



Rejecting The Prophet Like Moses

Jn. 5:31-47

1. 5:30: So Jewish leaders, yes, I am equal to God but not a competing God with My own agenda. I am the 2nd member of the Triune Godhead related to the Father as a Son who only does the will of the Father (5:30).

2. 5:31-47: If you honored and believed in God, the Scripture and Moses, you would honor and believe in Me, for they all testify of Me.

- A. Son does nothing on His Own, only what He sees Father do (v.19)
 - B. Marvel—the Father will show Him greater works in the future (v. 20)
 - C. Like Father/Like Son: Life-Giver and Judge (v. 21-23)
 - D. All who hear the Son and believe the Father possess everlasting life (noun) now (present tense--v. 24)
 - D" The dead shall, and those that hear shall live (verb—future tense), beginning now (partially) but fully in the future (v. 25)
 - C'. Like Father/Like Son: Life-Giver and Judge! (v. 26-27)
 - B'. Marvel not—If not now in Jesus's ministry in the future hour when He raises all (v. 28-29)
- A'. I do nothing on My Own, only what I hear of the Father (v.30)

- 3. In A, B, C, D it is emphasizing Christ's present 1st Coming that extends from that point, through His earthly ministry, the ministry of Peter and the 12, (NO DISPENSATION OF GRACE), through Tribulation Period—in short from 1st to 2nd Coming is the time to possess eternal life.
 - --D', C', B', A', is emphasizing Christ future ministry at His 2nd Coming to the end of Milennial Kingdom when He will carry out the full physical resurrection of all the dead, some to everlasting life and some to everlasting condemnation, as the Son of Man.

- 4. Jesus is the God appointed Mediator of God's Life and Judgment to Israel and through her the world:
 - a. He gives eternal life, the Life of God—to know God through Jesus Christ. From beginning to end, his work is characterized as bestowing life from God. The Word, incarnate in Jesus is the Mediator of both physical and spiritual life. (Jn. 5:21; 17:3).
 - b. He judges who should receive it (Jn. 5:22-24).
 - c. His word is the Word of Life (Jn. 4:50, 53; 5:8, 24; 6:63).
 - d. The Word is the agent or instrument of bringing the world to life (Jn. 1:4, 10). Jesus is the agent of bringing life to the world and sustaining it even on the Sabbath as the Lord God of Israel does.
 - e. Jesus also has the authority to pass judgment and raise people in the final resurrection to eternal life or condemnation (Jn. 5).

- 5. Those hearing Jesus's word + believing the Father who sent Him (Jn. 5:24). These terms are co-ordinate, they are 2 elements that operate together. Hearing Jesus's words is tied together with believing in God, bringing them into the divine dance of Life of God.
 - --The corollary being that those who don't hear Jesus's word are those those who don't believe God (Jn. 5:38; 8:43, 47). Those who "hear" but reject in unbelief, reveal that they don't believe God and remain in the condemnation of Israel under the curses of the Law and will be destroyed in the coming wrath and judgment of God at Christ's 2nd Coming (Jn. 5:24; Deut. 18:19; Acts 3:22-25).

- 7. Jn. 5:31-47—According to the Law, the truth was established by at least 2 but preferably 3 and best of all—as many reliable witnesses as possible.
 - a. Jesus of Himself, here, 3:16-18, etc. though not on His own accord but on behalf of the Father (Jn. 1:18; 4:34) (5:31).
 - b. The ongoing witness of Another ??? (5:32), identified as the Father in 5:37).
 - c. The all-knowing narrator (Prologue; 1:14).

- d. John the Baptist (Jn. 1; 3:23-30) although He doesn't need the testimony of any human (5:33-35; 2:25). He includes John that they might be saved.
 - --If they believed what John said about Jesus, that He is the Lamb of God (1:29, 35) and the Son of God (1:34), Jn. 5:19-30 would need no more explanation—they would have heard and believed.
 - --They saw the divine light John reflected about the coming Messiah, but rejected the One to whom was the source of that divine Light (Jn. 1:4-9).

- e. The works of the Father witness of Him (5:36).
 - --Jesus didn't just do the works; He did them PERFECTLY AND COMPLETELY (Jn. 5:19), culminating in His complete and perfect work on the Cross (Jn. 19:30), witnessing to the truth that He is the Sent One of the Father.
- f. The Father witnesses to the Son (5:37).
 - --Jesus is the Word and Form of God among them (Jn. 1:14, 18). He is the visible manifestation of the invisible God (Mat. 3:17; 17:5; 2 Pet. 1:17).

- g. The Scriptures (5:39).
 - --They used the Scriptures but used them incorrectly. They weren't an end in themselves. The Scriptures they used to condemn, persecute and put to death Christ actually witnessed to Him being the Sent One of God the source of life (Jn. 1:45; Lk. 24:27, 44).
- h. Moses and his writings (5:46-47)