



Gospel of John : *These were written that you may believe!*

## **“Seeing the day of the LORD...and rejoicing!”**

John 8 – January 14, 2024

### **Before Abraham Was, I Am**

**John 8:48** The Jews answered him, “Are we not right in saying that you are a Samaritan and have a demon?” 49 Jesus answered, “I do not have a demon, but I honor my Father, and you dishonor me. 50 Yet I do not seek my own glory; there is One who seeks it, and he is the judge. 51 **Truly, truly, I say to you, if anyone keeps my word, he will never see death.**” 52 The Jews said to him, “Now we know that you have a demon! Abraham died, as did the prophets, yet you say, ‘If anyone keeps my word, he will never taste death.’ 53 **Are you greater than our father Abraham, who died? And the prophets died! Who do you make yourself out to be?**” 54 Jesus answered, “If I glorify myself, my glory is nothing. **It is my Father who glorifies me, of whom you say, ‘He is our God.’**” 55 But you have not known him. 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 keep his word. 56 **Your father Abraham rejoiced that he would see my day. He saw it and was glad.**” 57 So the Jews said to him, “You are not yet fifty years old, and have you seen Abraham?” 58 Jesus said to them, “**Truly (amen!), truly, I say (word) to you, before Abraham was, I am.**” 59 So they picked up stones to throw at him, **but Jesus hid himself and went out of the temple.**

God started his promise of a son at age 75. Gen 17:1 When Abram was 99 years old, the LORD appeared to Abram and announced, “I am God Almighty. Live in constant awareness that I’m always with you,<sup>[a]</sup> and be blameless. <sup>2</sup> I’ll establish my covenant between me and you, and I’ll greatly increase your numbers.” <sup>3</sup> Then **Abram fell to the ground<sup>[b]</sup>** as God continued speaking to him. <sup>4</sup> **“Look, I’ve made a covenant with you.**

His *hour* had not come, but His *day* had! V.20  
Countdown to Christ’s Glorification: establishing  
*Who He is...LORD!*

**51 Truly, truly, I say to you, if anyone keeps my word, he will never see death.”—not allowing it to escape**

**The Word is...Christ, and He is here...the LORD!—John 1, Ex 3:12-16. CH. 13. The LORD brought you out with a mighty hand.**

Ex. 3:14 God said to Moses, “**I AM WHO I AM.**”<sup>[c]</sup> This is what you are to say to the Israelites: ‘I AM has sent me to you.’”

**The LORD soars in providing who He is: He himself: covered Adam and Eve, Visited Abraham, Ex. 13:14-21: By day the Lord went ahead of them in a pillar of cloud to guide them on their way and by night in a pillar of fire to give them light, so that they could travel by day or night.**

**The LORD Jesus knows the Jews hearts.** He’s kept his promise, and they have not kept faith—Liars, meaning they are willfully deceiving others flowing from their character, or sin nature. V55 In Contrast: Nathaniel... Jn 1:47. You will die in your sins unless you believe I am He. John 8:24 Confession + Source of Salvation=Life,

**Jesus Knows the Father 4x v 55=**is to know and keep the LORD’s character and work: Omniscient—knows the heart that keeps His word.

**Jesus is YHWH, the LORD, and is eternal: Abraham saw him and was glad!**

**Jesus/YHWH—is the substitute that Abraham believed in...Holy, From Heaven (came down), Gen 22:8-14—God will provide for himself the lamb...**

**Gen 22:14 So Abraham called that place The Lord Will Provide. And to this day it is said, “On the mountain of the Lord it will be provided.**

For the following application questions, review your notes from the front.

**MONDAY** – What does it mean to keep Christ's Word. He is the word, so how do we keep Christ? What are some key stories about the Lord that the Jews seemed to get off of. Why would adding "by faith" help this thought along? How did Abraham keep the Word of the LORD?

**TUESDAY** – How does Abraham falling to the ground in Genesis 17:3 show a difference between the Jews Christ was speaking with and the faith of Abraham? Why does Christ call these Jews Liars. What is being contrasted between the Jews and Abraham's faith? What are the Jews failing to keep? How do we keep the WORD? What is Christ saying here about our work? 8:24

**WEDNESDAY** – How did the Jews get off course? What did they drift towards in the 450 quiet years? What were they to cling to? What did they drift off to? What does this say to our hearts? Why is it important that Jesus said He is I AM? Why is it important that Christ is the LORD, YHWH?

**THURSDAY** – How does Jesus saying He is the light of the world at the feast of tabernacles, and combining that with a miracle help belief that He is I AM? What miracle will he do? Ch 9. If he can do the physical healing, can He do the spiritual? Why do we all need the light of the World? Has the Lord ever visited you in a special relational way for just you? Did He open up His word more to you after this?

**FRIDAY** – Of all the things that I AM is doing, what is a need He is meeting for you as I AM? Someone said last week that the Jews imagined a heaven they could reach. Just get this one thing done, and I'll finally be there. Why was that a lie? What is Christ saying here in John 8:24. How is that different than a faith based in the law? What does legalism imagine?

**SATURDAY**—How do we 'keep' the Word since that relates to eternal life. V52. Genesis 17:3 shows Abraham falling to the ground. He also didn't waiver in unbelief about having children because of the promise. Romans 4 and Galatians speaks to Abraham's faith. How does Abraham's faith compare to the lies of the Jews. Which is simple? Why do the Jews add to the laws? Why is this such a departure from belief? Why does Christ seem to reduce it all to belief? Do you feel some laws encroaching on you in your walk? Belief leads to good following. How does Christ pictured as the pillar of fire simplify following?

***Christ soars above and comes low – Let's Praise Him!!***

***Our purpose is to know...follow...and love Christ!***