

John 8:1-11

You're Forgiven! Go and Sin No More!

(pt. 2)

INTRO: Hateful Haman eventually hangs from his own gallows (Esther 5-8; 1 Sam. 2:10)!

A Biblical Understanding of the “Woman Caught in Adultery” Narrative:

I) The Coldhearted Trap

(John 8:1-4)

II) The Dishonest Question.

(John 8:5-6a)

III) The “Wiser than Solomon” Response

(John 8:6b-8)

IV) The “We’ve Been Exposed” Exodus

(John 8:9)

V) The Gospel Admonition

(John 8:10-11)

For Further Reflection/Application: *Lord help us to be effectually doers of the Word!*

What are the main things you took away from today's exposition? What do you want to study further? Good preaching and good listening fosters personal reflection and personal study.

What parallels were made (or intended) between Haman's hatred towards Mordecai/the Jews and the blind guides of Pharisaic Judaism's animosity towards Messiah Jesus? Some related principles are found in Genesis 12:3; 1 Samuel 2:10; 1 Chron. 16:22. Note the unexpected twist of fate that's recorded in Esther 7:9-10 (unbelieving Haman). Compare this with what happens in John 8:9 (with the religious yet still unbelieving enemies of Christ).

List some of the ways Jesus Christ is attacked/opposed today? What is meant by the saying, "Your arms are too short to box with God/Christ!" Highlight a few of the ways people try and trap followers of Jesus today? In John 15, Jesus said "The unbelieving world hates me, don't be surprised if they mistreat you too!" Why do people hate the biblical gospel?

When believers come under fire today, we should look to Christ (the Master Escape Artist). He is all-powerful and infinitely wise! Look to Christ! Keep your eyes fixed on Him! Cry out to God!

Another person's sin against you does not justify your own sin! We need to remind ourselves of this. Jesus does not sweep the woman's sin under the rug or justify it in view of the Pharisee's self-righteous hypocrisy. Someone else's sin against you does not cancel out your own sin. God will hold us responsible for our actions/attitudes/words (not someone else's). What can wash away our sin? Who is able and willing to forgive sinners? What kind of individual does the Lord forgive? (note Luke 18:13f; Psalm 32:1-3; 10-11; Psalm 51; 1 John 1:9).

Christians need to be innocent as doves and wise as serpents! (note last week's message). Jesus came under intense fire, yet He was sinless through it all. Remember the pharisees and scribes are not truly concerned about God's holiness/the Law of God. They were seeking to discredit Jesus in effort to undermine his credibility with the masses. They were power hungry men! These jealous leaders were looking for grounds to murder him. Hence Jesus' words to them in John 8:7! Self-righteous, unbelieving, hypocrites are an affront to God!

What is an admonition? How is Jesus' message (Gospel Admonition) to the adulteress in John 8:11 "full of grace and truth?" What should believers do when the grace of God in Christ ceases to amaze us? How do we rekindle our awe and wonder concerning the mercies of Christ? Rehearse Romans 3:1-10, 23; Ephesians 2:1-3; Psalm 32:1-3; 10-11; Romans 8:1.

In view of the mercy, grace, and love of God in Christ- Go and sin no more! Read and/or memorize Psalm 130:4; Titus 2:11-13!

False teachers often use and abuse the grace of God (see Jude 4-16)! Many famous celebrities in our godless culture are overwhelmed with guilt and shame. They seek forgiveness without repentance. They want salvation from God's wrath without exercising genuine saving faith in Christ alone! They want the hope of heaven without giving up the pleasures/comforts of this sinful world. Satan deceives the lost with pseudo churches who preach a false gospel (note Galatians 1).

Recently we have considered the following sermon expositions:

John 6:1-15 (pt. 1). "Lord Jesus, Help Us to Remember Who You Are!"
John 6:1-15 (pt. 2). "Clouded Vision, Self-Serving Faith, and the All-Sufficient Christ."
John 6:16-21 (pt. 1). "Jesus and the Storms of Life."
John 6:16-21 (pt. 2). "A Christ-centered Solution to Fear, Worry, and Anxiety."
John 6:22-40 (pt. 1). "The Soul-Satisfying Bread of Life."
John 6:22-40 (pt. 2). "Misplaced Priorities and Excuses, Excuses!"
John 6:22-40 (pt. 3). "Someone Greater than Moses and Manna!"
John 6:41-51. "Man's Gross Grumbings and God's Sovereign Grace."
John 6:52-59. "4 Big Takeaways from Jesus' Bread of Life Discourse"
John 6:60-71. "Success, Failure, and the Sovereignty of God" (pt. 1)
John 6:60-71. "Distinguishing False Converts from True Disciples" (pt. 2)
John 7:1-13. "God's Will, God's Way, in God's Timing"
John 7:14-24. "Why Jesus' Teaching Mustn't Be Ignored or Dismissed?"
John 7:25-36, "Questions and Answers (with Jesus)!"
John 7:37-53, "Come to Christ, Drink the Living Water, and Be Satisfied."
John 8:1-11, "A Coldhearted Trap, Wisdom Incarnate, and the Great Escape" (pt. 1)
John 8:1-11, "You're Forgiven! Go and Sin No More!" (pt. 2)

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