



Lesson 42 – “The Light of Life”

Based on John 8:12-59; John 9.

- 1) What had just happened previous to the opening of our lesson today?
John 8:3-4 And the scribes and Pharisees brought unto him a woman taken in _____; and when they had set her in the _____, They say unto him, Master, this woman was taken in adultery, in the very act.
- 2) What did Jesus do?
John 8:6 This they said, tempting him, that they might have to _____ him. But Jesus stooped down, and with his finger wrote on the ground, as though he _____ them not.
- 3) What was the outcome?
John 8:9 And they which heard it, being convicted by their _____, went out one by one, beginning at the eldest, even unto the last: and Jesus was left alone, and the woman standing in the midst.
- 4) What did Jesus say to the onlooking crowd?
John 8:12 Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in _____, but shall have the light of life.

When He spoke these words, Jesus was in the court of the temple specially connected with the services of the Feast of Tabernacles. In the center of this court rose two lofty standards, supporting lampstands of great size. After the evening sacrifice, all the lamps were kindled, shedding their light over Jerusalem. This ceremony was in commemoration of the pillar of light that guided Israel in the desert and was also regarded as pointing to the coming of the Messiah.

- 5) What did John say about Jesus?
John 1:4-5 In him was _____; and the life was the light of men. And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness _____ it not.
- 6) What did Peter say about Jesus later?
2 Peter 1:19 We have also a more sure word of _____; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that _____ in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts:

In the manifestation of God to His people, light had ever been a symbol of His presence. At the creative word in the beginning, light had shone out of darkness. Light had been enshrouded in the pillar of cloud by day and the pillar of fire by night, leading the vast armies of Israel. Light blazed with awful grandeur about the Lord on Mount Sinai. Light rested over the mercy seat in the tabernacle. Light filled the temple of Solomon at its dedication. Light shone on the hills of Bethlehem when the angels brought the message of redemption to the watching shepherds.

- 7) How did Paul describe Jesus?
2 Corinthians 4:6-7 For God, who commanded the light to shine out of _____, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. But we have this treasure in _____ vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us.



8) Why should we go to Jesus?

Colossians 2:2-3 That their hearts might be _____, being knit together in love, and unto all riches of the full assurance of understanding, to the acknowledgement of the mystery of God, and of the Father, and of Christ; In whom are hid all the _____ of wisdom and knowledge.

9) What question did they ply Jesus with?

John 8:25 Then said they unto him, Who art thou? And Jesus saith unto them, Even the same that I said unto you from the _____.

Seeming to ignore His words, they demanded, “**Who art Thou?**” They were bent upon forcing Him to declare Himself the Christ. His appearance and His work were so at variance with the expectations of the people, that, as His wily enemies believed, a direct announcement of Himself as the Messiah would cause Him to be rejected as an impostor.

10) What did Jesus tell the crowd?

John 8:28-30 Then said Jesus unto them, When ye have _____ the Son of man, then shall ye know that I am he, and that I do nothing of myself; but as my Father hath taught me, I speak these things. And he that sent me is with me: the Father hath not left me alone; for I do always those things that please him. As he spake these words, many _____ on him.

11) What did Jesus say next?

John 8:31-32 Then said Jesus to those Jews which _____ on him, If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed; And ye shall know the truth, and the _____ shall make you free.

12) How did the Pharisees respond?

John 8:33 They answered him, We be _____ seed, and were never in bondage to any man: how sayest thou, Ye shall be made free?

Jesus looked upon these men, the slaves of malice, whose thoughts were bent upon revenge.

13) How did Jesus respond to that?

John 8:34 Jesus answered them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whosoever committeth sin is the _____ of sin.

Every soul that refuses to give himself to God is under the control of another power. He is not his own. He may talk of freedom, but he is in the most abject slavery. He is not allowed to see the beauty of truth, for his mind is under the control of Satan. While he flatters himself that he is following the dictates of his own judgment, he obeys the will of the prince of darkness. Christ came to break the shackles of sin-slavery from the soul.

14) What was Jesus' Mission?

John 8:36 If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be _____ indeed.

Sin can triumph only by enfeebling the mind and destroying the liberty of the soul. Subjection to God is restoration to one's self, to the true glory and dignity of man.

15) What was Jesus' response to their claim to being sons of Abraham?

John 8:39-40 They answered and said unto him, Abraham is our father. Jesus saith unto them, If ye were Abraham's children, ye would do the _____ of Abraham. But now ye seek to _____ me, a man that hath told you the truth, which I have heard of God: this did not Abraham.



The true children of Abraham would live, as he did, a life of obedience to God. They would not try to kill One who was speaking the truth that was given Him from God. In plotting against Christ, the rabbis were not doing the works of Abraham.

16) To whom did Jesus say was their father?

John 8:44 Ye are of your father the _____, 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 _____ of it.

They would rather close their eyes to the truth than humble themselves to confess that they had been in error. They did not love the truth. They did not desire it, even though it was truth.

17) What did Jesus add to that?

John 8:47 He that is of God heareth God's words: ye therefore _____ them not, because ye are not of God.

18) What did Jesus say later that really set them off?

John 8:56 Your father Abraham _____ to see my day: and he saw it, and was glad.

Abraham had greatly desired to see the promised Saviour. He offered up the most earnest prayer that before his death he might behold the Messiah. And he saw Christ. A supernatural light was given him, and he acknowledged Christ's divine character. He saw His day and was glad. He was given a view of the divine sacrifice for sin.

19) What showed Abraham a striking similarity to what God would do?

Genesis 22:2 And he said, Take now thy _____, thine only son Isaac, whom thou lovest, and get thee into the land of Moriah; and offer him there for a burnt _____ upon one of the mountains which I will tell thee of.

Genesis 22:12-13 And he said, Lay not thine hand upon the lad, neither do thou any thing unto him: for now I know that thou fearest God, seeing thou hast not _____ thy son, thine only son from me. And Abraham lifted up his eyes, and looked, and behold behind him a ram caught in a thicket by his horns: and Abraham went and took the ram, and offered him up for a burnt offering in the _____ of his son.

By making an entire surrender, he was able to understand the vision of Christ, which had been given him. He was shown that in giving His only begotten Son to save sinners from eternal ruin, God was making a greater and more wonderful sacrifice than ever man could make.

20) The Jews asked Jesus a question about what He said, what was it?

John 8:57 Then said the Jews unto him, Thou art not yet _____ years old, and hast thou seen Abraham?

21) Jesus replied:

John 8:58-59 Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Before Abraham was, _____ . Then took they up stones to cast at him: but Jesus hid himself, and went out of the temple, going through the midst of them, and so _____ by.

Silence fell upon the vast assembly. The name of God, given to Moses to express the idea of the eternal presence, had been claimed as His own by this Galilean Rabbi. He had announced Himself to be the self-existent One, He who had been promised to Israel, ***“whose goings forth have been from of old, from the days of eternity.”(Micah 5:2)***

22) What would they tell Jesus later?

John 10:33 The Jews answered him, saying, For a _____ we stone thee not; but for blasphemy; and because that thou, being a man, makest thyself God.



23) What happened shortly after Jesus declared Himself to be the I AM?

John 9:1-2 And as Jesus passed by, he saw a man which was _____ from his birth. And his disciples asked him, saying, Master, who did sin, this man, or his _____, that he was born blind?

24) How did Jesus reply?

John 9:3-5 Jesus answered, Neither hath this man _____, nor his parents: but that the works of God should be made manifest in him. I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the _____ of the world.

25) What did He do?

John 9:6-7 When he had thus spoken, he spat on the _____, and made clay of the spittle, and he anointed the eyes of the blind man with the clay, And said unto him, Go, _____ in the pool of Siloam, (which is by interpretation, Sent.) He went his way therefore, and washed, and came seeing.

26) When questioned about his sight, what did he say?

John 9:11 He answered and said, A man that is called Jesus made clay, and anointed mine eyes, and said unto me, Go to the pool of Siloam, and wash: and I went and washed, and I _____ sight.

Then they questioned again, **“What did He do to thee? how opened He thine eyes?”** With many words they tried to confuse him, so that he might think himself deluded. Satan and his evil angels were on the side of the Pharisees and united their energies and subtlety with man’s reasoning in order to counteract the influence of Christ. They blunted the convictions that were deepening in many minds.

27) What was his response?

John 9:27 He answered them, I have told you already, and ye did not hear: wherefore would ye hear it again? will _____ be his disciples?

The man had met his inquisitors on their own ground. His reasoning was unanswerable. The Pharisees were astonished, and they held their peace, spellbound before his pointed, determined words. For a few moments there was silence. Then the frowning priests and rabbis gathered about them their robes, as though they feared contamination from contact with him; they shook off the dust from their feet, and hurled denunciations against him, **“Thou wast altogether born in sins, and dost thou teach us?”** And they excommunicated him.

28) What did Jesus ask him when He saw him again?

John 9:35-37 Jesus heard that they had _____; and when he had found him, he said unto him, Dost thou believe on the Son of God? He answered and said, Who is he, Lord, that I might believe on him? And Jesus said unto him, Thou hast both _____ him, and it is he that talketh with thee.

29) What did the former blind man profess?

John 9:38 And he said, Lord, I believe. And he _____ him.

To all who realized their need, Christ came with infinite help. But the Pharisees would confess no need; they refused to come to Christ, and hence they were left in blindness, a blindness for which they were themselves guilty. Jesus said, **“Your sin remaineth.”**

Can you see Jesus was and is Divine?

Are you interested in having eyes to see?

When is the time to stop worrying about what others think?