



## **SERMON NOTES**

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Scripture: John 8:37-47 (NAS)

“Discerning Spiritual Parentage”

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- 37 "I know that you are Abraham's offspring; yet you seek to kill Me, because My word has no place in you.
- 38 "I speak the things which I have seen with My Father; therefore you also do the things which you heard from your father."
- 39 They answered and said to Him, "Abraham is our father." Jesus \*said to them, "If you are Abraham's children, do the deeds of Abraham.
- 40 "But as it is, you are seeking to kill Me, a man who has told you the truth, which I heard from God; this Abraham did not do.
- 41 "You are doing the deeds of your father." They said to Him, "We were not born of fornication; we have one Father, even God."
- 42 Jesus said to them, "If God were your Father, you would love Me; for I proceeded forth and have come from God, for I have not even come on My own initiative, but He sent Me.
- 43 "Why do you not understand what I am saying? It is because you cannot hear My word.
- 44 "You are of your father the devil, and you want to do the desires of your father. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. Whenever he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own nature; for he is a liar, and the father of lies.
- 45 "But because I speak the truth, you do not believe Me.
- 46 "Which one of you convicts Me of sin? If I speak truth, why do you not believe Me?
- 47 "He who is of God hears the words of God; for this reason you do not hear them, because you are not of God."

### **I. A FALSE DEPENDENCIES**

- A. The Jews Depended On Abraham As Their Father
- B. People Today Tie Their Security To Parents Who Were Faithful Believers *Romans 9:6,7*
- C. Jewish Leader's Faith Proved Defunct By Their Attitude Toward Christ
- D. They Were Very Unlike Abraham

### **II. A RELATIONSHIP WITH THE DEVIL vs. 44**

- A. People Today Deny The Existence Of The Devil

- B. People Made A Joke Of The Devil

- C. Jesus Declared The Reality Of The Devil

### **III. THE NATURE OF THE DEVIL**

- A. He Is A Murderer *I Peter 5:8*

- B. He Is A Liar *II Corinthians 4:4*

1. He makes lies to appear to be true *Genesis 3*
2. He denigrates doctrine
3. He replaces the truth with emotions and experiences

- C. He Is The Father Of All Unbelievers *Ephesians 2:1-3*

1. He energizes acts of wickedness *Galatians 5:19-21*

### **IV. CHRIST'S REBUTTLE**

- A. I Speak The Truth

- B. No One Convicts Me Of Sin

- C. Those Who Are Of God Will Hear Me *John 1:12-13*