

## *Lesson 79: Quench Not the Spirit, part 2*

### **VIII. Grieve Not the Holy Spirit**

**Memory Verse:** Wherefore I say unto you, All manner of sin and blasphemy shall be forgiven unto men: but the blasphemy against the Holy Ghost shall not be forgiven unto men. **Matthew 12:31**

#### **The Example of the Priests and Rulers – 1**

1. Lesson 75 ended with the warning Jesus gave the priests and rulers in **Matt. 12:31,32**: "Wherefore I say unto you, \_\_\_\_\_ manner of sin and blasphemy shall be \_\_\_\_\_ unto men: but the blasphemy against the \_\_\_\_\_ shall \_\_\_\_\_ be forgiven unto men. And whosoever speaketh a word \_\_\_\_\_ the Son of man, it shall be \_\_\_\_\_ him: but whosoever speaketh against the \_\_\_\_\_, it shall \_\_\_\_\_ be forgiven him, neither in this world, neither in the world to come. Let's look at why the Priests and Rulers could not be forgiven.

2. What did Jesus say to the priests and rulers at the Feast of Tabernacles? **John 7:28** "Then cried \_\_\_\_\_ in the temple as he \_\_\_\_\_, saying, Ye both \_\_\_\_\_ me, and ye \_\_\_\_\_ whence I am: and I am \_\_\_\_\_ come of \_\_\_\_\_, but he that \_\_\_\_\_ me is true, whom ye know \_\_\_\_\_."

**Note:** "There were occasions when Jesus stood forth while in human flesh as the Son of God. Divinity flashed through humanity, and was seen by the scoffing priests and rulers. Was it acknowledged? Some acknowledged that He was the Christ, but the larger portion of those who upon these special occasions were forced to see that He was the Son of God, **refused to receive Him**. Their blindness corresponded to their **determined resistance of conviction**." ST, May 10, 1899 par. 12

**"When Christ's indwelling glory flashed forth, it was too intense for His pure and perfect humanity entirely to conceal.** The scribes and Pharisees did not speak in acknowledgment of Him, but their enmity and hatred were baffled as His majesty shone forth. **The truth, obscured as it was by a veil of humiliation, spoke to every heart with unmistakable evidence.** This led to the words of Christ, 'Ye know who I am.' Men and devils were compelled, by the shining forth of His glory, to confess, 'Truly, this is the Son of God.' **Thus God was revealed; thus Christ was glorified.**" ST, May 10, 1899 par. 13  
How many times were the priests and rulers convicted that Jesus was the Messiah, the Son of God and yet stifled that conviction and turned against Christ?

3. When did the priests and rulers first hear of Jesus? **Luke 2:17,18**

"And when they had seen it, they made known \_\_\_\_\_ the saying which was told them concerning this \_\_\_\_\_. And all they that heard it \_\_\_\_\_ at those things which were told them by the \_\_\_\_\_."

**Luke 2:20** "And the shepherds \_\_\_\_\_, glorifying and praising God for \_\_\_\_\_ the things that they had \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, as it was \_\_\_\_\_ unto them."

**Note:** "The priests and elders of Jerusalem were not as ignorant concerning the birth of Christ as they pretended. **The report of the angels' visit to the shepherds had been brought to Jerusalem**, but the

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rabbis had treated it as unworthy of their notice." DA 62.3

4. Did God give them another chance to acknowledge the birth of Christ? **Matthew 2:1-6** "Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judaea in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came \_\_\_\_\_ men from the \_\_\_\_\_ to Jerusalem, Saying, \_\_\_\_\_ is he that is born \_\_\_\_\_ of the Jews? for we have seen his \_\_\_\_\_ in the east, and are come to \_\_\_\_\_ him. When \_\_\_\_\_ the king had heard these things, he was \_\_\_\_\_, and all \_\_\_\_\_ with him. And when he had gathered all the chief \_\_\_\_\_ and scribes of the people together, he demanded of them \_\_\_\_\_ Christ should be born. And they said unto him, In \_\_\_\_\_ of Judaea: for thus it is written by the \_\_\_\_\_, And thou Bethlehem, in the land of Juda, art not the least among the princes of Juda: for out of \_\_\_\_\_ shall come a Governor, that shall \_\_\_\_\_ my people Israel."

**Note:** "The priests and elders of Jerusalem were not as ignorant concerning the birth of Christ as they pretended. ... **They themselves might have found Jesus, and might have been ready to lead the magi to His birthplace;** but instead of this, the wise men came to call their attention to the birth of the Messiah." DA 62.3

"Now **pride and envy closed the door against the light.** If the reports brought by the shepherds and the wise men were credited, they would place the priests and rabbis in a most **unenviable** position, disproving their claim to be the exponents of the truth of God. These learned teachers **would not stoop to be instructed by those whom they termed heathen.** It could not be, they said, that God had passed them by, to communicate with ignorant shepherds or uncircumcised Gentiles. **They determined to show their contempt for the reports that were exciting King Herod and all Jerusalem.** They would not even go to Bethlehem to see whether these things were so. **And they led the people to regard the interest in Jesus as a fanatical excitement. Here began the rejection of Christ by the priests and rabbis.** From this point their **pride and stubbornness** grew into a **settled hatred** of the Saviour. While God was **opening** the door to the Gentiles, the Jewish leaders were **closing** the door to themselves." DA 62.4

This was their **FIRST** rejection of Christ.

5. How did God next give them evidence of Christ's divine character?

**Luke 2:46,47** "And it came to pass, that after three days they found him in the temple, \_\_\_\_\_ in the midst of the \_\_\_\_\_, both hearing them, and \_\_\_\_\_ them questions. And all that heard him were \_\_\_\_\_ at his \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_."

**Note:** "At that day an apartment connected with the temple was devoted to a sacred school, after the manner of the schools of the prophets. Here leading rabbis with their pupils assembled, and hither the child Jesus came. Seating Himself at the feet of these grave, learned men, He listened to their instruction. **As one seeking for wisdom, He questioned these teachers in regard to the prophecies, and to events then taking place that pointed to the advent of the Messiah.**" DA 78.4

"Jesus presented Himself as one thirsting for a knowledge of God. **His questions were suggestive of deep truths which had long been obscured, yet which were vital to the salvation of souls.** While

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showing how narrow and superficial was the wisdom of the wise men, **every question put before them a divine lesson**, and placed truth in a new aspect. The rabbis spoke of the wonderful elevation which the Messiah's coming would bring to the Jewish nation; but Jesus presented the prophecy of Isaiah, and **asked them the meaning of those scriptures that point to the suffering and death of the Lamb of God.**" DA 78.5

"The doctors turned upon Him with questions, and **they were amazed at His answers**. With the humility of a child He repeated **the words of Scripture**, giving them a depth of meaning that the wise men had not conceived of. **If followed, the lines of truth He pointed out would have worked a reformation in the religion of the day.** A deep interest in spiritual things would have been awakened; and when Jesus began His ministry, **many would have been prepared to receive Him.**" DA 78.6

6. How did they express their amazement at Jesus' knowledge of the Scriptures?

**John 7:15** "And the Jews \_\_\_\_\_, saying, How \_\_\_\_\_ this man letters, having never \_\_\_\_\_?"

**Note:** "The rabbis **knew** that Jesus had not been instructed in their schools; **yet His understanding of the prophecies far exceeded theirs**. In this thoughtful Galilean boy they discerned great promise. They desired to gain Him as a student, that He might become a teacher in Israel. **They wanted to have charge of His education**, feeling that a mind so original must be **brought under their molding.**" DA 80.1

7. The Holy Spirit was speaking to their hearts, how did they respond?

**John 1:4,5** "In him was \_\_\_\_\_; and the life was the \_\_\_\_\_ of men. And the light shineth in \_\_\_\_\_; and the darkness **comprehended it** \_\_\_\_\_."

**John 1:11** "He \_\_\_\_\_ unto his own, and his own \_\_\_\_\_ him \_\_\_\_\_."

**Note:** "The words of Jesus had moved their hearts as they had never before been moved by words from human lips. **God was seeking to give light to those leaders in Israel, and He used the only means by which they could be reached.** In their pride they would have scorned to admit that they could receive instruction from anyone. If Jesus had appeared to be trying to teach them, they would have disdained to listen. But they flattered themselves that they were teaching Him, or at least testing His knowledge of the Scriptures. The youthful modesty and grace of Jesus disarmed their prejudices. **Unconsciously their minds were opened to the word of God, and the Holy Spirit spoke to their hearts.** DA 80.2

"They could not but see that their expectation in regard to the Messiah was not sustained by prophecy; but **they would not renounce the theories** that had flattered their ambition. **They would not admit that they had misapprehended the Scriptures they claimed to teach.** From one to another passed the inquiry, How hath this youth knowledge, having never learned? The light was shining in darkness; but "the darkness apprehended it not." John 1:5, R. V." DA 80.3

This was the \_\_\_\_\_ rejection of Jesus, the Messiah, the Son of God.

Let's look at some of the times when the priests and rulers were convicted that divinity flashed through humanity in the ministry of Christ.

### **A. The Cleansing of the Temple**

8. When did Jesus go to Jerusalem and what did He find? **John 2:13,14**

"And the Jews' \_\_\_\_\_ was at hand, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem, And

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found in the \_\_\_\_\_ those that \_\_\_\_\_ oxen and sheep and doves, and the changers of \_\_\_\_\_ sitting."

**Note:** "As Jesus came into the temple, He took in the whole scene. He saw the **unfair transactions**. He saw the **distress of the poor**, who thought that without shedding of blood there would be no forgiveness for their sins. He saw the outer court of His temple converted into a place of **unholy traffic**. The sacred enclosure had become **one vast exchange**." DA 157.2

"Christ saw that something must be done. Numerous ceremonies were enjoined upon the people **without the proper instruction as to their import**. The worshipers offered their sacrifices **without understanding that they were typical of the only perfect Sacrifice**. And among them, unrecognized and unhonored, stood the One symbolized by all their service. He had given directions in regard to the offerings. **He understood their symbolical value**, and He saw that they were now perverted and misunderstood. **Spiritual worship was fast disappearing**. No link bound the priests and rulers to their God. **Christ's work was to establish an altogether different worship**." DA 157.3

"**In the cleansing of the temple, Jesus was announcing His mission as the Messiah, and entering upon His work**. That temple, erected for the abode of the divine Presence, was designed to be an **object lesson** for Israel and for the world. From eternal ages **it was God's purpose that every created being**, from the bright and holy seraph to man, should be **a temple for the indwelling of the Creator**. Because of sin, **humanity ceased to be a temple for God**. Darkened and defiled by evil, the heart of man no longer revealed the glory of the Divine One. But by the incarnation of the Son of God, the purpose of Heaven is fulfilled. **God dwells in humanity, and through saving grace the heart of man becomes again His temple**. God designed that the temple at Jerusalem should be a continual witness to the high destiny open to every soul. But the Jews had **not understood the significance** of the building they regarded with so much pride. **They did not yield themselves** as holy temples for the Divine Spirit. The courts of the temple at Jerusalem, filled with the tumult of unholy traffic, **represented all too truly the temple of the heart**, defiled by the presence of sensual passion and unholy thoughts. In cleansing the temple from the world's buyers and sellers, **Jesus announced His mission to cleanse the heart from the defilement of sin**, – from the **earthly desires**, the **selfish lusts**, the **evil habits**, that corrupt the soul. DA 161.1

9. What did Jesus do? **John 2:15,16** "And when he had made a scourge of small cords, he \_\_\_\_\_ them all \_\_\_\_\_ of the temple, and the sheep, and the oxen; and poured out the changers' money, and overthrew the tables; And said unto them that sold doves, \_\_\_\_\_ these things \_\_\_\_\_; make \_\_\_\_\_ my \_\_\_\_\_ house an house of merchandise."

**Note:** "With searching glance, Christ takes in the scene before Him as He stands upon the steps of the temple court. With prophetic eye He looks into futurity, and sees not only years, but centuries and ages. He sees how priests and rulers will turn the needy from their right, and forbid that the gospel shall be preached to the poor. He sees how the love of God will be concealed from sinners, and men will make merchandise of His grace. **As He beholds the scene, indignation, authority, and power are expressed in His countenance**. The attention of the people is attracted to Him. The eyes of those engaged in their unholy traffic are riveted upon His face. They cannot withdraw their gaze. **They feel that this Man reads their inmost thoughts, and discovers their hidden motives**. Some attempt to conceal their faces, as if their evil deeds were written upon their countenances, to be scanned by those searching eyes." DA 157.4

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"The confusion is hushed. The sound of traffic and bargaining has ceased. The silence becomes painful. **A sense of awe overpowers the assembly.** It is as if they were arraigned before the tribunal of God to answer for their deeds. **Looking upon Christ, they behold divinity flash through the garb of humanity.** The Majesty of heaven stands as the **Judge** will stand at the last day, – not now encircled with the glory that will then attend Him, **but with the same power to read the soul.** His eye sweeps over the multitude, taking in every individual. His form seems to rise above them in **commanding dignity**, and **a divine light illuminates His countenance.** He **speaks**, and His clear, ringing voice – the same that upon Mount Sinai **proclaimed the law** that priests and rulers are transgressing – is heard echoing through the arches of the temple: 'Take these things hence; make not My Father's house an house of merchandise.' " DA 158.1

10. What did this remind the disciples of? **John 2:17** "And his \_\_\_\_\_ remembered that it was \_\_\_\_\_, The \_\_\_\_\_ of thine house hath \_\_\_\_\_ me up."

**Note:** "Slowly descending the steps, and raising the scourge of cords gathered up on entering the enclosure, He bids the bargaining company depart from the precincts of the temple. **With a zeal and severity He has never before manifested, He overthrows the tables of the money-changers.** The coin falls, ringing sharply upon the marble pavement. **None presume to question His authority.** None dare stop to gather up their ill-gotten gain. **Jesus does not smite them with the whip of cords, but in His hand that simple scourge seems terrible as a flaming sword.** Officers of the temple, speculating priests, brokers and cattle traders, with their sheep and oxen, rush from the place, **with the one thought of escaping from the condemnation of His presence.**" DA 158.2

"**A panic sweeps over the multitude, who feel the overshadowing of His divinity.** Cries of terror escape from hundreds of blanched lips. Even the disciples tremble. They are awestruck by the words and manner of Jesus, so unlike His usual demeanor. They remember that it is written of Him, 'The zeal of Thine house hath eaten Me up.' Psalm 69:9. Soon the tumultuous throng with their merchandise are far removed from the temple of the Lord. The courts are free from unholy traffic, and **a deep silence and solemnity settles upon the scene of confusion.** The presence of the Lord, that of old sanctified the mount, has now made sacred the temple reared in His honor." DA 158.3

11. What prophecies had been given concerning this temple?

**Haggai 2:7** "And I will \_\_\_\_\_ all nations, and the \_\_\_\_\_ of all nations shall come: and I will \_\_\_\_\_ this house with \_\_\_\_\_, saith the LORD of hosts."

**Haggai 2:9** "The \_\_\_\_\_ of this latter house shall be \_\_\_\_\_ than of the former, saith the LORD of hosts: and in \_\_\_\_\_ place will I give \_\_\_\_\_, saith the LORD of hosts."

**Malachi 3:1** "Behold, I will send my messenger, and he shall prepare the way before me: and the \_\_\_\_\_, whom ye \_\_\_\_\_, shall suddenly come to his \_\_\_\_\_, even the messenger of the \_\_\_\_\_, whom ye \_\_\_\_\_ in: behold, he shall \_\_\_\_\_, saith the LORD of hosts."

"**In this very building would appear, in the fullness of time, the Desire of all nations as the Teacher and Saviour of mankind.**" PK 577.1

"The second temple was honored, not with the cloud of Jehovah's glory, but with the **presence** of the **One** in whom dwelt 'all the fullness of the Godhead bodily' – God Himself 'manifest in the flesh.'"

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Colossians 2:9; 1 Timothy 3:16. In being honored with the personal presence of Christ during His earthly ministry, and in this alone, did the second temple exceed the first in glory. The 'Desire of all nations' had indeed come to His temple, when the Man of Nazareth taught and healed in the sacred courts." PK 597.2

"The outward glory of the temple was not the glory of the Lord. Instruction was given as to what constituted the blessing that was to rest upon the temple. Its restoration in a **plainer style** than that of the first temple, was to place before the people in a **proper light their past error** in depending upon the pomp and splendor of outward form and ceremony." RH, December 12, 1907 par. 11

"And this second temple was to be **superior** to the first because in a special sense **the Messiah would honor it with his personal presence.**" RH, December 12, 1907 par. 13

12. How did the priests and rulers react? **John 2:18** "Then answered the Jews and said unto him, What \_\_\_\_\_ shewest thou unto us, seeing that thou \_\_\_\_\_ these things?"

**Note:** "And **why did the priests flee from the temple?** Why did they not stand their ground? He who commanded them to go was a carpenter's son, a poor Galilean, without earthly rank or power. Why did they not resist Him? Why did they leave the gain so ill acquired, and flee at the command of One whose outward appearance was so humble?" DA 162.2

"**Christ spoke with the authority of a king, and in His appearance, and in the tones of His voice, there was that which they had no power to resist.** At the word of command they realized, as they had never realized before, their true position as hypocrites and robbers. **When divinity flashed through humanity, not only did they see indignation on Christ's countenance; they realized the import of His words.** They felt as if before the throne of the eternal Judge, with their sentence passed on them for time and for eternity. **For a time they were convinced that Christ was a prophet; and many believed Him to be the Messiah. The Holy Spirit flashed into their minds the utterances of the prophets concerning Christ. Would they yield to this conviction?**" DA 162.3

"Repent they would not. **They knew** that Christ's sympathy for the poor had been aroused. **They knew** that they had been guilty of extortion in their dealings with the people. Because Christ discerned their thoughts they **hated** Him. **His public rebuke was humiliating to their pride, and they were jealous of His growing influence with the people.** They determined to challenge Him as to the power by which He had driven them forth, and who gave Him this power." DA 162.4

This was the \_\_\_\_\_ time they refused to yield to the conviction of the Holy Spirit.

### **B. At the Synagogue of Nazareth**

13. **Note:** "Christ introduced his public ministry first to his own people. **He went into the synagogue at Nazareth upon the Sabbath, as had been his custom.** The elders read from the prophets, and exhorted the people to continue to hope and believe for the Coming One, who would bring in a glorious reign, and subdue all oppression. He sought to animate the faith and courage of the Jews, by rehearsing the evidences of Messiah's soon coming, dwelling especially upon the kingly power and glorious majesty that would attend his coming. He kept before the people the **erroneous idea** that the reign of Christ would be upon an **earthly throne** in Jerusalem, and his kingdom would be a **temporal kingdom.** He taught them that Messiah would appear at the head of armies, to conquer the heathen, and deliver Israel from every oppressive yoke, destroying in wrath his enemies. At the close of the service of the minister, Jesus stood up with dignity, and requested them to bring him the book of the prophet Esaias." 1Red 53.2

**Luke 4:17** "And there was delivered unto him the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ Esaias."

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"The King of glory appeared in the form of a servant, clothed in the garb of humanity. When He began His public ministry in Nazareth, there was **a sad and terrible exhibition of what human nature can and will be when Satan works on the heart**. Jesus proclaimed Himself to be the Anointed One. No man had before ventured to assume as much; not the learned or noble of the earth, not even the prophets or kings. He arose in the synagogue, and read from the prophet Isaiah these gracious words:

**Luke 4:18,19** "The Spirit of the \_\_\_\_\_ is upon \_\_\_\_\_, because he hath \_\_\_\_\_ me to \_\_\_\_\_ the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to \_\_\_\_\_ the brokenhearted, to preach \_\_\_\_\_ to the captives, and recovering of sight to the \_\_\_\_\_, to set at \_\_\_\_\_ them that are bruised, To preach the \_\_\_\_\_ year of the Lord." 11MR 281.2

14. What was their initial reaction to Jesus's words? **Luke 4:21-22**

"And the eyes of \_\_\_\_\_ them that were in the synagogue were \_\_\_\_\_ on him. And he began to \_\_\_\_\_ unto them, This \_\_\_\_\_ is this scripture \_\_\_\_\_ in your ears. And all bare him \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ at the gracious words which proceeded out of his \_\_\_\_\_ . And they said, Is not this Joseph's son?"

**Note:** "The eyes of all in the synagogue were fastened upon Him, for divinity flashed through humanity, and with one voice they witnessed to the 'gracious words' that proceeded from His lips. **God had spoken to their hearts and given them a testimony which they acknowledged to be the truth**. But soon doubt and unbelief arose. Who was this that claimed to be the Messiah? They did not expect Christ to come in this way. His family connections were humble, pious people, but not **distinguished** for riches, learning, rank, or power." 11MR 282.1

15. How did they react when they thought of who He was? **Luke 4:28-30**

"And \_\_\_\_\_ they in the synagogue, when they \_\_\_\_\_ these things, were filled with \_\_\_\_\_, And rose up, and \_\_\_\_\_ him out of the city, and led him unto the \_\_\_\_\_ of the hill whereon their city was built, that they might \_\_\_\_\_ him \_\_\_\_\_ headlong. But he passing \_\_\_\_\_ the midst of them went his \_\_\_\_\_."

**Note:** "The very **humiliation** that Christ bore was **foretold in the Scriptures** as a specification of His divine character and mission, and should have commended Him to every home and heart in the land. **But to proud and unbelieving Jews His humiliation was an offense**." 11MR 283.1

"The men of Nazareth refused the Prince of Life. **The power of God that had stirred their hearts as He read and expounded to them the Scriptures, was resisted**, and their passions were stirred as He spoke truths that revealed to them their real condition." 11MR 283.2

This was the \_\_\_\_\_ time they resisted the power of God that stirred their hearts.

### C. In His Teaching

16. How did Jesus' divine character shine forth in His teaching?

Let's look at the testimony of each of the gospels:

**Matthew 13:54** "And when he was come into his own country, he taught them in their synagogue, insomuch that they were \_\_\_\_\_, and said, Whence hath this man this \_\_\_\_\_, and these \_\_\_\_\_ works?"

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**Mark 1:22** "And they were \_\_\_\_\_ at his doctrine: for he taught them as one that had \_\_\_\_\_, and not as the scribes."

**Mark 12:37** "And the \_\_\_\_\_ people heard him \_\_\_\_\_."

**Luke 4:32** "And they were \_\_\_\_\_ at his doctrine: for his word was with \_\_\_\_\_."

**John 10:41,42** "And \_\_\_\_\_ resorted unto him, and said, John did no miracle: but \_\_\_\_\_ things that \_\_\_\_\_ spake of this man were \_\_\_\_\_. And \_\_\_\_\_ believed on him there."

**Note:** "Christ, the **author of truth**, did not disdain to present truths that were old and familiar. The great purpose of his mission was ever kept in view. When this purpose could be served by the repetition of familiar truths, he employed them. **By unsanctified minds, many of these truths had been disconnected from their true position, and had been employed to strengthen error.** Christ **recovered** and **replaced** them as links in the great chain of redemption." YI, March 19, 1903 par. 5

"Many **precious gems of light** had lost their luster; they were **buried** beneath a mass of tradition and superstition. As the **author of truth**, Christ was able to **distinguish** every precious gem. His hand **removed the rubbish of false teaching**, and recovered the lost treasures. He **reset** them in all their **original freshness and beauty in the framework of the gospel**, and commanded that they should stand fast forever." YI, March 19, 1903 par. 6

17. How did Jesus present the truth of God to the people? **Matthew 13:34,35**

"All these things spake Jesus unto the multitude in \_\_\_\_\_; and without a parable spake he not unto them: That it might be \_\_\_\_\_ which was spoken by the \_\_\_\_\_, saying, I will open my mouth in \_\_\_\_\_; I will utter things which have been kept \_\_\_\_\_ from the foundation of the \_\_\_\_\_."

**Note:** "In his teaching Christ reached the minds of men by the pathway of their **familiar associations**. He **linked** his lesson with their **most hallowed recollections** and their **tenderest sympathies**. His **illustrations** were drawn from the great book of **nature** and from the treasury of **household ties and affections**. The **simple lily** of the field in its freshness and beauty was presented to the people by the great Master artist. With the **common duties of life** he bound up the most precious treasures of divine truth. The regenerating power of his grace was represented by **figures that all could comprehend**. Thus he made truth and light a part of the daily appointments. **Everything connected with the common routine of life was invested with a solemn dignity, and shown to be related to eternal interests.**" YI, March 19, 1903 par. 7

18. What purpose did Jesus have in His teaching? **John 7:14-17**

"Now about the midst of the feast Jesus went up into the temple, and \_\_\_\_\_. And the Jews marvelled, saying, \_\_\_\_\_ knoweth this man letters, having \_\_\_\_\_ learned? Jesus answered them, and said, My doctrine is \_\_\_\_\_ mine, but \_\_\_\_\_ that sent me. If \_\_\_\_\_ man will \_\_\_\_\_ his will, he shall \_\_\_\_\_ of the doctrine, whether it be of \_\_\_\_\_, or whether I speak of \_\_\_\_\_."

**Note:** "Christ taught the people that **all true knowledge is divine**, and that, **acted upon**, it will lead heavenward. In all his teachings he suggested to his hearers a **new train of thought, in harmony with**



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the transforming principles of truth. **By meeting the people where they were, he carried them with him to a higher plane of thought and life.** Their hearts were prepared to receive the rays of light shining from the Light of the world." YI, March 19, 1903 par. 8

"**Though Christ had taken upon himself human nature, yet his divinity flashed through humanity.** In all his education and discipline **his superiority was revealed.** In their **simplicity** the lessons which fell from his lips **possessed a power and attractiveness which none of the teachings of the world's great men could equal.** 'The common people heard him gladly,' and the testimony borne to his teaching was, 'Never man spake like this man.' " YI, March 19, 1903 par. 9

Because Jesus taught T\_\_\_\_\_, which had been misinterpreted and misapplied, and gave them their true meaning, the rulers **rejected** His teaching a \_\_\_\_\_ time.

### **D. The Healing of the Withered Hand**

19. What was the setting in which Jesus healed the withered hand? **Mark 3:1-5**

"And he entered again into the synagogue; and there was a man there which had a withered hand. And they \_\_\_\_\_ him, whether he would \_\_\_\_\_ him on the sabbath day; that they might \_\_\_\_\_ him. And he saith unto the man which had the withered hand, Stand forth. And he saith unto them, Is it \_\_\_\_\_ to do \_\_\_\_\_ on the sabbath days, or to do \_\_\_\_\_? to \_\_\_\_\_ life, or to \_\_\_\_\_? But they held their peace. And when he had looked round about on them with anger, being \_\_\_\_\_ for the \_\_\_\_\_ of their hearts, he saith unto the man, \_\_\_\_\_ forth thine hand. And he stretched it out: and his hand was \_\_\_\_\_ whole as the other."

**Note:** "As Jesus looked upon the people, it seemed to them that he read their very souls. **Divinity flashed through humanity. There was indignation and anger in his look because of their hypocrisy and the hardness of their hearts.** He hated their duplicity, their ingenious methods for **resisting truth and righteousness.** His heart was filled with remorse on their account; and **his soul was grieved that his teachings, his works, or the law of God could not impress their flinty hearts, and overcome their determined purpose to resist the light.**" RH, August 10, 1897 par. 6

20. What was the reaction of the priests and rulers? **Mark 3:6**

"And the \_\_\_\_\_ went forth, and straightway took \_\_\_\_\_ with the Herodians \_\_\_\_\_ him, how they might \_\_\_\_\_ him."

**Note:** "One would suppose that **such an exhibition of power** as the healing of the withered hand would have filled the rulers with **awe**, would have **overcome their prejudice and unbelief**, and that they would have declared, as did Nathanael, who had far less evidence, 'Rabbi, thou art the Son of God; thou art the King of Israel.' **But they were filled with madness that Christ had given this additional evidence of his divine character**, and in so doing had **confirmed** the minds of those present that the rabbis were wrong in their idea of the claims and principles of the Sabbath law. He had not shown respect for their cherished views of what the law demanded, and they **hated** him for it. They **hated** him because he told them the truth; they **hated** him for his purity, his singleness of purpose." RH, August 10, 1897 par. 7

"And their madness, their envy and hatred, must find vent. The rulers communed one with another how they should **rid** themselves of this bold advocate of righteousness, whose words and works were drawing the people away from the teachers of Israel. Notwithstanding their counter-influence, 'the world,'

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they declared, 'is gone after him.' **But they thought that might and numbers would bring things as they wished; and they took counsel together how they might destroy him.**" RH, Aug 10, 1897 par. 8  
When Jesus healed the man with the withered hand, giving additional E \_\_\_\_\_ of His D \_\_\_\_\_ character, they plotted to D \_\_\_\_\_ Him.  
This was the \_\_\_\_\_ time they turned from conviction and rejected Him.

### **F. At the Feast of Tabernacles**

22. **Note:** "Jesus was in the temple court. At the time of the Feast of Tabernacles, crowds assembled in this place. In the court were erected high standards, upon which were placed branching **lamps**. After the evening sacrifice, these lamps were lighted, and the flame, bright and strong, filled the court, **representing the pillar of fire** which had guided the children of Israel through the wilderness." ST, August 15, 1900 par. 1

"This sight created the greatest enthusiasm among the people. Their admiration was unbounded and their rejoicing universal. But the Saviour looked upon the rejoicing congregation with pitying tenderness. **The One who had created the light, who, enshrouded in the pillar of fire, had guarded and protected the children of Israel in their journeyings through the wilderness, now stood in the temple court, and if the worshipers had not separated themselves from God, they would have recognized Him.**" ST, August 15, 1900 par. 2

What did Jesus say to the people as they were engaged in this feast? **John 8:12**

"Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ of the world: he that \_\_\_\_\_ me shall not walk in \_\_\_\_\_, but shall have the \_\_\_\_\_ of life."

"The Son of God looked at the lamps which represented **Him**, and His voice, full of a melody which commanded silence, was heard, saying, 'I am the light of the world; he that followeth Me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.' **His words fell on the ears of the people with a strange power; for as He spoke, divinity flashed through humanity, sending to the hearts of His hearers the conviction that His words were true.**" ST, August 15, 1900 par. 3

"The Light of the world, Christ, came to the place where Satan had set up his throne. **He came not to condemn and destroy by His glory, but to restore and uplift by His healing beams**. He came as the light and life of men, and He presented Himself in His true relation to the world. His light was to shine, not merely to the Jewish nation, as represented by the lights in the temple courts, but it was to send its far-reaching beams **to every nation under heaven**. The time would come when upon every human being would shine the light of the Sun of Righteousness." ST, August 15, 1900 par. 4

23. How did the Jewish leaders respond to the words of Christ? **John 8:13**

"The \_\_\_\_\_ therefore said unto him, Thou bearest record of \_\_\_\_\_; thy record is \_\_\_\_\_ true."

**Note:** "O, that the Jewish people had recognized Christ as the true light which lighteth every man that cometh into the world! But Satan had determined that if he could not overthrow the Prince of Life, he would so **blind** the eyes of the nation that they would **reject** the Saviour. God had worked in majesty and power to make of Israel a chosen nation, a royal priesthood, that they might show forth the light of His truth. They had been exalted to heaven by their privileges. **This people Satan determined to use as his agents in quenching all heaven-sent light.**" ST, August 15, 1900 par. 5

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"He succeeded in gaining the Jewish teachers to his side. While the light in the temple court was causing joy and gladness among the worshipers **the hearts of the Pharisees were filled with bitterness and murder. They were under the control of Satan.**" ST, August 15, 1900 par. 6

"Again and again Christ had tried to show the Jewish leaders the relation which He sustained to the human family. And as He saw the lights which shone in the temple court, He made another attempt. But their prejudice and unbelief came at once to the front. 'Thou bearest record of Thyself; Thy record is not true,' they said." ST, August 15, 1900 par. 9

24 How did Jesus answer their charge? **John 8:14-18** "Jesus answered and said unto them, \_\_\_\_\_ I bear record of myself, yet my record is \_\_\_\_\_: for I \_\_\_\_\_ whence I \_\_\_\_\_, and whither I \_\_\_\_\_; but ye \_\_\_\_\_ tell whence I come, and whither I go. Ye judge after the \_\_\_\_\_; I judge no man. And yet if I judge, my judgment is \_\_\_\_\_: for I am not \_\_\_\_\_, but I and the \_\_\_\_\_ that sent me. It is also written in your law, that the testimony of \_\_\_\_\_ men is \_\_\_\_\_. I am \_\_\_\_\_ that bear witness of myself, and the \_\_\_\_\_ that sent me beareth \_\_\_\_\_ of me."

**Note:** "If the scribes and Pharisees had received the testimony borne by so many in regard to Christ's work, if with a teachable spirit they had searched the Scriptures to see if His claims were in accordance with prophecy, they would have been enlightened, and would have recognized Jesus as the light of the world. But, self-righteousness and self-sufficient, they received instead the suggestions of one who was expelled from heaven for self-seeking. Instead of searching the Scripture, they opened their hearts to evil imaginings. **Determined not to believe that Christ's claims were just, they resisted every conviction which His words sent home to their hearts.**" ST, August 15, 1900 par. 10

"Christ looked with sadness upon the **deceived** multitude who, while rejoicing in the representation of the light which had led them through the wilderness, **were rejecting and turning from the true Light.** What pitiful blindness! What strange inconsistency! Standing as He did in the very shadow of the cross, **Christ longed to save the people from the doom to which they were hastening.** But as He lifted up His voice in earnest accents of entreaty, **the Jewish leaders watched Him with cruel malice, hoping to hear Him say something by which they could condemn Him.** They had departed from the Word of God, and **when the truth revealed itself, they were ready, under Satan's direction, to attack it.**" ST, August 22, 1900 par. 1

25. What had been clearly prophesied of the Messiah? **Isaiah 53:5**

"But he was \_\_\_\_\_ for our transgressions, he was \_\_\_\_\_ for our iniquities: the \_\_\_\_\_ of our peace was upon him; and with his \_\_\_\_\_ we are healed."

**Note:** "Why did not the Jewish teachers search the Scriptures, beginning at Moses and the prophets, and carefully studying the types and shadows which pointed to Christ? How easily they could have traced out the prophecies concerning His mission! **But they read God's Word as those who understood it not; and the prince of darkness helped them not to see in Jesus the promised Messiah. Under the guidance of Satan they drifted into darkness and unbelief.**" ST, August 22, 1900 par. 3

"The world's Redeemer was not to come the first time surrounded by the host of heaven; for human beings would **not** have been **able** to bear the sight. It was necessary that Christ should humble Himself and become a Man of sorrows. 'He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our

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iniquities; the chastisement of our peace was upon Him; and with His stripes we are healed.' " ST, August 22, 1900 par. 4

"Thus plainly had the Messiah been set forth in prophecy; **but the Jewish leaders did not want to understand these words. They believed not in the Christ represented in the Scriptures, but in a Christ of the imagination**, who, they claimed, would come with great power, to conquer every nation, and put down all authority but the authority of the Jews. They looked for a Messiah who would reign as a **temporal** prince in Jerusalem, and who would exalt the Jews above every other nation. **Christ did not come according to their ideas, and therefore they refused to receive Him.**" ST, Aug. 22, 1900 par. 5

"Ye can not tell whence I come, and whither I go,' Christ said to them. Virtually He told them that they had no desire to know whence He came. **They had closed the eyes of their understanding to the evidence which again and again He had given them.** You have allowed prejudice and imagination to control you, He said. You may claim to have authority over the people by virtue of your piety, you may pride yourselves on your superior knowledge of God, but **you do not know the Father**, and therefore you do not know Me; for to know the Father is to know Me. It is your **lack of a true knowledge** of Me that destroys your spiritual eyesight." ST, August 22, 1900 par. 6

With the Scriptures before them, did they have any excuse for rejecting Jesus as the Messiah?                      YES                      NO

Why did they reject Him? They did not W\_\_\_\_\_ to understand the Scriptures.

They did not W\_\_\_\_\_ this kind of Messiah.

26. The leaders were always trying to turn the people **against** Jesus. The Jews thought that they could **ridicule** Jesus in front of the people if they could get Him to openly say that He was the Messiah. This was because He was so **different** from the Messiah that they had taught them to expect. So what did they ask Him next? **John 8:25,26**

"Then said they unto him, \_\_\_\_\_ art thou?"

And Jesus saith unto them, Even the \_\_\_\_\_ that I said unto you from the beginning. I have many things to \_\_\_\_\_ and to \_\_\_\_\_ of you: but he that \_\_\_\_\_ me is \_\_\_\_\_; and I \_\_\_\_\_ to the world those things which I have \_\_\_\_\_ of him."

**Note:** "The wily spies upon Christ's track were determined to make Him state in specific terms that He was the promised Messiah. The false ideas of the Messiah with which Satan had filled their minds they had presented to the people, so that the general idea of what Christ should be was very different from the representation given in prophecy. **If they would provoke Him to make a claim that He was the Messiah, they could work upon the minds of the Jews to pronounce Him an impostor.** 'Who art Thou?' they asked; and Christ answered: 'Even the same that I said unto you from the beginning. I have many things to say and to judge of you; but He that sent Me is true; and I speak to the world those things which I have heard of Him.' " ST, August 22, 1900 par. 10

"Christ read the thoughts of His enemies, and **did not answer as they wished Him to answer.** He did not attempt to prove His Messiahship, but spoke of His relation to God. He accused the Jews of not knowing the Father. **Their opposition to His work was the result of this lack of knowledge.**"

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27. Jesus spoke to the people so that those who were willing to be taught could be taught and could understand His relation to the Father. The leaders did not understand because of their deep prejudice, and He predicted what they would do to Him. **John 8:27-29**

"They understood \_\_\_\_\_ that he spake to them of the Father. Then said Jesus unto them, When ye have \_\_\_\_\_ up the Son of man, then shall ye \_\_\_\_\_ that I am \_\_\_\_\_, and that I do \_\_\_\_\_ of myself; but as my \_\_\_\_\_ hath taught me, I \_\_\_\_\_ these things. And he that \_\_\_\_\_ me is \_\_\_\_\_ me: the Father hath \_\_\_\_\_ left me alone; for I do \_\_\_\_\_ those things that \_\_\_\_\_ him."

How did His words affect the people? **John 8:30**

"As he spake these words, **many** \_\_\_\_\_ on him."

**Note:** "His words made a deep impression upon many minds; for as He spoke, divinity flashed through humanity, and a convincing power attended the truths He uttered. Many were unconsciously imbued with the heavenly influence which surrounded Christ." ST, Aug. 22, 1900 par. 13

What did Jesus say to encourage those that believed? **John 8:31,32**

"Then said Jesus to those Jews which \_\_\_\_\_ on him, If ye \_\_\_\_\_ in my word, then are ye my \_\_\_\_\_ indeed; And ye shall \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_, and the truth shall make you \_\_\_\_\_."

**Note:** "Truth never brings the soul into bondage. **It is turning from truth to error that brings the soul into captivity.** The one who is bound up in close relationship with Christ is freed from the slavery of sin." ST, August 22, 1900 par. 15

"**Christ's words were spoken with a quiet dignity and with an assurance and power that sent conviction to the hearts of the scribes and Pharisees.** They felt the power of the message sent from heaven. God was knocking at the door of their hearts, entreating entrance. **But they refused to listen.** **By their persistent rejection of warnings and invitations they caused Him to abandon them to their blindness and its results.** Satan was working with all his power to secure them in his cause, and **under his control they developed a stubbornness which brought upon them their ruin.**"

ST, August 29, 1900 par. 16

Christ's words were spoken with a P\_\_\_\_\_ that sent C\_\_\_\_\_ to the hearts of the scribes and Pharisees, but they R\_\_\_\_\_ His W\_\_\_\_\_ and I\_\_\_\_\_ again. This was the \_\_\_\_\_ time.

### H. The Officers Who were Sent to Arrest Him

28. Why did the priests send officers to arrest Jesus? **John 7:31,32**

"And \_\_\_\_\_ of the people \_\_\_\_\_ on him, and said, When \_\_\_\_\_ cometh, will he do \_\_\_\_\_ miracles than these which \_\_\_\_\_ man hath done? The Pharisees \_\_\_\_\_ that the people \_\_\_\_\_ such things concerning him; and the Pharisees and the chief priests \_\_\_\_\_ officers to take him."

They were angry that many people B\_\_\_\_\_ on Him.

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**Note:** "All the while Jesus was at Jerusalem **during the feast** He was shadowed by spies. Day after day new schemes to **silence Him** were tried. The priests and rulers were watching to **entrap Him**. They were planning to **stop Him by violence**. But this was not all. They wanted to **humble this Galilean rabbi before the people.**" DA 455.1

"The leaders of the Pharisees, who were anxiously watching the course of events, caught the expressions of **sympathy** among the throng. Hurrying away to the chief priests, **they laid their plans to arrest Him**. They arranged, however, to take Him when He was **alone**; for they **dared not** seize Him in the presence of the people. **Again Jesus made it manifest that He read their purpose.**" DA 457.5

29. What did Jesus say to them? **John 7:33,34**

"Then said Jesus unto them, Yet a \_\_\_\_\_ while am I \_\_\_\_\_ you, and then I \_\_\_\_\_ unto \_\_\_\_\_ that sent me. Ye shall \_\_\_\_\_ me, and shall \_\_\_\_\_ find me: and \_\_\_\_\_ I am, thither ye \_\_\_\_\_ come."

**Note:** "Soon He would find a refuge beyond the reach of their scorn and hate. **He would ascend to the Father**, to be again the Adored of the angels; and **thither His murderers could never come.**" DA 457.5

"Sneeringly the rabbis said, 'Whither will he go, that we shall not find him? will he go unto the dispersed among the Gentiles, and teach the Gentiles?' **John 7:35**

Little did these cavilers dream that **in their mocking words they were picturing the mission of the Christ!** All day long He had stretched forth His hands unto a disobedient and gainsaying people; yet He would be found of them that sought Him not; among a people that had not called upon His name He would be manifest. Romans 10:20, 21." DA 458.1