

John 7:40-53  
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**Theme:** The tools of Satan used to deceive the simple.

**Proposition:** Have you been put off by fear of the opposition. Be of good cheer, for Christ has overcome the world. Greater is He that is in you than he that is in the world . . . .

**"Some hill people in India called the Kurkue have a strange religion that demands that they should be FILLED WITH DEMONS! When this supreme desire has been fulfilled, they believe that they will be immune to outward attacks from the devil! While they recognize that a "good spirit" has created the world and brought them into existence, they disregard him because they feel that He is too benevolent to harm them. DB 3-6-84.**

Way back in 1987, on one of the "News Programs" (W-57th street) they were interviewing a "channeler." (For you wives with husbands who have a remote control on the TV and flip endlessly from channel to channel - this is not what I mean by a channeler.) A channeler is a person who allows themselves to be demon possessed and then tries to persuade others to allow themselves to be demon possessed. On the program, the investigator kept catching this individual in LIES that her demon had spoken through her. **The demoniac's response was that her truth and that of others was not the same truth but that she could "allow" or "permit" others to have their own truth that was different than hers. etc.....** (At one point the demoniac being interviewed went to man in audience and questioned him about a pyramid he was building. Ostensibly, she knew this by revelation - actually, she knew it before hand, not by revelation).

("If you like your Doctor – you can Keep your Doctor" B.O. – 29 times, 29 lies – Evidently, his "truth" differs from reality – however, not every liar is demon possessed. . . . .)

**A missionary who visited the above mentioned Kurkue tribe of 100,000 declared, "If the same number of God's people had as their ultimate aim in life the desire to be filled with the Holy Spirit, I believe such surrender would cause a tremendous awakening. The evangelistic results would reach to ALL THE CORNERS OF THE GLOBE!" DB 3-6-84**

**A MIXTURE OF TRUTH AND LIES. = DECEPTION. AND WE KNOW THE FATHER OF THIS - SATAN.**

**John 8:44** *Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it.*

**WHENEVER SATAN TELLS A HALF-TRUTH, YOU CAN BE SURE THAT HE WANTS US TO BELIEVE THE WRONG HALF!**

**NO TRUTH IS NEW TRUTH AND NEW TRUTH IS NO TRUTH - IS A GOOD RULE TO FOLLOW WHEN EXAMINING A NEW SET OF CIRCUMSTANCES.**

**2Co 11:4** For if he that cometh preacheth **another Jesus**, whom we have not preached, or *if* ye receive **another spirit**, which ye have not received, or **another gospel**, which ye have not accepted, ye might well bear with *him*.

**Gal 1:6** I marvel that ye are so soon removed from him that called you into the grace of Christ unto **another gospel**: (*another of a different kind - heteros*)

IN THE GARDEN OF EDEN - PRIOR TO ANY ENVIRONMENTAL OR HEREDITARIAL INFLUENCE ON THE HUMAN RACE - EVE WAS FACED WITH SOME **NEW TRUTH** FROM THE CRAFTY SATAN. **GOD HAD SPOKEN AND THERE WAS LIFE AND ORDER. SATAN NOW SPEAKS TO BRING FORTH CHAOS AND DEATH.**

**READ GEN. 3:1-6**

**Gen 3:1** Now the serpent was more subtil than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?

**Gen 3:2** And the woman said unto the serpent, We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden:

**Gen 3:3** But of the fruit of the tree which *is* in the midst of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die.

**Gen 3:4** And the serpent said unto the woman, **Ye shall not surely die:**

**Gen 3:5** For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, **and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil.**

**Gen 3:6** And when the woman saw that the tree *was* good for food, and that it *was* pleasant to the eyes, and **a tree to be desired to make *one* wise**, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat.

GOD HAD MADE A **PROMISE TO ADAM AND TO EVE**. IF THEY OBEYED IT, GOD WOULD KEEP HIS PROMISE. NOW SATAN MAKES A PROMISE. **SATAN NEVER DELIVERS WHAT HE PROMISES.**

NOTICE HOW **SATAN USES WHAT GOD HAD SAID**, THE TRUTH, IN ORDER TO TWIST IT AND DECEIVE THE GULLIBLE EVE. HE **INSULTS HER INTELLIGENCE** BY QUESTIONING WHAT GOD HAD SAID, HE **ACCUSES HER OF BEING IGNORANT** (CF. TO GOD) AND PROMISES HER SHE CAN BE AS WISE AS GOD. THE UNDERLYING **INNUENDO** TO ALL THAT SATAN SAYS HERE IS THAT "EVE IS **NOT BEING ALL THAT SHE COULD BE**" **SHE IS NOT A FULFILLED WOMAN!**

**"you think you are smart because you have listened to God? Just listen to me!"**

**TRUTH MIXED WITH A LIE IS NOT A TRUTH AT ALL.**

**"DONALD GREY BARNHOUSE** illustrated this forcefully with the following story.

**"Duveen**, the famous English art connoisseur, took his little daughter to the beach one day, but he could not get her to go into the chilly water. After persuasion failed, he borrowed a teakettle, built a little fire and heated a little water until it steamed beautifully. With much flourish, he poured it into the ocean. Greatly impressed, his daughter went in without a murmur!"

**Barnhouse** then made this application: **"Satan dilutes an ocean of unbelief with a steaming teakettle of Christian ethics and people go wading in, self-satisfied, but unaware that they are bathing in unbelief."** db. 6-29-80.

Satan loves to cloak his deceptions in a garment of truth. He loves to use that which appeals to us as true in order to slip in his error. ([Jehovah's Witnesses with their KJV](#))

REVIEW...(\***Jn. 7** outlines - then **WATER** then **40-44** then **45-52**.)

Review of last week's outline:

- I. THE PROVISION BY THE SAVIOR**
- II. THE PROMISE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT**

### III. THE PROBLEM WITH MANY BELIEVERS

The broader context of chapter 7.

#### I. THE RECOGNITION OF JESUS CHRIST

#### II. THE REJECTION OF JESUS CHRIST

#### III. THE RECEPTION OF JESUS CHRIST

**WATER – Holy Spirit - Joh 7:37** In the last day, that great *day* of the feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying, **If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink.**

**Joh 7:38** He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water.

40-44 then 45-52

In addition to the Pharisees own rejection of the Vineyard Owners Son, they also sought to bring down others who had a chance at eternal life.

It is interesting to see what the mightiest opponents of Jesus resorted to in seeking to sway people away from the Messiah. There were no great orations which showed Jesus to be in anyway contrary to the way the Messiah should be. The arguments they used were at best of dubious repute.

**They did it, not based on their personal convictions grounded in the Word of God. They did it through the use of three of Satan's favorite tools**

**BY INSULT, INNUENDO, and IGNORANCE.** (innuendo - an indirect, subtle, often derogatory implication.)

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They sent the officers to take Him. The officers heard Him and recognized in His speech something different than anything they had ever heard before

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The Pharisees then pulled out their bag of tricks. In **47** they used;

**47 INSULT;** "Come on. You're intelligent people. You're not going to be deceived are you.

**48 INNUENDO;** SURELY if He were the true Messiah, WE before others would recognize Him and proclaim Him. That condescending attitude of religious leaders who are smug in their own conceit.

**\*\*48** After all, "have any of the rulers or the Pharisees believed on Him?"

**We** are the smartest and wisest of all the people in the land. **We are not like...**

**\*\*49 "this people who knoweth not the Law" and therefore "are cursed."**

SURELY YOU ARE NOT AS "IGNORANT" AS THESE COMMON PEOPLE. YOU MUST BE ON THE INSIDE TRACK WITH THOSE IN THE KNOW! SURELY YOU MUST BELIEVE AS WE DO.

**49 IGNORANCE;** They as much or more so than others were ignorant of the true application of the Law. Jesus has just pointed this out to them in **John 7:21-24**. Yet, **they try to make these officers, and others, feel ignorant when they desire to come to the Messiah!**

The IRONY of this situation was that the Pharisees and not the mob, were under God's wrath because THEY REJECTED GOD'S REVELATION IN JESUS. **3:36**

**Joh 3:36** He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him.

C F. **ALSO** John 5:39-44

**7:49** THOSE POOR IGNORANT GROVELING SCHMUCKS IN THE STREET WHO HAD NOT BEEN TO **SEMINARY**, THEY WERE THE ONES WHO WERE DECEIVED INTO BELIEVING ON JESUS

**V. 31 AND 40** ETC. THESE POOR MISGUIDED SOULS WILL SPEND ETERNITY IN THE BLISS OF HEAVEN WITH THEIR FATHER GOD, WHILE THE "INTELLIGENTSIA" GET TO SPEND ETERNITY WITH THEIR FATHER, THE DEVIL, **John 8:44**.

**Joh 7:31** And many of the people believed on him, and said, When Christ cometh, will he do more miracles than these which this *man* hath done?

**Joh 7:40** Many of the people therefore, when they heard this saying, said, Of a truth this is the Prophet.

**Joh 8:44** Ye are of *your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it.*

AND NOW, IN THE MIDST OF THE INSULTS AND ACCUSATIONS OF IGNORANCE, A VOICE OF REASON SPEAKS **Jn. 7:50 - 51** . .

**Joh 7:50 Nicodemus** saith unto them, (he that came to Jesus by night, being one of them.)

**Joh 7:51** Doth our law judge *any* man, before it hear him, and know what he doeth?

Both the **Mosaic Law and the Rabbinic law** stipulated that a person accused of a crime should get a fair hearing. Nicodemus, who knew Jesus to be from God, sought to act as a **VOICE OF REASON IN A SEA OF ACCUSATION**. One of their own, speaking to them in a field where they claimed to be Champions. How did they respond?

**52** Used the same tactics on **NICODEMUS**

They **INSULTED** him by asking if he was from Galilee. The **INNUENDO** was that he was a disciple of Jesus. And the **IGNORANCE** comes in again when they erroneously state that there was no prophet out of Galilee.

(**JONAH** - home was Gath-hepher of Zebulun. which is north of Nazareth in what is called Galilee. **II Ki. 14:25**. - and Jesus makes Two prophets!)

**INSULT!** Redneck! Dumb hick. Are you **IGNORANT**? Search and look: for out of Galilee arises no prophet.

They sought only to confuse and confound on any slippery ground they could, using **INNUENDO as a weapon of mass confusion**. There was no substance to their arguments.

Look back at **\*\*John 7:27\*\*** "No man knoweth from where He is"

CF. **52** Galilee. Ignores the fact of His Bethlehem birth. Certainly some would have remembered this in view of Herod's actions at the time!

You know what is frightening today? The same tactics are still in use by Satan TODAY. The arguments against accepting Jesus Christ for who He is are not based on anything more than **INSULT, IGNORANCE and INNUENDO** .

The so called "intellectuals" and "religious leaders" who oppose Jesus and His redemption seek to do so by trying to elevate themselves and their world view and to denigrate the work of the Lord Jesus Christ. They have nothing better to offer. They just want to keep YOU from having something that is better than what they have.

" As in 1933, **humanists** still believe that traditional theism, especially faith in the prayer-hearing God, assumed to love and care for persons, to hear and understand their prayers, and to be able to do something about them, is an unproven and outmoded faith. **Salvationism**, based on mere affirmation, still appears as harmful, diverting people with false hopes of heaven hereafter. Reasonable minds look to other means for survival." **Preface to the Humanist Manifesto II.** Under religion: "second; Promises of immortal salvation or fear of eternal damnation are both illusory and harmful. They distract humans from present concerns, from self-actualization, and from rectifying social injustices. Modern science discredits such historic concepts as the "ghost in the machine" and the "separable soul." Rather, science affirms that the human species is an emergence from natural evolutionary forces. As far as we know, the total personality is a function of the biological organism transacting in a social and cultural context...."

### **Acts 5:38 - 39 Gamaliel .**

"...for if this counsel or this work be of men, it will come to nothing; But if it be of God, ye cannot overthrow it, lest perhaps ye be found even to fight against God!"

Pseudo-wise men have been trying to discredit Jesus for 2,000 years. How many men or groups can you name that have done this? They have faded away - Jesus remains! Will you listen to the words of ephemeral ignorant men - or the Word of Eternal Life?