

John 8: The Light of the World

Lesson Theme: Lawful vs. Lawless

Deuteronomy 19:15—

One witness shall not rise against a man concerning any iniquity or any sin that he commits; by the mouth of two or three witnesses the matter shall be established.

2 Corinthians 13:1—

This will be the third time I am coming to you. "By the mouth of two or three witnesses every word shall be established."

Daniel 7:9-10—

I watched till thrones were put in place,
And the Ancient of Days was seated;
His garment was white as snow,
And the hair of His head was like pure wool.
His throne was a fiery flame,
Its wheels a burning fire;
A fiery stream issued
And came forth from before Him.
A thousand thousands ministered to Him;
Ten thousand times ten thousand stood before Him.
The court was seated,
And the books were opened.

John 8:1-11:

1. The scribes and the Pharisees brought just the woman caught in adultery.

Leviticus 20:10—

The man who commits adultery with another man's wife, he who commits adultery with his neighbor's wife, **the adulterer and the adulteress**, shall surely be put to death.

2. Jesus already knew their hypocrisy; Jesus writing on the ground with His finger.

Jeremiah 17:13—

O Lord, the hope of Israel,
All who forsake You shall be ashamed.
**"Those who depart from Me
Shall be written in the earth,
Because they have forsaken the Lord,
The fountain of living waters."**

3. Jesus reasoned with their consciences, using grace and truth.

4. The scribes and Pharisees schemed, using the woman's sin to prove Jesus disregarded the law, but Jesus used the woman as a witness to His fulfillment of the law in all grace and truth.

John 8:12-59:

1. John 8:12—the central verse of this chapter; light=lawful, darkness=lawless
(Why the Antichrist is called the “man of lawlessness”—2 Thessalonians 2:3)
2. The Pharisees accused him of being lawless again—a testimony of only one witness
3. To know Jesus is to know the Father; to know the Father is to know the Son (**John 14:8-11**).
4. The only way to eternal life is through the Son—“for if you do not believe that I am He, you will die in your sins” (**John 8:24b**).
5. “They did not understand that He spoke to them of the Father” (**John 8:27**).
6. Jesus’ death on the cross would be the witness of His testimony of truth from the Father. He already predicted they would be the ones to “lift up the Son of Man.” (**John 18:31-32**)
7. The Father never left Jesus. Jesus always did the things that pleased the Father.
8. What demonstrates a true disciple of Jesus?—abiding in His Word. “And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free” (**John 8:32**).
9. The Jews believed by simply being born Jews (descendants of Abraham) they are free from bondage—referring to the Jews’ exodus from Egypt and being slaves of Pharaoh.
10. Jesus pointed out that all are slaves to sin until Jesus sets us free by His blood shed on the cross for our sins.
11. They were unable to hear the truth because they were of their father the devil.
12. “He who is of God hears God’s words” (**John 8:47**).
13. “Before Abraham was, I AM” (**John 8:58**).

Conclusion:

- Jesus was and is the Only Lawful One. As the Only Begotten Son, from the Father, He was and is the God-Man who fulfilled the law perfectly by His death on the cross for our sins and resurrection from the dead to give us new life.
- The Pharisees were the lawless ones, though they claimed to be the lawful ones. During the 7-year tribulation, they will raise up a man just like them, who will turn his back on them and seek to destroy them. (**Matthew 24:12**)
- But Jesus will keep the law and prophets by saving them upon His return to the earth because of the covenant He made with Abraham and his descendants (Genesis 15).