

The Book of John:
The Disciple Jesus Loved

Study Notes

Chapter 5 PT. 2: Jesus' Equality with God

John 5:18-32

Verse 18

John 5:18 (NASB) – “For this reason therefore the Jews were seeking all the more to kill Him, because He not only was breaking the Sabbath, but also was calling God His own Father, making Himself equal with God.”



Note: There is no need to guess why the Jewish leaders hated Yeshua; the Word of G-d makes it very clear. His claim to be equal to Father as His Son was too much for the religious leaders to handle.

Verse 19

John 5:19 (NASB) – “Therefore, Jesus answered and was saying to them, ‘Truly, truly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of Himself, unless *it is* something He sees the Father doing; for whatever the Father does, these things the Son also does in the same way.’”

Question: What is the point Jesus is stressing here?

Answer: The Kingdom of G-d is a Kingdom of order!

- Jesus states He can do nothing of Himself! Remember: He was sent!
- Jesus can only do what He sees the Father doing.
- Jesus NEVER operates illegally in the Kingdom.



Verses 20-21

John 5:20-21 (NASB) – “²⁰ For the Father loves the Son and shows Him all things that He Himself is doing; and *the Father* will show Him greater works than these, so that you will be amazed. ²¹ For just as the Father raises the dead and gives them life, so the Son also gives life to whom He wishes.”

“Whom He Wishes”

Note: Jesus is revealing the character of Father to the religious leaders; the same as the Father had reminded Peter in **Acts 10:34-35**.

Gentiles Hear Good News:



Acts 10:34-35 (NASB) – “³⁴ Opening his mouth, Peter said: ‘I most certainly understand *now* that God is not one to show partiality, ³⁵ but in every nation the one who fears Him and does what is right is acceptable to Him.’”

Note: Yeshua is letting the Religious Leaders know; status and position do not impress the Father. He makes this truth very clear in **Matthew 5:43-45**.

Matthew 5:43-45 (NASB) – “⁴³ You have heard that it was said, ‘YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR and hate your enemy.’ ⁴⁴ But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, ⁴⁵ so that you may prove yourselves to be sons of your Father who is in heaven; for He causes His sun to rise on *the* evil and *the* good, and sends rain on *the* righteous and *the* unrighteous.”

Verses 22-23

John 5:22-23 (NASB) – “²² For not even the Father judges anyone, but He has given all judgment to the Son, ²³ so that all will honor the Son just as they honor the Father. The one who does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent Him.”



Note: This is very important to understand, Father has given all authority to Yeshua.

- Many have sealed their own fate by refusing the Son of G-d.
- Contrary to popular opinion, you **cannot** get to Father G-d without going through Jesus.
- Yeshua is Salvation!

John 14:6 (NASB) – “Jesus said to him, ‘I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father except through Me.’”

Verse 24

John 5:24 (NASB) - “Truly, truly, I say to you, the one who **hears My word**, and **believes Him who sent Me**, has eternal life, and does not come into judgment, but has passed out of death into life.”



Note: You will not find in scripture where Yeshua and Father G-d are not in agreement!

- Belief In Father alone will not get you into Eternal Life (Jews).
- Belief In The Son alone will not get you into Eternal Life (Gentiles).
- They are One!

John 10:30 (NASB) – “I and the Father are one.”

One-(Greek)-*heis*-in opposed to many.

Two Resurrections

Verses 25-26

John 5:25-26 (NASB) – “²⁵ Truly, truly, I say to you, a time is coming and even now has arrived, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God, and those who hear will live. ²⁶ For just as the Father has life in Himself, so He gave to the Son also to have life in Himself;”

Key: Jesus is declaring here His authority as the Messiah! Jesus alone can save us from our sins. This authority has been given to Him by the Father.



- Life flows from the Father to the Son.
- All the authority of the Father has been given to the Son.
- No way around it; you must go through Yeshua to get to the Father.

Verse 27

John 5:27 (NASB) – “and He gave Him authority to **execute judgment**, because He is *the* Son of Man.”

To Execute-(Greek)-*poieo*-to make or to do. Exercise or fulfill.

Judgement-(Greek)-*krisis*-decision (subject or object, for or against). To give sentence.



Key: The office of Judge of all men can only be exercised by the One who has:

- All knowledge - Omniscient!

- All power - Omnipotent!
- All authority - Almighty!

Verses 28-29

John 5:28-29 (NASB) – “²⁸ Do not be amazed at this; for a time is coming when all who are in the tombs will hear His voice, ²⁹ and will come out: those who did the good *deeds* to a resurrection of life, those who committed the bad *deeds* to a resurrection of judgment.”

Two Resurrections, Two Judgements:

- Resurrection of Life - Those who did good deeds.
- Resurrection of Judgement - Those who committed bad deeds.

Note: All mankind will be judged for what we did while in these human bodies.

2 Corinthians 5:10 (NASB) - For we must **all** appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive compensation for his deeds *done* through the body, in accordance with what he has done, whether good or bad.

Revelation 20:11-12 (NASB) -¹¹ Then I saw a great white throne and Him who sat upon it, from whose presence earth and heaven fled, and no place was found for them. ¹² And I saw the dead, the great and the small, standing before the throne, and books were opened; and another book was opened, which is *the book* of life; and the dead were judged from the things which were written in the books, according to their deeds.



Verse 30

John 5:30 (NASB) - “I can do nothing on My own. As I hear, I judge; and My judgment is righteous, because I do not seek My own will but the will of Him who sent Me.”

Key: Everything Yeshua did on the earth was out of honor **to the Father**.

Verse 31-32

John 5:31-32 (NASB) – “³¹ If I *alone* testify about Myself, My testimony is not true. ³² There is another who testifies about Me, and I know that the testimony which He gives about Me is true.”

Note: The modern-day Church should take a lesson from these verses. The humility of Yeshua is the blueprint for engaging the Almighty Father. Even the Son of G-d refused to take His glory! Holy Spirit testified of Him – NOT HE HIMSELF!

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