



HARVEST BIBLE CHURCH

Verse-By Verse Revealing the God of the Universe

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TODAY'S MESSAGE

The True Seed of Abraham

John 8:48-59

- I. Those who hear and do God's words are God's people (8:31-32, 47)
 - A. They seek for God's glory, not their own (49, 54)
 - B. They do not revile when reviled (1 Pet. 2:23)
 - C. After being insulted, they share the gospel! (51)
 - D. They keep God's word and never see death (51; cf. 5:24)
 - E. They rejoice over the coming day of Christ (56; cf. Heb. 9:28)
- II. Those who refuse to hear and obey God are of the devil (8:43-44)
 - A. Using ad hominem arguments against Christians (48)
 - B. By rejecting Jesus they dishonor God (49)
 - C. They, like Adam/Eve, seek to honor themselves (Gen. 3:4-6)
 - D. They cling to traditions but not God's word (33, 52-53)
 - E. They vehemently despise the truth that Jesus is God (59)

Observations:

- 1. God continually seeks and judges (cf. 4:23)
- 2. Wholehearted belief doesn't make something that's false true
- 3. When insulted, share the gospel (51)
- 4. Who are you living for? Does it show?
- 5. Our greatest joy must naturally be the coming of Christ
- 6. Jesus is the Eternal God, not a created being (58; cf. Exod. 3:14-15)
 - a. JWs translate "I have been" w/no warrant (cf. 4:26; 6:35, 48, 51; 8:12, 24, 28; 10:7, 11, 14; 11:25; 14:6; 15:1, 5; and 18:5, 6, 8)
 - b. Christian Science says Jesus' Divine Idea is inside all