

The Book of John:
The Disciple Jesus Loved
Study Notes

Chapter 7 PT. 2: Righteous Judgement

John 7:19-36

Verses 19-20

John 7:19-20 (NASB) – “¹⁹ ‘Did Moses not give you the Law, and *yet* none of you carries out the Law? Why are you seeking to kill Me?’ ²⁰ The crowd answered, ‘You have a demon! Who is seeking to kill You?’”

Note: Those who wanted Jesus killed were the Jewish Religious Leaders, the Pharisees, and Sadducees, not the Jewish people! Jesus quickly exposes their Religious hearts. They alone are the stewards of G-d’s word.

Verses 21-22

John 7:21-22 (NASB) – “²¹ Jesus answered them, ‘**I did one deed**, and you all are astonished. ²² For this reason **Moses has given you circumcision** (not that it is from Moses, but from the fathers), and *even* on a Sabbath you circumcise a man.’”



- His doctrine is not his own finding out, but is from G-d's Word, through the teaching of His Spirit (**Covenant of Circumcision Genesis Chapter 17**).

Understanding: There are important things to note here! Jesus is trying to help them understand the doctrine (Law) that they cling so tightly to, did not come from Moses to the Religious Leaders but through Moses to them.



Exodus 31:18 (AMP) – “¹⁸ When He had finished speaking with him on Mount Sinai, He gave Moses the two tablets of the Testimony, tablets of stone, written with the finger of God.”

Verses 23-24

John 7:23-24 (NASB) – “²³ If a man receives circumcision on a Sabbath so that the Law of Moses will not be broken, are you angry at Me because I made an entire man well on a Sabbath? ²⁴ Do not judge by the outward appearance, but judge with righteous judgment.”

- Only those who hate the Truth shall be given over to errors which will be fatal.
- Jesus told them to decide on His conduct according to the spiritual import of the Divine Law.
- When you pass judgment do it from a place of righteous judgment.

What is Righteous Judgement?

- Judging based upon Truth and Love.
- Fairness and Impartiality.
- Humility and Self-Awareness.
 - Be mindful of your own sin.

- Alignment with G-d's Standards.

What is Un-Righteous Judgment?

- Judging by appearance.
- Judging on emotions and feelings not facts (Opinion).
 - Receipts – You can buy facts (AI).
- Truth is not involved.
- Pride is involved (Need to be right).
- Offense is involved (Heart Problem).

Verses 25-26

John 7:25-26 (NASB) – “²⁵ So some of the **people** of Jerusalem were saying, ‘Is this Man not the one whom they are seeking to kill? ²⁶ And *yet* look, He is speaking publicly, and they are saying nothing to Him. **The rulers do not really know that this is the Christ,** do they?’”



Verses 27-28

John 7:27-28 (NASB) – “²⁷ ‘However, we know where this Man is from; but when the Christ comes, no one knows where He is from.’ ²⁸ Then Jesus cried out in the temple, teaching and saying, ‘**You both know Me and you know where I am from; and I have not come of Myself, but He who sent Me is true, whom you do not know.**’”

- Christ proclaimed aloud that they were in error in their thoughts about His origin.

- Jesus was speaking openly but they could not do anything about it...Yet!

Verse 29

John 7:29 (NASB) – “²⁹ I do know Him, because I am from Him, and He sent Me.”



- Jesus makes it very clear: “I know My Identity”!
- G-d can tie men's hands, though He does not turn their hearts.

Understanding: G-d can prevent people from carrying out their wicked intentions, even if He does not change their inner desire to do evil.

Verses 30-31

John 7:30-31 (NASB) – “³⁰ So they were seeking to arrest Him; and yet no one laid a hand on Him, because His hour had not yet come. ³¹ **But many of the crowd believed in Him;** and they were saying, ‘When the Christ comes, He will not perform more signs than those which this man has done, will He?’”

Note: They are still trying to put their understanding on how the Messiah should behave when He comes. So distracted by the limits of their own understanding, they are missing what is right in front of them!

1 Corinthians 1:19 (AMP) – “¹⁹ For it is written *and* forever remains written, ‘I WILL DESTROY THE WISDOM OF THE WISE [the philosophy of the philosophers], AND THE CLEVERNESS OF THE CLEVER [who do not know Me] I WILL NULLIFY.’”

It Is Written Where?

Job 5:12 (AMP) – “¹² He frustrates the devices *and* schemes of the crafty, So that their hands cannot attain success *or* achieve anything of [lasting] worth.”

2 Timothy 2:15 (KJV) – “¹⁵ Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.”

Misapplication of Truth

- **Paul** is talking about the preaching of the Cross. He is referencing how he uses the foolishness of preaching the cross to save believers, thereby confounding the worldly wise and ensuring all glory goes to G-d, not to human intellect or strength.
- **Eliphaz** was convinced the Job had done something wrong. Jobs friend took a Truth of God’s Character and applied it to Job based upon his own experiences.
 - **Example:** You do good, G-d will bless you. You do bad, G-d will curse you.

Understanding: Never put G-d in the box of your own understanding. You shall surely fall into error.

Verse 32

John 7:32 (NASB) – “³² The Pharisees heard the crowd whispering these things about Him, and the chief priests and the Pharisees sent officers to arrest Him.”

Note: Jesus knew His time to leave this earth was close, but it was not time yet!

Verses 33-34

John 7:33-34 (NASB) – “³³ Therefore Jesus said, ‘For a little while longer I am *going to be* with you, and *then* I am going to Him who sent Me. ³⁴ You will seek Me, and will not find Me; and where I am, you cannot come.’”

Understanding: Jesus **NEVER** intended to stay in this Earth. **Jesus came into the world for ONE reason: TO TAKE AWAY THE SIN OF THIS WORLD!**

Be Reminded! John The Baptist Told Us Why He Was Here!

John 1:25-29 (NASB) – “²⁵ They asked him, and said to him, ‘Why then are you baptizing, if you are not the Christ, nor Elijah, nor the Prophet?’ ²⁶ John answered them, saying, ‘I baptize in water, *but* among you stands One whom you do not know. ²⁷ *It is* He who comes after me, of whom I am not worthy *even* to untie the strap of His sandal.’ ²⁸ These things took place in Bethany beyond the Jordan, where John was baptizing *people*. ²⁹ The next day he saw Jesus coming to him, and said, ‘**Behold, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!**’”

Verses 35-36

John 7:35-36 (NASB) – “³⁵ The Jews then said to one another, ‘**Where does this Man intend to go that we will not find Him? He does not intend to go to the Dispersion among the Greeks, and teach the Greeks, does He?**’ ³⁶ What is this statement that He said, “You will seek Me, and will not find Me; and where I am, you cannot come”?’”



They are just ***CONFUSED!***

“Dispersion of the Greeks” - The "dispersion" (or diaspora) is a term for Jews living amongst “Greeks” and in this context refers to these scattered Jewish communities and potentially also to the non-Jewish populations they lived among.

Grabbing at Straws:

Jealousy and Envy » Confusion » Every Evil Work (James 3:16)

Note: When people are spuing evil and hatred you had better check their motives!

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