

“Deathlessness”

John 8:48–59

The Indictment

Verse 47

“The one who belongs to God listens and responds to God’s words. You don’t listen and respond, because you don’t belong to God”

Verse 48

The Judeans replied, “Aren’t we correct in saying that you are a Samaritan and are possessed by a demon?”

Verses 49,50

“I am not possessed by a demon, but I honor my Father – and yet you dishonor me. I am not trying to get praise for myself. There is one who demands it, and he also judges.”

Judgment and Salvation

John 3:17

“God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world should be saved through him”

Verse 51

“I tell you the solemn truth, if anyone obeys my teaching, he will never see death”

Verse 52

“Now we know you’re possessed by a demon! Both Abraham and the prophets died, and yet you say, ‘If anyone obeys my teaching, he will never experience death’

Do Christ Followers Die?

John 11:25–26

“I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live even if he dies, and the one who lives and believes in me will never die”

Yes, We Die And, No, We Don’t

John 5:24

“I tell you the solemn truth, the one who hears my message and believes the one who sent me has eternal life and will not be condemned, but has crossed over from death to life”

Our Bodies Die, But We Don't

Verses 52,53

"Now we know you're possessed by a demon! Both Abraham and the prophets died, and yet you say, 'If anyone obeys my teaching, he will never experience death.' You aren't greater than our father Abraham who died, are you? And the prophets died too! Who do you claim to be?"

Verses 54–56

Jesus replied, "If I glorify myself, my glory is worthless. The one who glorifies me is my Father, about whom you people say, 'He is our God.' Yet you do not know him, but I know him. If I were to say that I do not know him, I would be a liar like you. But I do know him, and I obey his teaching. Your father Abraham was overjoyed to see my day, and he saw it and was glad."

Verses 57–59

Then the Judeans replied, "You are not yet fifty years old! Have you seen Abraham?" Jesus said to them, "I tell you the solemn truth, before Abraham came into existence, I am!" Then they picked up stones to throw at him, but Jesus hid himself and went out from the temple area.

Yahweh or I AM

Exodus 3:14

"God said to Moses, "I am that I am." And he said, "You must say this to the Israelites, 'I am has sent me to you."

What does this have to do with Me?

1. Because Jesus is God, His work on the cross and His teaching words of promise will be totally successful.

Isaiah 46:10

"Remember this, so you can be brave! Think about it, you rebels! Remember what I accomplished in antiquity! Truly I am God, I have no peer; I am God, and there is none like me, who announces the end from the beginning and reveals beforehand what has not yet occurred, who says, 'My plan will be realized, I will accomplish what I desire'

Verse 51

"I tell you the solemn truth, if anyone obeys my teaching, he will never see death"

Hebrews 2:14,15

Therefore, since the children share in flesh and blood, he likewise shared in their humanity, so that through death he could destroy the one who holds the power of death (that is, the devil), and set free those who were held in slavery all their lives by their fear of death.

2. The writer to the Hebrews says that the whole human race is subject to lifelong slavery through the fear of death. But Jesus says "if anyone obeys my teaching, he will never see death"

3. The world urgently needs Christ the courage of fearless Followers of Him who know they will never see death.