

JESUS: A DEMON POSSESSED SAMARITAN?

JOHN 8:48-59

I. THE LORD'S INITIAL ANSWER TO THE ACCUSATION OF DEMON POSSESSION (8:49-51)

- A. "I Do Not Have A Demon. I Am Honoring My Father" (8:49)
- B. "I Am Not Seeking My Own Glory. But There Is One Who Is Seeking My Glory" (8:50)
- C. "I Have A Message That If Adhered To, Guarantees Escape From Eternal Spiritual Death (8:51)
 - 1. The O.T. Usage Of "Amen"
 - a. It Expressed An Attribute Of God
 - b. It Expressed A Statement Of Faith
 - 2. The N.T. Usage Of "Amen"
 - a. Spoken Only By Christ
 - b. Intensified In John's Gospel

II. THE LORD'S SECOND ANSWER TO THE ACCUSATION OF DEMON POSSESSION (8:52-59)

- A. The Jews Felt That They Had Indisputable Evidence For Such A Charge (8:52-53)
- B. The Lord's Answer Came In A Series Of Three Contrasts (8:54-56)
 - 1. He Conceded That Any Man Who Proclaims Himself To Be Somebody Without External Confirmation, That Man Has No Case (8:54)
 - 2. If He Acquiesced To Being Something Less Than God Then He Would Be A Liar Like Them (8:55)
 - 3. Unlike Them, Abraham Rejoiced To See Christ's Day (8:56)