

John 7:14-24
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SUBJECT: The teachings of Jesus at the feast of tabernacles.

THEME: To reject the teachings of Jesus is to reject the teaching of GOD!

PROPOSITION: Have you received the Word of Jesus as the Word of God. There is no other Word (name) given under heaven whereby men must be saved!

READ 10-14 . "Now at about the midst of the feast, Jesus went up to the temple, and taught." **7:14**

Although Jesus had entered Jerusalem secretly, he did not enter in to do things in secret. He came and as always, "He was about His **Father's business.**"

IT WAS THE TEACHING OF JESUS THAT ANGERED THE LEADERS OF THE DAY MORE THAN ANYTHING ELSE FOR **HIS TEACHING SHOWED THE SHALLOWNESS AND CARNALITY OF THE JUDAISM** THAT WAS BEING PRACTICED IN THAT DAY. This teaching is the issue again in our passage this morning.

I.THE ORIGIN OF JESUS TEACHING

Joh 7:15 And the Jews marveled, saying, "**How does this Man know letters, having never studied?**"

A. It was **not from a seminary or college.** **15** **THEY WERE NOT CONCERNED WITH HIS WISDOM.** THE POOREST OF MEN WHO HAVE NEVER SEEN A BOOK MAY BE WISE. **WHAT TROUBLED THEM WAS THE LEVEL OF HIS LEARNING OR HIS KNOWLEDGE.**

Learning = "Grammata $\gamma \rho \acute{\alpha} \mu \mu \alpha$ = From **G1125**; a *writing*, that is, a *letter, note, epistle, book*, etc.; plural *learning*: - bill, learning, letter, scripture, writing, written.

Here it included the whole circle of Rabbinical training, the sacred Scriptures, as well as the comments and traditions that were afterwards elaborated into the Mishna and Gemara."

Cf. **Acts 26:24** when Festus exclaimed with a loud voice.

."Paul, thou art beside thyself; **much learning ($\gamma \rho \acute{\alpha} \mu \mu \alpha$) doth make thee mad.**" He was making reference to Paul's formal Rabbinical training.

They could not understand how He could have such skill in interpreting the scriptures or how he could have such understanding of God's Word since they knew He had not had **formal training**. REMEMBER, THESE ARE PEOPLE WHO KNEW WHO HIS PARENTS WERE AND WHAT TOWN HE WAS BORN IN ETC.

Cf. 6:42 "Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How is it He said, I am the bread that came down from heaven?"

They knew that his upbringing did not include a stint at the seminary.

B. Nor did Jesus **study by correspondence** or from His own reasoning. "**my doctrine is not mine.**" He was not self taught

John 7:16 Jesus answered them, and said, **My doctrine is not mine, but his that sent me.**

*Jn. 8:28 "As my father has taught me, I speak these things."

*Jn. 14:10 "The words that I speak unto you, I speak **not of Myself.**"

*Jn. 14:28 "The **word that ye hear is not mine, but the Father's who sent me.**"

*Rev. 1:1 "The Revelation of Jesus Christ, **which God gave unto Him** to show unto His servants..."

C. But though it did not come from **Rabbi University** or out of His human reasoning it was nevertheless a **derived teaching**. Jesus said that **HIS DOCTRINE WAS FROM THE ONE WHO SENT HIM!**

Joh 12:49 For I have not spoken of myself; but the Father which sent me, he gave me a commandment, **what I should say, and what I should speak.**

Joh 12:50 And I know that his commandment is life everlasting: whatsoever I speak therefore, **EVEN AS THE FATHER SAID UNTO ME, SO I SPEAK.**

(JN. 14:24B). "... Joh 14:24 He that loveth me not keepeth not my sayings: **AND THE WORD WHICH YE HEAR IS NOT MINE, BUT THE FATHER'S WHICH SENT ME.**

This is why He was able to speak with such authority.

II. THE AUTHORITY OF JESUS TEACHING 17-18

Joh 7:17 If any man will do his will, he shall know of the doctrine, whether it be of God, or *whether* I speak of myself.

Joh 7:18 He that speaketh of himself seeketh his own glory: but he that seeketh his glory that sent him, the same is true, and no unrighteousness is in him.

Even His enemies recognized the authority of His teaching. John 7:46
"NEVER MAN SPAKE LIKE THIS..."

WHAT MADE THE DIFFERENCE?

A. . v.18 There are **two types of teachers:**

1. "the one speaks his own mind, teaches his own ideas, does not represent God and reveal His mind; because he seeks his OWN GLORY, which of course cannot be reached by representing himself to be merely the herald of another's glory."

Norman Vincent Peal, Robert Schuller, Garner Ted Armstrong, Rev. Moon, Rev. Ike and others are examples of men who are just glorifying themselves and their "insiders teaching." They "dishonor" rather than "glorify" God. But there are many others who are unknown yet still mislead because their **MINISTRY IS BUILT AROUND THEMSELVES AND THEIR ABILITY RATHER THAN ON JESUS CHRIST AND HIS SUFFICIENCY!!!!**

"Don't wait for your pie in the sky, by and by. Say I want my pie right now – and I want it with ice cream on top!" [Rev. "Ike" Eikerenkoetter II](#) (1935-2009) American minister who preached the **gospel of wealth** (also a Peal follower)

Reference the total collapse of the Crystal Cathedral when Sculler stepped down.

... .In a fall 2011 bankruptcy proceeding, the cathedral, fraught with huge debt and family squabbles, reached a \$57.5 million deal to allow the Catholic Diocese of Orange to purchase

its iconic glass sanctuary in Garden Grove. Its existing congregation will move to a former Catholic church next year and the diocese will rename the Crystal Cathedral, calling it Christ Cathedral. (Also a Peal follower)

2. The other style of teacher is the one who SEEKS THE GLORY OF THE ONE WHO SENT HIM. "The one who seeks the GLORY of the one whose ambassador he is, **has no interest in falsifying matters to advance his own interests.** If his goal is to advance the glory of the one who has sent him, He will truthfully deliver **His message.**"

Jesus' goal was to glorify the father! **Jn. 8:50** "I seek not mine own glory." **5:41** " I receive not honor from men."

We too have been called of God and sent as His Ambassadors for the purpose of bringing Glory to God!

THIS IS A HUMBLING EXPERIENCE! **THERE IS NO ROOM FOR SELF-AGGRANDIZEMENT IN THE SERVICE OF GOD.**

III. THE APPLICATION OF JESUS' TEACHING 17

A. 17. It is for those who "will to do God's will."

Joh 7:17 IF ANY MAN WILL DO HIS WILL, HE SHALL KNOW OF THE DOCTRINE, WHETHER IT BE OF GOD, OR WHETHER I SPEAK OF MYSELF.

or as the **NIV** has it "

"IF ANY MAN CHOOSES TO DO GOD'S WILL, HE WILL FIND OUT WHETHER MY TEACHING COMES FROM GOD OR WHETHER I SPEAK ON MY OWN."

He said in **6:45** "...every man therefore that hath heard and hath learned of the Father, cometh to me."

"THOSE WHO ARE INTERESTED IN SERVING GOD, THOSE WHO DESIRE FOR GOD'S WILL AND HIS WORD TO CHANGE THEM AND NOT VICE VERSA,

THOSE WHO THIRST FOR GOD, WILL RECOGNIZE HIM AS GOD'S MESSENGER; THOSE WHO HUNGER FOR RIGHTEOUSNESS, (not for religion) WILL BE FILLED IN JESUS; HE WHO IS OF THE TRUTH HEARS HIS VOICE.

THE TEACHING OF JESUS IS RECOGNIZED AS DIVINE BY THOSE WHOSE PURPOSE AND DESIRE IT IS - TO BE IN HARMONY WITH GOD." Expositors. P. 764.

What is God's will for man? JESUS! **Jn. 6:29** says. **"This is the work of God, that ye believe on Him whom He hath sent."**

Not just the Jews but every one that is of the truth. Jn. 18:37 TURN HERE!

*******JN. 18:37******* Pilate therefore said unto him, Art thou a king then? Jesus answered, **Thou sayest that I am a king. To this end was I born, and for this cause came I into the world, that I should bear witness unto the truth. Every one that is of the truth heareth my voice.**

"...EVERYONE THAT IS OF THE TRUTH, HEARETH MY VOICE."

"GOD ALWAYS SPEAKS LOUD ENOUGH TO MAKE A WILLING SOUL HEAR." Chafer

IV. THE OBSTACLES TO JESUS' TEACHING

A. The 1st obstacle is RELIGION versus RIGHTEOUSNESS

Those to whom Jesus spoke did not want to hear the truth. They wanted confirmation that their religious system was correct. They had labored to build it in their image and they were not about to give it up, even to the Vineyard Owners Son!

As Jesus came and lived as God had intended for man to live under the Law, it upset these hypocrites to no end. Even to the point that they were trying to kill Him. They had completely perverted the God given teaching on the nature and significance of the Sabbath to the point THAT THE DAY OF PHYSICAL REST and COMMUNION WITH GOD had become a day of SPIRITUAL UNREST AND STRIFE AMONG THE NATION. They had taken what God had intended for good, and made it evil!

Mk. 2:27 "And He said unto them, **the Sabbath was made for man, and not man for the Sabbath. Therefore the Son of Man is Lord also of the Sabbath.**"

They sought to kill Him because He had healed a man on the Sabbath day. He now points out that what He did IS IN KEEPING WITH THAT WHICH THEY THEMSELVES PRACTICED.

RELIGIOUS PEOPLE HAVE A TENDENCY TO CONDEMN OTHERS WHILE OVERLOOKING THEMSELVES

**** Jn. 7:19-24****

Jesus says He is not surprised by their rejection of His teaching. For by their **selective altering of the Law** of Moses, they demonstrate that they have likewise rejected Moses law. "YET NONE OF YOU KEEPETH THE LAW." (THIS IS CLEAR FROM **John 5: 46-47** ."**HAD YE BELIEVED MOSES, YE WOULD HAVE BELIEVED ME.**"

Joh 5:45 Do not think that I will accuse you to the Father: there is *one* that accuseth you, *even* Moses, in whom ye trust.

Joh 5:46 For **had ye believed Moses, ye would have believed me: for he wrote of me.**

*****CF. Mark 7:6-8*****

".... they honor me with their lips, but their heart is far from me, however in vain do they worship me, **TEACHING FOR DOCTRINES, THE COMMANDMENTS OF MEN. FOR LAYING ASIDE THE COMMANDMENTS OF GOD, YE HOLD THE TRADITIONS OF MEN,...."**

7:21 "Jesus now went back to the healing of the impotent man at the **pool of Bethesda**. It was this miracle that stirred up the hatred of the Jewish leaders against Him, and it was at this point that they began their vicious plot to kill Him. The Lord reminded them that He **did one work**, and they **all** marveled at it. Not that they marveled at it with admiration, but rather they were shocked that He should do such a thing on the Sabbath." BBC

They sought to slay Jesus because He violated **THEIR** Sabbath law. **Jesus shows them that what He did was permissible under God's law!**

The purpose in the giving of the rite of circumcision was twofold. **IT WAS BOTH CEREMONIALLY SIGNIFICANT AND MEDICALLY EXPEDIENT.** In other words IT HAD BOTH SPIRITUAL AND PHYSICAL ADVANTAGE.

Now, circumcision was to be done on the eighth day. (science now knows that it is on the eighth day that there is the greatest concentration of a certain chemical [coagulant] in the system of male children). And if the

eighth day just happen to fall on a Sabbath, guess what? The men of the synagogue would perform the circumcision!

Jesus' point is clear in v. 23. If you can perform circumcision on the Sabbath, which circumcision results in ceremonial and physical benefit to the recipient, why is it such a big deal that I have made a man "entirely well on the Sabbath day?"

All Jesus had done was TO DO ACTUALLY WHAT THEY WERE DOING SYMBOLICALLY in the rite of circumcision. He had **physically healed the entire body of the man** and had removed the curse of sin. "BEHOLD THOU ART MADE WELL. SIN NO MORE, LEST A WORST THING COME TO THEE."

But the Pharisees and Scribes were incapable of seeing the spiritual side of God's revelation. They could only see the physical and that which was spelled out by their predecessors.

Matt. 23:23 "Woe unto you scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For ye pay tithe of mint and anise and cummin, and have omitted the weightier matters of the law, Justice, Mercy, and Faith; these ought you to have done and left the other undone."

Jn. 7:24 "Judge righteous judgment..."

This is how God will judge. Not based upon how we appear in our filthy rags of self-righteousness, but rather a judgment based on His righteous standard and that is whether or not we have had our sins washed in the Blood of the Lamb.

The scribes and Pharisees could quote all manner of scripture, but **they knew not what it meant!** Jesus told them **in 5:39-40 to search the scriptures...they are they which testify of me.**

Emmaus Disciples.

MUCH INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE TODAY. WHAT IS YOUR CONCLUSION IN REGARD TO THE TEACHING OF JESUS. etc.

"BOYKCH YIDDEN" Stomach Jews! Those who think that Kosher food is all there is to Judaism.