

FATHER AND SON

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Study of John / John 5:18-47

Introduction:

Last week, we studied the healing of the paralyzed man at the pool of Bethesda. This healing began a confrontation between Jesus and the Pharisees. This miracle took place on the Sabbath, and Jesus commanded the man to pick up his mat and walk. It was against Sabbath rules to bear burdens on that day. Jesus further enraged the Jewish religious leaders by saying God was His Father.

I. The Son is Equal with the Father. (18)

II. The Father and Son are in Perfect Unity. (19-20)

III. The Father and Son Have Power to Give Life to the Dead. (21-30)

A. The Son Makes the Dead Come to Life. [21]

B. The Father Has Given Judgment to the Son. [[John 5:22-23](#); [2 Corinthians 5:10](#); [Matthew 25:31-46](#); [Revelation 20:11-12](#)]

C. To Believe in the Father is to Believe in the Son. [24]

D. The Son Raises the Dead Now. [25-27]

E. The Son will Raise the Dead in the Future. [28-29]

F. The Father and Son Work In Unity. [30]

IV. The Witness of the Son. (31-47)

A. The Witness of John the Baptist. [33-35]

B. The Witness of Miracles [36]

C. The Witness of God the Father [37]

D. The Witness of the Son Against the Pharisees. [38-47]

Application Questions

For Wednesday Night

1. The Context of this passage is that Jesus is confronting the Jewish religious leaders with His claims of Deity.
 - a. Why did He want to confront them?
 - b. Is there evidence from the text that He was both inviting them to believe and condemning their unbelief? (38-47)
2. What can we learn about the unity of God the Father and God the Son from this passage of scripture?
3. (John 5:25-27) Do you think these verses are talking about Jesus raising the dead spiritually through the New Birth, or is it talking about resurrections that will take place during his earthly ministry?
4. What three witnesses to His Deity did Jesus give the Pharisees? (33-37)
 - a. Why did He give three witnesses?
 - b. (31) Why did Jesus say that if he witnessed about himself, his witness would not be true?
5. (38-47) Who did Jesus blame for the Pharisees' refusal to believe in Him?
 - a. Why did He say they could not believe? (44; 47)
6. There is a modern teaching that says that the Old Testament is not important for people to believe. They should just believe in Jesus and not worry about believing in Creation or Adam and Eve and other O.T. stories. Is this teaching biblical, based on what Jesus said?