

**Knowing who your father is: it's who you trust, not what you say  
(John 8.39-59; 06-13-21am)**

**Central thought:** Those who reject Jesus cannot claim to be a child of God

**I. To reject Jesus is to align with the plans of the devil (39-47)**

1. Those who claim to be children of Abraham must believe the truth about Jesus (39)
2. Those who reject the truth about Jesus are aligning themselves with the plans of the devil (41-45)
  - a. They lie about their relationship with God (41)
  - b. They do not love Jesus (42)
  - c. They refuse to see Jesus as sent from God (42)
  - d. They do not believe Jesus because they reject that His words are true (43) (cf. 46)
  - e. They do not believe in Jesus because they have chosen to believe the lies of the devil (44)
3. Those who refuse to believe God's word about Jesus are not children of God (47)

**II. To accept Jesus is to see that He is greater than any great human figure (48-59)**

1. Jesus always honors God (49)
2. God sought to glorify Jesus (50, 54)
3. Jesus gives eternal life (51)
4. When Abraham and prophets died they stayed dead (52-53)      When Jesus died, He rose again
5. Jesus always keeps God's word (55)
6. Abraham rejoiced in knowing that Jesus would come – acknowledging the greater greatness of Jesus (56)
7. Jesus was present in eternal counsels of God when whole notion of Abraham & Israel was planned (58)

**III. How to clearly identify that God is your true Father**

1. Follow the model of Abraham      Trust God's word; obey it at all costs, no matter what God asks of you
2. Love Jesus      We verify that we love Jesus when we hear His words and obey then
3. Treat the Old Testament as true, historical, narrative that points to Jesus
4. (Implied) Flee the works of the devil by believing and obeying Jesus