

CHRIST THE DIVIDER

JOHN 7:37-52

I. THE LORD'S INVITATION ON THE LAST DAY OF THE GREAT FEAST OF TABERNACLES (7:37-39)

- A. The Case Supposed: *"If Any Man Thirst..."* (7:37a)
 - 1. Illustrations From Scripture
 - 2. Illustration From Edersheim's Study Of The Feast
- B. The Remedy Proposed: *"...Let Him Come Unto Me And Drink..."* (7:37b-39)
 - 1. Jesus' Summary Of The Substance Of Certain O.T. Passages
 - 2. John's Explanation (7:39)

II. THE PEOPLE'S MIXED RESPONSE TO THE LORD'S INVITATION (7:40-44)

- A. Some Made The Connection To Deuteronomy 18:15 (7:40)
- B. Others Erred Because Of Only A Partial Knowledge Of Scripture (7:41-42)
- C. Still Others Would Have Arrested Him On The Spot (7:44)

III. THE DEBATE THAT OCCURRED IN THE INNER CHAMBERS OF THE SANHEDRIN (7:45-52)

- A. The Temple Guards Reported Back To The Pharisees (7:45-46)
- B. The Pharisees Severely Rebuked The Temple Guards (7:47-49)
- C. Nicodemus Attempted To Defend The Lord (7:50-51)
- D. The Sanhedrin Dispersed In Disgust (7:52-53)