

## ENCOUNTERS WITH THE LORD JESUS CHRIST

### Lesson #12

### FATHER'S DAY 2017

### "WHO IS YOUR DADDY"?

John 8:31-59

Because of the breakdown of the family and rebellion against biblical values, many children are being deprived of having healthy relationships with their fathers. Tragically, thousands of children in America have no idea who their real father is, even though they are affected by his nature. Likewise, your spiritual nature and physical behavior is affected by your father, and many religious people do not know who their father really is!

#### **I. IF THE ONLY TRUE GOD IS NOT YOUR FATHER, YOU WILL LIVE IN BONDAGE WHILE THINKING THAT YOU ARE FREE. (John 8:31-36)**

**A.** True disciples continue to learn about and follow the teachings of the Lord Jesus Christ. Only knowing and obeying the truth allows us to experience freedom. (*John 8:31-32*)

**B.** The Jews experienced numerous occasions of physical bondage without allowing themselves to be taken captive spiritually. Sadly, their religious pride kept them in bondage to sin. (*John 8:33*)

**C.** If you practice sin, no matter what you say about your spiritual status, the Lord says you have not been set free by Him, and you do not know his Father. (*John 8:34-36*)

#### **II. OUR BEHAVIOR IS A DEMONSTRATION OF THE INFLUENCE OF OUR FATHER. IF YOU HAVE NOT BEEN BORN AGAIN INTO GOD'S FAMILY, THEN THE DEVIL WILL BE EXPECTING YOU AT THE FAMILY REUNION! (John 8: 37-47)**

**A.** Physical genealogy, family relationships, and second hand faith will never place you into the family of God. (*John 8:37-40*)

**B.** If the true and living God is not your father, you will not be able to love the Lord Jesus Christ, understand Scripture, or resist being a slave to sin like "your father the devil." (*John 8:41-44*)

**C.** Your response to the Lord Jesus Christ, the Bible, and those who teach it provide clear evidence as to who your father really is. Can you hear the voice of God through Scripture? (*John 8:45-47*)



#### **III. GOD THE FATHER GIVES LIFE THAT CAN NEVER BE TAKEN AWAY, EVEN BY PHYSICAL DEATH! SATAN HAS AN AGENDA TO STEAL, KILL, AND DESTROY. WHICH FAMILY SOUNDS LIKE YOURS? (John 8:48-59)**

**A.** If you have not been born again into the Lord's family, you will be blind to spiritual truth, dishonor the Lord Jesus Christ, and try to glorify yourself instead of the Lord. *(John 8:48-50)*

**B.** Once you are born again into God's family, you will have the guarantee of eternal life, and never experience "death" (separation) from the Lord of life. *(John 8:51-53)*

**C.** Those who honor the Lord will be honored by the Lord, and recognize that the Lord Jesus Christ is the Eternal God, the "I AM" that spoke with Abraham, Moses, and all the other saints. *(John 8:54-59)*

**HAVE YOU BEEN BORN AGAIN INTO THE FAMILY OF GOD? IF SO, YOU CAN  
CELEBRATE FATHER'S DAY ETERNALLY, AND KNOW THE LOVE AND PROVISION OF A  
GOOD FATHER.**

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