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The Book of John

Lesson 17 guile

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Read John 6:60-71

Read John 7:1-29

There are five references in chapter 7 to feasts in verses 8, 10, 11, 14 and 37. Lets get started: verse 1. *After these things Jesus walked in Galilee: for he would not walk in Jewry, (Interesting word.) because the Jews sought to kill him.* Jesus was not afraid, No. His hour was not come. It was not time to be King; it was not His time to die. *Now the Jews' feast of tabernacles was at hand.* Do you remember what we said about those feasts? They used to be the Lord's – and now they are the Jews. *His brethren therefore said unto him, Depart hence, and go into Judaea, that thy disciples also may see the works that thou doest.* Verse 4. *For there is no man that doeth any thing in secret, He has not been doing things in secret up to this point, He has been out in the open. and he himself seeketh to be known openly.* What did they not understand about Jesus? He is not seeking His own glory.... *If thou do these things, shew thyself to the world.*

Here is an interesting fact that you will never need as long as you live. The word "if" is used 1,522 times in the Bible.

Verse 5. *For neither did his brethren believe in him.* So they are not opposing Him yet; but they are not believers either.

Verse 6. *Then Jesus said unto them, My time is not yet come: but your time is always ready.* It is not time for me to go up there and die. It is not time for me to be glorified. But, It is time that you should start believing in me.

Verse 7. *The world cannot hate you; but me it hateth, because I testify of it, that the works thereof are evil. Go ye up unto this feast: I go not up yet unto this feast; for my time is not yet full come.* The world never hated the family of Jesus. They sure do not hate Mary. It is interesting. Jesus said to His spiritual family of born again believers, if they hated me, they will hate you also. But He said to His physical family, the world cannot hate you. That is an odd thing. You see, they did not hate Jesus because He came from Nazareth. They did not hate Him because He was a carpenter. They did

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not hate Him because He went about doing good. They hated Him because He was the Son of God, the Saviour of the world. They hate light.

Verse 9. *When he had said these words unto them, he abode still in Galilee. But when his brethren were gone up, then went he also up unto the feast, not openly, but as it were in secret. Then the Jews sought him at the feast, and said, Where is he? And there was much murmuring among the people concerning him: for some said, He is a good man: others said, Nay; but he deceiveth the people.* That is pretty much what they say about everybody that follows the Lord. You will have your critics and you will have those that praise you and speak well of you.

Verse 13. *Howbeit no man spake openly of him for fear of the Jews. Now about the midst of the feast Jesus went up into the temple, and taught. And the Jews marvelled, saying, How knoweth this man letters, having never learned?* They knew He was not trained in the rabbinical schools. He was a carpenter.

Verse 16. *Jesus answered them, and said, My doctrine is not mine, but his that sent me.* Seven times in John, Jesus states that His words came from His Father. - John 7:16. John 8:28. John 8:46. John 12:49. John 14:10. John 14:24. John 17:8.

Verse 17. I have in my margin next to this verse, this is fellowship. *If any man will do his will, This is fellowship. It is my will matching God's will. If any man will do his will, he shall know of the doctrine...* Do you see what the key is to knowing Bible doctrine? It is a willingness to do the will of God. Why would God teach the Bible to somebody that has no intention of doing it? *...whether it be of God, or whether I speak of myself. He that speaketh of himself seeketh his own glory: but he that seeketh his glory that sent him, the same is true, and no unrighteousness is in him.* Look what Jesus just said about Himself. He just said there is no unrighteousness in me. What a thing to say. Now I know some people that feel that way about themselves. But It is obviously not true. Jesus made this statement. You would think the follow-up to that would be some sin that they could remember that he did when He was younger. Yet, He makes that statement and nobody can challenge it. There is no contradictory evidence to shoot down what Jesus just said.

Verse 19. *Did not Moses give you the law, and yet none of you keepeth the law?* – He just said there is no unrighteousness in me, but there is plenty in

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you. Is it any wonder they wanted to kill Him? Is it any wonder they crucified Him? He was not trying to get along. He is telling the truth. *Why go ye about to kill me? The people answered and said, Thou hast a devil: who goeth about to kill thee?* Remember John 1? That is guile. They did not say we are not trying to kill you. They used words to make the people who heard them **think** they were not trying to kill Him. Jesus said, "*why you ye about to kill me.*" They did not say because and then give the reason and they did not say, we are not going to kill you." They said, *who goeth about to kill thee?* That is guile. Because all the people standing around are thinking, "man, this guy must have a devil, what did He just accused our leaders of? He just accused them of trying to kill him." Well, verse 1 says they were. They had a perfect chance there to say they were not. And they did not.

Question: Did anybody ever just flat out lie to Jesus? It is almost like you are standing in the presence of THE TRUTH and It is like all these liars can not lie out of their mouth. Here are these people and they just cannot tell the truth and they cannot lie. So they use guile. The way I understand guile is when the police say to me "did you participate in that robbery, and I say "officer I saw the whole thing." Was that the whole truth? No! that was guile.

Verse 21. *Jesus answered and said unto them, I have done one work, and ye all marvel. Moses therefore gave unto you circumcision; One work? How did we end up there...It would be the healing on the Sabbath day, He healed that man on the Sabbath day. Because that took place as you recall at a feast of the Jews in chapter 5 and that was their conflict with Him – Moses therefore gave unto you circumcision; (not because it is of Moses, but of the fathers;) and ye on the sabbath day circumcise a man.* If you are not supposed to do any work on the Sabbath day, do you? Every Sabbath day, do not you perform a work required by the law for a young male eight days old? *If a man on the sabbath day receive circumcision, that the law of Moses should not be broken; are ye angry at me, because I have made a man every whit whole on the sabbath day?* You are not going to beat God at an argument, especially about the law.

Verse 24. *Judge not according to the appearance, but judge righteous judgment.* There are two commands here. You are commanded to judge. But you are commanded to not base that judgment on the mere appearance of the thing. Make sure you have all the facts of the matter before you cast your judgment.

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Verse 25. *Then said some of them of Jerusalem, Is not this he, whom they seek to kill?* They have been talking around town about how they are going to kill Him and then pretended like they had no intention of doing so. *But, lo, he speaketh boldly, and they say nothing unto him.* You know the people are catching on. Our leaders are big talk and no action. This man is big talk and big action. This Jesus, He is the man. You remember the last time He went to a feast He went in there and ran out those money changers. This time He comes in, I think He is just surveying the scene and seeing what is going on.

Do the rulers know indeed that this is the very Christ? The people – they are beginning to understand. They are wondering. Well, maybe the rulers do not know. Maybe that is why they are talking about killing Him.

Verse 27. *Howbeit we know this man whence he is: but when Christ cometh, no man knoweth whence he is.* That is part of their mythology from their Rabbi's. Why would you say no man knows from whence He is when the place of His birth is foretold, the events of His birth is foretold – It is all spelled out in the scriptures.

Verse 28. *Then cried Jesus in the temple as he taught, saying, Ye both know me, and ye know whence I am:* how is that for an indictment? They know He is the Messiah. They know He came down from heaven. They know He is the virgin-born one in Bethlehem. They just will not believe on Him. *...and I am not come of myself, but he that sent me is true, whom ye know not.* He just told them they do not know God. It is going to get ugly real soon.

Verse 29. *But I know him: for I am from him, and he hath sent me. Then they sought to take him:* Remember they used guile to say, *who goeth about to kill you? Then they sought to take him: but no man laid hands on him, because his hour was not yet come.* We need to make a point here as we will throughout our study of John. Nobody crucified Jesus – He laid down His life. They did not kill Him. He voluntarily died. You could not lay a finger on Him, if He did not want you to.

Notes

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Additional scriptures:

Leviticus 23: 1-44

John 6

1. What does verse 62 reveal about the person of Jesus Christ?
2. How does verse 63 put the entire discussion in its proper light?
3. Can you echo Peter's words in verses 68, & 69, explain?
4. In verses 64 and 71 why do you think Jesus chose Judas to be one of the twelve?
5. Explain the following terms:
 - draw him
 - the living bread
 - quickeneth
 - we believe and are sure

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6. Though the chapter and verse markings are not part of the inspired text, they reveal that the guiding hand of God is evident in their placement. What is striking about John 6:66?

Chapter 7

7. What was the feast of tabernacles?
8. After reading verses 3-5, how would you say Jesus' relationship to His family has changed since the wedding at Cana?
9. What does verse 4 reveal about human nature
10. What do we learn from verse 7 about the persecution Christians receive from the world?
11. How do the remarks of verse 12 apply to our day and age?
12. What was it about Jesus' teaching that amazed the people?

true/false

- Jews before Jesus Christ were saved by keeping the law.
- The word guile means when you tell the whole truth.
- We are commanded not to judge others.



Scripture Memorization; (write these on the back on the sheet, Must be in KJV)

John 7:24; 2 Peter 3:16; John 7:17.