

“The Danger of Rejecting the Light of the World”
John 8:21-24

I. Jesus spoke three truths to the Jews (v. 21).

- A. Those who reject Christ will die in their sin.
- B. There is coming a day when Jesus will go away.
- C. When Jesus does depart, then those who reject Him can longer go to Him.

(Isaiah 49:8; 59:2; John 1:29; 2 Corinthians 5:17-20; 6:1-2; Hebrews 4:1-2)

II. The Jews respond by turning Jesus’ statement into a joke (v. 22).

(John 7:34-36)

III. Jesus states the difference between the Jews and Himself (vs. 23-24).

- A. The Jews are from below; Jesus is from above.
- B. The Jews are of this world; Jesus is not.
- C. The Jews were not seeking God; Jesus is God.

(Isaiah 55:9-11; Hebrews 4:1-2; 5:11-14; 11:6)

IV. This passage is a warning to not reject the Light of the World

- A. A warning to not reject the call for salvation.
- B. A warning to not fail to obediently seek the Lord.

Scripture References and Notes

Hebrews 4:1-2

¹ Therefore, let us fear if, while a promise remains of entering His rest, any one of you may seem to have come short of it. ² For indeed we have had good news preached to us, just as they also; but the word they heard did not profit them, because it was not united by faith in those who heard.

Isaiah 49:8

Thus says the LORD, "In a favorable time I have answered You, And in a day of salvation I have helped You; And I will keep You and give You for a covenant of the people, To restore the land, to make *them* inherit the desolate heritages;

2 Corinthians 6:1-2

And working together *with Him*, we also urge you not to receive the grace of God in vain— ² for He says, "AT THE ACCEPTABLE TIME I LISTENED TO YOU, AND ON THE DAY OF SALVATION I HELPED YOU." Behold, now is "THE ACCEPTABLE TIME," behold, now is "THE DAY OF SALVATION"—

Isaiah 59:2

But your iniquities have made a separation between you and your God,
And your sins have hidden *His* face from you so that He does not hear.

2 Corinthians 5:17-20

¹⁷ Therefore if anyone is in Christ, *he is* a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come. ¹⁸ Now all *these* things are from God, who reconciled us to Himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation, ¹⁹ namely, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and He has committed to us the word of reconciliation. ²⁰ Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were making an appeal through us; we beg you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.

John 1:29

The next day he saw Jesus coming to him and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!

John 7:34-36

³⁴ You will seek Me, and will not find Me; and where I am, you cannot come." ³⁵ The Jews then said to one another, "Where does this man intend to go that we will not find Him? He is not intending to go to the Dispersion among the Greeks, and teach the Greeks, is 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'?"

Isaiah 55:9-11

⁹ "For *as* the heavens are higher than the earth, So are My ways higher than your ways And My thoughts than your thoughts.

¹⁰ "For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, And do not return there without watering the earth And making it bear and sprout, And furnishing seed to the sower and bread to the eater;

¹¹ So will My word be which goes forth from My mouth; It will not return to Me empty, Without accomplishing what I desire, And without succeeding *in the matter* for which I sent it.

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Hebrews 5:11-14

¹¹ Concerning him we have much to say, and *it is* hard to explain, since you have become dull of hearing. ¹² For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you have need again for someone to teach you the elementary principles of the oracles of God, and you have come to need milk and not solid food. ¹³ For everyone who partakes *only* of milk is not accustomed to the word of righteousness, for he is an infant. ¹⁴ But solid food is for the mature, who because of practice have their senses trained to discern good and evil.

Hebrews 11:6

And without faith it is impossible to please *Him*, for he who comes to God must believe that He is and *that* He is a rewarder of those who seek Him.