

Hostility in High Places (John 7:25-36)

- The people's response to Jesus (26) "do the rulers know that this is the Christ"
- This was in jest, as if to say in response 'how could this be the Christ' (v.27)
- After all wasn't Messiah supposed to come from Bethlehem and not Galilee
- The Jews disturbed and concerned about Jesus claims though they dismissed him

I. Sent From God (7:25-31)

- Jesus rebukes them: "You both know Me, and you know where I am from" (28)
- The facts about Jesus (7: 28-29)
 - If you really knew God as you claimed you would know was sent by God
 - I am the test and the measure of truly knowing the living God.
 - Contrast: (29)"But I know Him, for I am from Him, and He sent Me"
- Responses to Jesus (7: 30,31)
- Christ always divides His hearers (2 Cor 2:16)
 - Opposition is inevitable: "So they were seeking to arrest him"
 - Opposition is not omnipotent or unstoppable: no one laid a hand on him...
 - Some were open to Jesus' teaching: they were moved by his miracles
 - Many have an intellectual assent to who Christ is but they don't trust Him
 - Any hint of acceptance made the Jewish to become more enraged by Him

II. Returning to God (7:32-35)

- The Pharisees and the chief priests put aside their feud to unite against Jesus (37)
- Council of God (7:32-34)
 - Jesus tells them they will not take him now (33)
 - Vs 46 they could not arrest him: "no man ever spoke like this man"
 - They will not make an end of him...(33)
 - The resurrection: proved their murdering Jesus accomplished God's will
- The stubborn of heart will cry in vain for redemption (v.34)
 - There is a lost eternity without Jesus for where He is they cannot come
- Vs 35, 36 highlight the deadly confusion & darkness in the ignorance of man
- While there is breath and life Jesus goes on to teach He is the only living water
- He stands with His arms open wide ready to receive any who will receive Him