

John 8:37–47 – “Taking God at His Word in a World of Lies”

In a world that rejects God’s truth blinded by the lies of Satan, we must stand firm by taking God at His Word and believe in Him for He promises.

The Biblical World – Understanding the Context:

Jesus continues His confrontation with the unbelieving religious leaders in Jerusalem's temple courts following the Feast of Tabernacles, a feast where Israel celebrated God’s provision in the wilderness. Ironically, while recalling God’s past deliverance, many of them miss God’s deliverer standing before them. By rejecting truth and embracing lies, they reveal that their true spiritual father is the father of lies and murder, The Devil.

Passage Outline

- **I. Abraham took God at His Word. (vv. 37–39)**
 - **II. The world rejects God’s Word. (vv. 40–43)**
 - **III. Satan deceives through lies; God’s children hear God’s words. (vv. 44–47)**
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Passage Notes

I. Abraham took God at His Word. (vv. 37–39)

Being a child of God is not about ancestry or works but about believing in Christ; children of God follow in the faith of Abraham by taking God at His word.

II. The world rejects God’s Word. (vv. 40–43)

As Children of God let us respond to God’s word with love for the Son; Continual rejection of God’s word will not save you from deception.

III. Satan deceives through lies; God’s children hear God’s words. (vv. 44–47)

Every person has a spiritual father: either the devil, because of unbelief, or God, through faith in Christ. Those who reject Jesus show they belong to Satan’s lies, but those who believe in Him are born of God because they heard His Word.

The Modern World – Relevance Today:

Pedigree, religious labels, and moral routines can hide a heart closed to Jesus' words. Our age prizes self-authentication; Jesus demands submission to revealed truth. The battle for belief is ultimately a battle of voices—God's Word or the father of lies.

The World of the Congregation – Applying This Passage Today:

Church familiarity is not saving faith. Where Christ's word has room, love for the Son grows, pride decreases, and obedience follows. Where His word is resisted, anger, deception, and self-righteousness thrive.

What This Means for Us

- **Do not place your faith in changing things**
 - *Where are we tempted to take our eyes off of God's promises in Christ?*
 - → Hold fast to what you have been taught and keep your eyes on Jesus.
- **Don't stop remembering the Gospel message.**
 - *Let the Good news of salvation stir in your heart a love for Jesus.*
 - → Seek to obey him in all things, and let His word expose your darkness as you walk in His light.
- **As children of God, let us live by His truth instead of following the lies of the enemy.**
 - *Am I living as a child of God or a child of lies?*
 - → Reject every lie that says you don't need God, and daily choose to listen to your Father in Heaven through His Word.