

John 5:39-47

39-40. You SEARCH the SCRIPTURES, for in them you think you have **ETERNAL LIFE**; and these are **they which TESTIFY of Me**. But **you are not WILLING to COME to Me** that you **may have LIFE**.

- **Revelation 22:17** "And the Spirit and the bride say, '_____!' And let him who _____ say, 'Come!' And let him who thirsts _____. And _____ desires (is WILLING) let him _____ the _____ of _____ freely."
- **Psalms 40:7** "Then I said, 'Behold, I _____; in the _____ of the _____ it is _____ of Me (Jesus).'"
- **Luke 24:27** "And beginning at _____ and all the _____, He expounded to them in all the _____ the things concerning _____."

Definition: "You SEARCH the SCRIPTURES" - The Pharisees and scribes thought they would somehow merit or deserve eternal life **just by KNOWING the Scriptures**. True, the Scriptures they were reading and studying were and are the WORD OF GOD, but without an open mind and open heart to God, all the studying of His word did them no good. They should have seen that all the prophecies of the Messiah were being fulfilled in Jesus. Many of them DID see it, but refused to believe in Him. They wanted a Messiah according to their own specifications, and especially they thought the Messiah should be one of them!

- **I Corinthians 15:3-4** "For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ _____ for our sins _____ to the _____, and that He was _____, and that He _____ again the _____ day according to the _____."

Definition: "According to the SCRIPTURES" - Certain prophetic scriptures in the Old Testament pointed to the death and resurrection of the Messiah (Isaiah 53:1-12; Psalm 22:1-22; Psalm 16:9-11; Psalm 68:18; and Psalm 110:1). Jesus said the Scriptures are **"they which testify of Me."** Many more scriptures TESTIFIED (told) of Jesus' birth and life.

41-42. I do NOT receive HONOR from men. But I know you, that **you do NOT have the LOVE of God in you**.

- **John 8:53-54** "Are You _____ than our father Abraham, who is dead? And the prophets are dead. _____ do You make Yourself out to _____? Jesus answered, 'If I _____ Myself, My _____ is nothing. It is My _____ who _____ Me, of whom you say that He is your God.'"
- **Deuteronomy 6:5** "And you shall _____ the Lord your _____ with all your _____ and all your _____ and with all your _____."
- **Matthew 22:37-40** "Jesus said to him, 'You shall _____ the Lord your _____ with all your _____, with all your _____, and with all your _____. This is the first and great _____. And the second is like it: 'You shall _____ your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the _____ and the _____.'"

Definition: "You do NOT have the LOVE OF GOD in YOU" - Jesus was speaking to the LEADERS of the nation of Israel, the Jews, who were SUPPOSED to be God's CHOSEN PEOPLE. How could He say that they, of all people, did not love God? They

may have been EXTREMELY RELIGIOUS, and call themselves by the name of God, but God saw their **HEARTS**, and saw that **there was NO LOVE OF HIM in their HEARTS**.

- **Acts 7:51** "You stiff-necked and uncircumcised in _____ and ears! You always _____ the _____; as your fathers did, so do you."
- **Romans 2:28-29** "For he is not a _____ who is one _____, nor is that circumcision which is outward in the flesh; but he is a _____ who is one _____, and circumcision is that of the _____, in the _____, and not in the letter (keeping the Jewish law); whose praise is not from _____ but from _____."
- **Revelation 3:9** "Indeed I will make those of the synagogue of _____, who say they are _____ and are _____, but lie - indeed I will make them come and worship before your feet, and to know that I have loved you."

43. I have come in My Father's name, and you **do not RECEIVE** Me; **if another comes in HIS OWN NAME**, him you will receive.

- **I John 2:22** "Who is a _____ but he who denies that _____ is the _____? He is _____ who denies the _____ and the _____."
- **Read II Thessalonians 2:3-10** "Let no one _____ you by any means; for that Day will not come unless the falling away comes first, and the _____ of sin is revealed, the _____ of perdition (hell)." (Verses 9-10) "The coming of the _____ one is according to the working of _____, with all power, _____, and _____ wonders, and with all unrighteous _____ among those who perish, because they did not _____ the love of the _____, that they might be saved."

Definition: "If ANOTHER COMES in his own name, HIM YOU WILL RECEIVE" - Jesus is saying that those who REJECT Him, whether they were the Pharisees of His day, or people of our time, **will be OPEN and READY to RECEIVE the Anti-Christ**. In fact, the Pharisees and others who deny or reject Jesus as the ONE AND ONLY CHRIST, already HAVE the SPIRIT of anti-Christ in them. The same **HARDNESS OF HEART** that the Pharisees and Jewish leaders of Jesus' day had, will be the HARDNESS OF HEART that will cause people to believe the LIES that the Anti-Christ will propagate. The Anti-Christ will be able to perform some FALSE MIRACLES and SIGNS, so beware! Not everything that seems to be a miracle is from God! Even Pharaoh's **magicians could mimic SOME of the miracles** Moses did.

- **Exodus 7:11-12 & 22** "Then Pharaoh also called for the wise men and the _____, and they also, the _____ of Egypt did the same with their _____ arts. For each one threw down his staff and they turned into _____. But Aaron's staff swallowed up their staffs." (Verse 22) "But the _____ of Egypt did the same with their _____ arts; and Pharaoh's _____ was _____, and he did not listen to them, as the Lord had said."

Definition: "And Aaron's staff SWALLOWED UP their staffs" - Yes, Satan DOES have power to perform SOME miracles, and the Anti-Christ, when he comes, will perform LYING WONDERS. However, we as Christians do not need to be AFRAID of them, because God's power is greater than Satan's. Just as Aaron's staff that turned into a **SNAKE "swallowed up" the snakes** that had come from the magicians of Egypt, God's power will ALWAYS win over Satan.

- **I John 4:3-4** "And every _____ that does not _____ that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is not of God. And this is the _____ of the _____, which you have heard was coming, and is now _____ in the _____. You are of _____, little children, and have overcome them, because He (the Holy Spirit) who is in you is _____ than he (Satan) who is in the _____."

44. How can you believe, who **receive HONOR from one another**, and do not seek the honor that comes from the only God?

- **Matthew 6:1-2 & 5** "Take heed that you do _____ do your charitable _____ before _____, to be _____ by them. Otherwise you have no _____ from your Father in heaven. Therefore when you do a charitable _____, do not sound a trumpet before you as the _____ do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may have _____ from _____. Assuredly, I say to you, they have their reward." (Verse 5) "And when you pray, you shall _____ be like the hypocrites. For they love to pray _____ in the _____ and on the corners of the streets, that they may be _____ by _____. Assuredly, I say to you, they have their reward."

Definition: "Receive HONOR from ONE ANOTHER" - The Pharisees and Jewish leaders were really only interested in HOW THEY LOOKED to OTHERS, especially to others of their own group. They wanted to **receive glory and honor and praise from men**, but they were **not really interested in PLEASING GOD**. Jesus said, in Matthew 6:1-6, that whatever so-called good deeds or charitable acts are done **FOR THE PURPOSE of LOOKING GOOD to other people** WILL NOT RECEIVE a REWARD from GOD. **"Assuredly, I say to you, they HAVE their REWARD"** means that praise and recognition from men will be **ALL they get**. And the opposite is true - the good and kind deeds we do **when NO ONE IS LOOKING** are the ones that only GOD SEES, and He will reward us in heaven.

45-47. Do not think that I shall accuse you to the Father; **there is one who accuses you-Moses**, in whom you trust. For if you believed **Moses, you would believe Me; for he wrote about Me**. But if you do not believe his writings, how will you believe My words?

- **Deuteronomy 18:15 & 18-19** "The Lord your God will _____ up for you a _____ like me from your midst, from your brethren (the Jewish people). Him you shall hear (listen to)." "I will raise up for them a _____ like you from among their _____, and will put My _____ in His mouth, and He shall speak to them all that I command Him. And it shall be that whoever will not hear My words, which He _____ in My _____, I will require it of him."
- **Luke 16:31** "But he said to him, 'If they do _____ hear _____ and the _____, neither will they be persuaded though one _____ from the _____.'"

Definition: "Moses, for he WROTE ABOUT ME" - The first five books of the Old Testament, also called the Pentateuch, were written by Moses. Moses wrote that the Messiah would be of "the seed of the woman" (referring to His virgin birth) in Genesis 3:15; that He would be a descendant of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob (Genesis 12:3, 17:19 & 24:17); and from the tribe of Judah (Genesis 49:10); as well as Deuteronomy 18:15-19.