (Jn 3:1-7)
- I believe this refers to Satan’s beginning meaning from the moment he sinned in Heaven before creation
- Phrase, “does not stand” {*Imperfect Active Indicative*} shows he never had truth; any truth he had was of God
- Lucifer’s works, against God, reveals he has no truth
(Jn 18:12-34; Ez 28:14-17)

Satan’s Speech – Lies

- Because he never had truth, when he was cast out his character became manifest; no longer reflecting God’s
 - Whenever he speaks, he lies
 - He caused a third of angels to sin
 - He instigated Man and Woman to sin
 - He always at work in the world against God’s Gospel
 - All who are not saved are of Lucifer; exhibit his character

Inescapable Formal Logic

God

Lucifer (Satan)

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| ○ God is truth (Jn 1:1), (Jn 1:5) | ○ Lucifer is untruth (Lies) |
| ○ God speaks | ○ Lucifer speaks |
| ○ Ergo, when God speaks His words are always truth | ○ Ergo, when he speaks his words are always lies |
| ○ Christians can speak truth | ○ Lost reject God’s truth |

Reason They Do Not Believe

- Their rejection of Christ’s truth belies the source of their faith – Lucifer (Satan)
- Christ asks if they can convict Him of sin – No
- Their disbelief reveals them to be of their father, Satan
 - Rejection of God’s truth means they believe Christ lied
 - Proves they stand in opposition to God as does Satan

Logic Gives Way to Anger

- Since they cannot make their case with logic the Jews try to make their case with *ad hominem* fallacy attacks
 - Samaritan – One who makes up their own religion loosely based on the Scriptures
 - Demon – Accuse Christ of being possessed by Satan, blasphemy against God and His Son
 - Ignores the truth that Lucifer would be destroying his own kingdom if he was the power behind Christ

Christ’s Defense Against Demonism

- His words and works honor God which would be inconsistent with being a tool of the Devil
 - If they were of God then they too would bring honor to God by believing His words spoken by Jesus
 - As they reject both Christ and the Message they dishonor God proving them to be of Satan, their father
 - Inescapable logic driving them to anger

The Warning

- Christ warns that the One who sent Him, the Father, will judge who was truthful: Christ or them
 - The implication is clear: if they are not of God then God will judge them
 - They suppose themselves to be of God and therefore beyond judgment as descendants of Abraham
 - They see themselves as guardians of the faith rather than as sinners in need of Messiah

Still Just a Man

- The Jews view Jesus as a man with an unorthodox theology that *appears* to contradict the Law
 - They contradict the Law constantly by their traditions
 - Many of these traditions excuse lust of flesh
 - They have no hope and offer no one any hope of life
 - They do not grasp that God's salvation plan requires a new nature to replace the sin nature (it must die) (1Co 5:17)

Bible Continual Revelation

- Little recognized the Bible as a continually expanding revelation of God making people in His image
 - Man original made in some image of God AEB responsibility for *moral* decisions and consequences
 - Man in the flesh, when not directly guided by God, always chooses to follow the flesh (sin) (1Co 1:29)
 - Flesh never designed to live eternally or on New Earth

Man Loves the Flesh

- No one hates his own flesh (Jp 5:29)
 - Nearly ever conception of eternity has man living in the flesh or in some similitude
 - Man has no conception of needing a new nature
- Jews did not grasp that the flesh not a sacrifice for sin nor that it is adequate to meet God's righteousness; sinners believe their righteousness is acceptable, usually

Christ Continually Challenges

- Jews’ beliefs continually challenged by Messiah
 - Sinless God as sacrifice for sin – God cannot die
 - Trinitarianism – God provides Himself a body to die
- Yet, Jesus has one more declaration: they either believe Him or redouble their efforts to plan His murder
- John shows that Jesus giving Jews God’s truth of life

Christians No Different Today

- Christians have their own distinctive traditions making them little different from the Jews
 - These distinctives cause divisions and strife revealing them to be sin-based (1Co 1:10, Ja 4:1-6)
 - Bible truths are ignored or replaced by man’s beliefs exonerating his sin making him wise (philosophical)
 - Scientism replacing the Bible displacing the Gospel

Always Rejecting God’s Truth

- Jesus received the scorn of those whom He came to give the hope of the truth of the Gospel (Jh 12:3)
 - False Jews did not want God interfering with their plans
 - They could not refute Christ’s truth-based arguments
 - They could only lie about Him and seek to kill Him
- Their words showed Lucifer to be their father whom they emulated by lying and murdering: Same Today