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Gospel of John

John 5:30-47

Seeking Glory From Man or God

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John 5:30-35

“I can do nothing on my own. As I hear, I judge, and my judgment is just, because I seek not my own will but the will of him who sent me. 31 If I alone bear witness about myself, my testimony is not true.

32 There is another who bears witness about me, and I know that the testimony that he bears about me is true. 33 You sent to John, and he has borne witness to the truth. 34 Not that the testimony that I receive is from man, but I say these things so that you may be saved. 35 He was a burning and shining lamp, and you were willing to rejoice for a while in his light.

John 5:36-40

36But the testimony that I have is greater than that of John. For the works that the Father has given me to accomplish, the very works that I am doing, bear witness about me that the Father has sent me. 37And the Father who sent me has himself borne witness about me. His voice you have never heard, his form you have never seen, 38and you do not have his word abiding in you, for you do not believe the one whom he has sent. 39You search the Scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; and it is they that bear witness about me, 40yet you refuse to come to me that you may have life.

John 5:41-47

41I do not receive glory from people. 42But I know that you do not have the love of God within you. 43I have come in my Father's name, and you do not receive me. If another comes in his own name, you will receive him. 44How can you believe, when you receive glory from one another and do not seek the glory that comes from the only God? 45Do not think that I will accuse you to the Father. There is one who accuses you: Moses, on whom you have set your hope. 46For if you believed Moses, you would believe me; for he wrote of me. 47But if you do not believe his writings, how will you believe my words?"

John 5:17 *My Father is working until now and I am working*

- Jesus is calling God His own Father, making Himself equal with God (v18)
- Jesus work (signs & work of redemption to come) is the Father's will and work being accomplished
 - In other words, it's the same work

To reject Jesus is to reject the Father

- **V37B** (Speaking to the Jews) *“His (Father) voice you have never heard, his form you have never seen, and you do not have his word abiding in you, for you do not believe the one (Jesus) whom he has sent*
- **42** *But I know that you do not have the love of God within you. (Reason given for knowing this in v43) I have come in my Father's name, and you do not receive me.*

31 If I alone bear witness about myself, my testimony is not true.

32 There is another who bears witness about me, and I know that the testimony that he bears about me is true.

- This witness is not given for the sake of the Jews but for Jesus sake
- In Jesus' humanity, He is upheld not by His own deity but by His dependence upon the Father. Here in v32 the Father is bearing witness to the Son by inward testimony

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34 Not that the testimony that I receive is from man, but I say these things so that you may be saved. 35 He was a burning and shining lamp, and you were willing to rejoice for a while in his light.

- **Matt 3:7** *But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to his baptism, he said to them, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come?”*

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39 You search the Scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; and it is they that bear witness about me,

40 yet you refuse to come to me that you may have life.

• YLT-and ye do not will to come unto me, that ye may have life

41 I do not receive glory from people.

- Glory-opinion/judgment/view (and that leading to praise).
- Jesus is setting up a contrast here. He is saying “I don’t receive glory from people” (He makes the contrasting statement in v44)

42 But I know that you do not have the love of God within you

(Reason Jesus knows v42 is true) ***43 I have come in my Father’s name, and you do not receive me.***

43b If another comes in his own name, you will receive him.

44How can you believe, when you receive glory from one another and do not seek the glory that comes from the only God?

- *Matt 23:5 They do all their deeds to be seen by others....6 they love the place of honor at feasts and the best seats in the synagogues 7and greetings in the marketplaces and being called rabbi by others.*
- Seeking glory for self and from others is the opposite of faith and seeking glory from God