

The Book of John:
The Disciple Jesus Loved
Study Notes

Chapter 8 PT. 3: The Truth Will Set You Free

John 8:31-59

Verses 31-33

John 8:31-33 (NASB) - ³¹ So Jesus was saying to those Jews who had believed Him, “**If** you continue in My word, *then* you are truly My disciples; ³² and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.” ³³ They answered Him, “We are Abraham’s descendants and have never been enslaved to anyone; how *is it that* You say, ‘You will become free’?”

Note: A very big word gets read right over in Verse 31, “**IF**”!



- Many profess to be followers of Yeshua, but are not engaging in the Word of G-d.
- By Jesus’ own definition of a Disciple of His, you are not truly a Disciple.
- Only the Truth of the Word of G-d, that you know, can make you free.

Understanding: Verse 33 shows just how deceived these people are. They are so blind that they have totally forgotten that have been slaves both naturally, (**430 years in Egypt**) and spiritually (**Slaves to Sin**)!

Verses 34-36

John 8:34-36 (NASB) - ³⁴ Jesus answered them, “Truly, truly I say to you, everyone who commits sin is a slave of sin. ³⁵ Now the slave does not remain in the house forever; the son does remain forever. ³⁶ So if the Son sets you free, you really will be free.

Committeth-(KJV)-(Greek)-*poieo*-to make-to do, to cause, bring forth.

Understanding: Jesus plainly reminded them, that the man who practiced any sin, was, in fact, a slave to that sin; which was the case with those that were coming against Him.

Question: What’s the goal of practice?

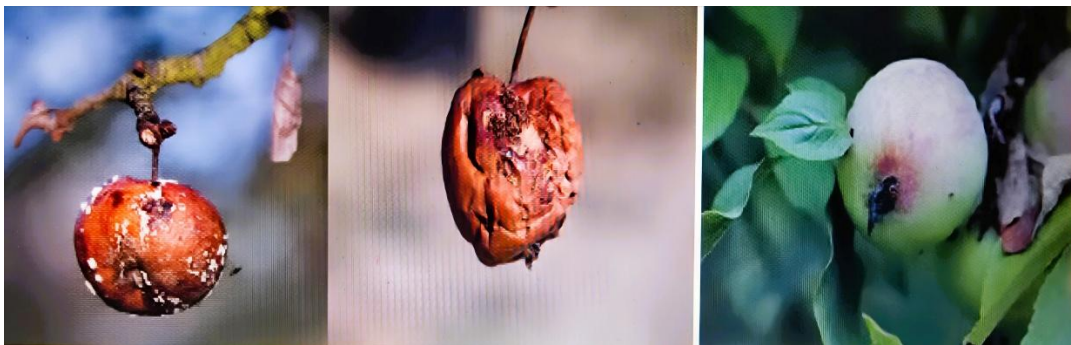
Answer: To perform an activity repeatedly to gain proficiency, **to habitually perform an action**, or to work in a profession. In other words: you become a slave to what you practice.

Verses 37-38

John 8:37-38 (NASB) - ³⁷ I know that you are Abraham’s descendants; yet you are seeking to kill Me, because My word has no place in you. ³⁸ I speak of the things which I have seen with *My* Father; therefore you also do the things which you heard from *your* father.”

Key: Your behavior will always identify who your father is!

Matthew 7:17-18 (AMP) – ¹⁷ Even so, every healthy tree bears good fruit, but the unhealthy tree bears bad fruit. ¹⁸ A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor can a bad tree bear good fruit.



Note: Jesus is not talking about a tree in the natural.

- This refers to the inner nature of a person.
- The "fruit" refers to the actions, words, and behavior of a person.
- What is in the inner nature will show in the outward actions.

Key: Jesus is letting them know, He knows who their father is by their treatment of His Son!

Verse 39

John 8:39 (NASB) - 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.

What Did Abraham Do?

Note: Let’s just focus on his calling. Abraham obeyed difficult commands.



Genesis 12:1 (NASB)

Now the LORD said to Abram,
“Go from your country,
And from your relatives
And from your father’s house,
To the land which I will show you;

Verses 40-42

John 8:40-42 (NASB) - 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 as a result of sexual immorality; we have one Father: God.” ⁴² Jesus said to them, **“If God were your Father, you would love Me,** for I came forth from God and am here; for I have not even come on My own, but He sent Me.

Question: What does Jesus mean when He says, **“This Abraham Did Not Do”**?

Answer: Abraham lied before, not every word he said was absolute truth from G-d the Father!

Example:



The Lie to Pharaoh (Genesis 12:10–20):

While fleeing a famine, Abraham feared for his life in Egypt because of his wife Sarah's beauty. He asked her to lie and say she was his sister.

The lie to King Abimelech (Genesis 20:1–18):

Later, when Abraham moved to Gerar, he repeated his lie, telling Sarah to say she was his sister. He claimed he did this because he thought there was "no fear of G-d" in the area, and they would kill him for his wife.

- **In Genesis 20:12**, Abraham tells King Abimelech that Sarah is his half-sister: "the daughter of my father but not the daughter of my mother".
- **Genealogy:** Abraham's father was Terah, and Sarah was also a daughter of Terah, though not his daughter by the same mother as Abraham.

Understanding: They have great love for Abraham but as **Verse 42** states, you can't Love **G-d**, "**Yahweh**", and not acknowledge the **Son**, "**Yeshua**"!

Verses 43-47

Identity is Clarified By Behavior

John 8:43-47 (NASB) - ⁴³ Why do you not understand what I am saying? *It is* because you **cannot** listen to 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 tells a lie, he speaks from his own *nature*, because he is a liar and the father of lies. ⁴⁵ But because I say 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 The one who is of God hears the words of God; for this reason you do not hear *them*, because you are not of God."

Understanding: Yeshua answers His own question. He already knows what is in humanity! Don't get upset when people do not want to listen to the Truth found in the Word of G-d: it could be as **Verse 43** states, "they **cannot** listen". The children of darkness don't want freedom!

Verses 48-50

John 8:48-50 (NASB) - ⁴⁸ The Jews answered and said to Him, "Do we not rightly say that You are a Samaritan, and You have a demon?" ⁴⁹ Jesus answered, "I do not have a demon; on the contrary, I honor My Father, and you dishonor Me. ⁵⁰ But I am not seeking My glory; there is One who seeks *it*, and judges.

Great Lesson To Learn From The Master:

- You can't kill a dead man.
- Those who are dead to the praises of men can bear their contempt.
- Yeshua does not need, nor did He seek the applause of man.
- He could not be compromised.

Verses 51-55

John 8:51-55 (NASB) - ⁵¹ Truly, truly I say to you, if anyone follows My word, he will never see death.” ⁵² The Jews said to Him, “Now we know that You have a demon. Abraham died, and the prophets *as well*; and *yet* You say, ‘If anyone follows My word, he will never taste of death.’” ⁵³ **You are not greater than our father Abraham**, who died, are You? The prophets died too. Whom do You make Yourself *out to be*?” ⁵⁴ Jesus answered, “If I glorify Myself, My glory is nothing; it is My Father who glorifies Me, of whom you say, ‘He is our God’;” ⁵⁵ and you have not come to know Him, but I know Him. And if I say that I do not know Him, I will be a liar like you; but I do know Him, and I follow His word.

Note: The unsaved and the carnal cannot receive spiritual truths. This is why only Father can draw souls to the Son!

REMEMBER: *“Don’t get angry when a blind person bumps into you!”*

- Keep Your Joy.
- Keep Your Peace.
- And Stay On Mission.

Verses 56-58

John 8:56-58 (NASB) - ⁵⁶ Your father Abraham was overjoyed that he would see My day, and he saw *it* and rejoiced.” ⁵⁷ So the Jews said to Him, “You are not yet fifty years old, and You have seen Abraham?” ⁵⁸ Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly I say to you, before Abraham was born, I am.”

“Before Abraham was born, I am”

- Yeshua made it very clear the He and His Father are one!
- Yeshua was stating His Eternal Existence!

- Yeshua just revealed He is not just Identified with G-d, but He is G-d!

Key: Yeshua just made a statement that was blasphemous to these Jews ear.

Verse 59

John 8:59 (NASB) - ⁵⁹ Therefore they picked up stones to throw at Him, but Jesus hid Himself and left the temple *grounds*.



Key: The only way to stand against persecution without compromise in the last days is that you must know **Who Your Father Is!** How you identify will be your freedom or be your death! **Selah...**

The End