

“Pride: The Root of Unbelief”

John 7:1-24

The circumstances in John 6:1-24 reveal the unbelief of two groups of people: The Jewish crowds and Jesus’ brothers. In both cases, their unbelief was a matter of pride.

- I. The unbelief of the _____ (1)

- II. The unbelief of _____ (3-5)
 - A. Jesus went to the feast, but not in the way His brothers _____ (3-10)
 - B. Jesus went to the feast to teach, not to perform _____ (14-18)

“When men are wholly, completely consecrated to the will of God and want to do that above everything else, then they find out that Christ’s teaching is divine, that it is the teaching of God.” - G. Campbell Morgan

- III. The unbelief of the _____ & _____
 - A. Both were _____ by the same evil (7-8)
 - B. Both failed to see the _____ of God.

How then can we be proud? Stand at the foot of the cross, and count the purple drops by which you have been cleansed; see the thorn-crown; mark His scourged shoulders, still gushing with encrimsoned rills; see hands and feet given up to the rough iron, and His whole self to mockery and scorn; see the bitterness, and the pangs, and the throes of inward grief, showing themselves in His outward frame.

Hear the thrilling shriek, ‘My God, my God, why hast Thou forsaken Me?’ And if you do not lie prostrate on the ground before that cross, you have never seen it: if you are not humbled in the presence of Jesus, you do not know Him.

Think of that, and as Jesus stooped for you, bow yourself in lowliness at His feet. A sense of Christ’s amazing love to us has a greater tendency to humble us than even a consciousness of our own guilt. May the Lord bring us in contemplation to Calvary, then our position will no longer be that of the pompous man of pride, but we shall take the humble place of one who loves much because much has been forgiven him.

Pride cannot live beneath the cross.

- Charles Spurgeon