

Like Father, Like Son!

John 8:37-47
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Introduction

- Family resemblance! Who do you look like in your family?
- Jesus' controversial claim of being the Son of God, the perfect, final Spokesman, and the Great Emancipator from sin.

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A. Principle Stated—8:37-38

1. The Jews' Physical Connection to Abraham
2. Physical Connection does not guarantee spiritual connection
 - a. The Jews' spiritual advantages – Romans 3:1; 9:4-5
 - b. But not all Jews are Jews—Romans 2:28-29
 - c. What's missing—faith, circumcision of the heart
 - d. True sons of Abraham have the faith of Abraham
3. If they are Abraham's true children, should be family resemblance.
4. *"Like Father, Like Son"*—8:38

B. Principle Applied—8:39-45 *Who is your spiritual father?*

1. **Two Mistaken Claims – 8:39-42**
 - a. Abraham is our spiritual father—8:39-40
 - 1) Abraham had extraordinary faith—Genesis 15:4-5
 - 2) Abraham's children do the works of Abraham
 - a) Obeyed God's commands—Genesis 26:5; 22:12
 - b) Welcomed God's messengers—Genesis 18
 - c) Looked for fulfillment of God's promises—Heb. 11
 - 3) Abraham would never do what you intend to do
 - b. God is our spiritual father—8:41-42
 - 1) Old Testament support—Exod. 4:22; 1 Chron. 29:10
 - 2) God's true children honor and love God's Son
2. **Their True Parentage—8:43-45 *Your father, the devil***
 - a. Popular belief: All are God's children; all part of God's family
 - b. True Picture: Two families—God's and Satan's—Matt. 13:37-41
 - c. Two Character traits of Satan seen in these Jews
 - 1) Murder—Romans 5:12
 - 2) Lying
 - d. The Jews had bought into Satan's lies
 - e. Satan keeps men in religious bondage today by blinding their eyes to the truth—2 Corinthians 4:3-4; 3:14,16; 2 Tim. 2:24-26

C. Parting Challenges—8:46-47

1. Convict me of sin! If you can't, I must be telling the truth!
2. If I am telling the truth, why do you not believe Me?