



GOSPEL OF JOHN SERIES – 80
Reasons For Unbelieve In Jesus
John 12:36b-43

INTRODUCTION & REVIEW

People do not believe in Jesus because they reject the light that God has given them, resulting in God's judicially blinding them; but some see Jesus' glory and believe.

1. PEOPLE DO NOT BELIEVE IN JESUS BECAUSE THEY REJECT THE LIGHT THAT HE HAS GIVEN THEM 12:36-37

2. IF PEOPLE REJECT THE LIGHT THAT GOD HAS GIVEN THEM, HE WILL JUDICIALLY BLIND THEM EVEN MORE 12:38-40

John makes two startling claims:

- The Jews' rejection of Jesus was in order to fulfill prophecy.
- The Jews were incapable of believing because God had blinded their eyes and hardened their hearts.

Remember...

Your responsibility, by God's enabling, is to constantly apply the divine principles and truths you have heard (Phil. 2:12-13; 1 Tim. 4:7-9; Jam 1:22-27).

As you meditate on this message, ask yourself these questions:

How does God want my beliefs/actions to change?

How can I accomplish this change?

What is the first step toward bringing about this change?

4 THINGS TO KEEP IN MIND WITH GOD'S SOVEREIGNTY:

- (1) God's sovereignty in these matters is never pitted against human responsibility.
- (2) God's act of judicial hardening is a just response by God toward those already guilty, it reflects the consequences they've chosen for themselves.
- (3) God's sovereignty is actually a cause for hope.
- (4) God's sovereign hardening of people brought His ultimate redemptive purposes to pass.

3. PEOPLE BELIEVE IN CHRIST BECAUSE GOD HAS GRANTED THEM SOME VISION OF CHRIST'S GLORY 12:41

4. SOME PROFESS TO BELIEVE IN JESUS, BUT THEIR FOCUS IS ON THE GLORY OF MAN, NOT ON THE GLORY OF GOD 12:42-43

4 SUMMARY APPLICATIONS:

(1) Are you obeying the light that God has given you or could you be suppressing the truth because you love your sins?

(2) Are you trusting the Lord even when He does things that don't fit your expectations?

(3) When you share Christ, are you praying that God will open blind eyes.

(4) If you have not believed in Jesus to save you from your sins, you can't blame God.

Cry out to God to open your eyes to the glory of Jesus crucified for sinners. Beg God to give you saving faith.