

“Like Father, Like Son”
John 8:37-47

I. Since they did not know God, the Jews failed to perform the deeds of Abraham (vs. 37-40).

- A. The Jews did not perform the same works as Abraham.
- B. The Jews did not exhibit the same faith as Abraham.

(Genesis 15:6; Exodus 4:22; 19:4-6; John 8:56; 14:21, 23-24; 1 Corinthians 6:9-10; 2 Corinthians 2:14-16; Galatians 3:6-9; Hebrews 11:13)

II. Since they did not know God, the Jews failed to show the character of God (vs. 41-45).

(Ephesians 5:1-5)

III. Since they did not know God, the Jews failed to hear the words of God (vs. 46-47).

(John 8:19)

IV. This passage teaches three important lessons:

1. Those who know God love others who know God.
2. Those who know God imitate God.
3. Those who know God love others who know God

Scripture References and Notes

Romans 9:6-8

⁶But *it is* not as though the word of God has failed. For they are not all Israel who are *descended* from Israel; ⁷nor are they all children because they are Abraham’s descendants, but: “THROUGH ISAAC YOUR DESCENDANTS WILL BE NAMED.” ⁸That is, it is not the children of the flesh who are children of God, but the children of the promise are regarded as descendants.

Galatians 3:6-9

⁶Even so Abraham BELIEVED GOD, AND IT WAS RECKONED TO HIM AS RIGHTEOUSNESS. ⁷Therefore, be sure that it is those who are of faith who are sons of Abraham. ⁸The Scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, preached the gospel beforehand to Abraham, *saying*, “ALL THE NATIONS WILL BE BLESSED IN YOU.” ⁹So then those who are of faith are blessed with Abraham, the believer.

John 8:56

Your father Abraham rejoiced to see My day, and he saw *it* and was glad.”

Hebrews 11:13

All these died in faith, without receiving the promises, but having seen them and having welcomed them from a distance, and having confessed that they were strangers and exiles on the earth.

Genesis 15:6

Then he believed in the LORD; and He reckoned it to him as righteousness.

2 Corinthians 2:14-16

¹⁴But thanks be to God, who always leads us in triumph in Christ, and manifests through us the sweet aroma of the knowledge of Him in every place. ¹⁵For we are a fragrance of Christ to God among those who are being saved and among those who are perishing; ¹⁶to the one an aroma from death to death, to the other an aroma from life to life. And who is adequate for these things?

πορνεία (porneia)

- fornication, whoredom; met: idolatry.
- is derived from *pernaō*, ("to sell off")
- properly, a *selling off* (surrendering) of sexual purity; *promiscuity* of any (every) type.

1 Corinthians 6:9-10

⁹Or do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived; neither **fornicators**, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor homosexuals, ¹⁰nor thieves, nor *the* covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers, will inherit the kingdom of God.

Exodus 4:22

Then you shall say to Pharaoh, ‘Thus says the LORD, “Israel is My son, My firstborn.

Exodus 19:4-6

⁴‘You yourselves have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and *how* I bore you on eagles’ wings, and brought you to Myself. ⁵Now then, if you will indeed obey My voice and keep My covenant, then you shall be My own possession among all the peoples, for all the earth is Mine; ⁶and you shall be to Me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.’ These are the words that you shall speak to the sons of Israel.”

John 14:21, 23-24

²¹He who has My commandments and keeps them is the one who loves Me; and he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and will disclose Myself to him.”

²³Jesus answered and said to him, “If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our abode with him. ²⁴He who does not love Me does not keep My words; and the word which you hear is not Mine, but the Father’s who sent Me.

Ephesians 5:1-5

¹Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children; ²and walk in love, just as Christ also loved you and gave Himself up for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God as a fragrant aroma. ³But immorality or any impurity or greed must not even be named among you, as is proper among saints; ⁴and *there must be no* filthiness and silly talk, or coarse jesting, which are not fitting, but rather giving of thanks. ⁵For this you know with certainty, that no immoral or impure person or covetous man, who is an idolater, has an inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God.

John 8:19

So they were saying to Him, “Where is Your Father?” Jesus answered, “You know neither Me nor My Father; if you knew Me, you would know My Father also.”