

“Do not believe”

John 10:22-42 8/20/17

Today, we'd like to see the title of “Do not believe” in the book of John 10:22-42

To Online Word's people on the earth, we'd like to suggest 3 Questions.

Q1. In verse 25, “Jesus answered them, “I told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in My Father’s name, they bear witness of Me,” what does the phrase of “they bear witness of Me” mean?

Q2. In verse 28, “And I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand,” what’s your response to this verse?

Q3. In verse 34, “Jesus answered them, “Is it not written in your law, ‘I said, “You are gods”” what’s Jesus’ point in His answer?

(Background)

(John 10:17-21) “Therefore My Father loves Me, because I lay down My life that I may take it again. ¹⁸No one takes it from Me, but I lay it down of Myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. This command I have received from My Father.” ¹⁹Therefore there was a division again among the Jews because of these sayings. ²⁰And many of them said, “He has a demon and is mad. Why do you listen to Him?” ²¹Others said, “These are not the words of one who has a demon. Can a demon open the eyes of the blind?” (these sayings to lay down My life and to take it again, which are God the Father’s command; A man born blind now sees.)

(Text)

²² Now it was the Feast of Dedication in Jerusalem, and it was winter.

²²= Feast of Dedication (Hanukkah, 9th months in the Hebrew Calendar, December in Gregorian calendar – Maccabees the priest family; in 165 BC his 5 sons rebel against the Syrian king Antiochus Epiphanes who defiled the temple (pig sacrifice to Jupiter god) in Jerusalem, to rededicate the temple to cleanse, recorded in Apocrypha – I Maccabees & II Maccabees)

<p>²³ And Jesus walked in the temple, in <u>Solomon's porch</u>. ²⁴ Then the Jews surrounded Him and said to Him, "How long do You keep us <u>in doubt</u>? If You are the Christ, <u>tell us plainly</u>."</p> <p>²⁵ Jesus answered them, "I told you, and you do not believe. <u>The works that I do in My Father's name, they bear witness of Me</u>."</p> <p>²⁶ But you do not believe, because <u>you are not of My sheep</u>, as I said to you.</p> <p>²⁷ <u>My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me</u>.</p> <p>²⁸ And I give them <u>eternal life</u>, and they shall <u>never perish; neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand</u>.</p>	<p>23= Solomon's porch (a large ground, e.g., Peter's sermon on Pentecost¹ Acts 2:41; Peter & John healed a lame man² Acts 3:1)</p> <p>25= Q1 they bear witness of Me (the works that Jesus does in His Father's name prove that Jesus and His Father are one, verse 30, & the Son of God, verse 36, i.e. the Messiah) e.g. Nicodemus³ John 3:2; John 14:8-11; Mat 9:2-8)</p> <p>26= you are not of My sheep (predestination; e.g. Acts 13:48; God's invitation, which invokes human free will⁴ John 3:16; Rev 22:17; 2 Peter 3:9; So, without understanding of God's foreknowledge, we could not understand God's predestination even with given human free will. Romans 8:29)</p> <p>27= My sheep hear My voice; I know them; they follow Me (it manifests a close fellowship or relationship between His sheep and Him)</p> <p>28= Q2 eternal life... never perish (His promise; we trust on the promise, having the assurance of salvation); neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand (it shows the assurance of salvation in which we should have faith⁶ Romans 8:31; 38-39)</p>
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¹ Acts 2:41 Then those who gladly received his word were baptized; and that day about three thousand souls were added to them.

² Acts 3:1 Now Peter and John went up together to the temple at the hour of prayer, the ninth hour.

³ John 3:2 This man came to Jesus by night and said to Him, "Rabbi, we know that You are a teacher come from God; for no one can do these signs that You do unless God is with him."; John 14:8-11 Philip said to Him, "Lord, show us the Father, and it is sufficient for us." ⁹ Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you so long, and yet you have not known Me, Philip? He who has seen Me has seen the Father; so how can you say, 'Show us the Father'?" ¹⁰ Do you not believe that I am in the Father, and the Father in Me? The words that I speak to you I do not speak on My own authority; but the Father who dwells in Me does the works. ¹¹ Believe Me that I am in the Father and the Father in Me, or else believe Me for the sake of the works themselves. ; Mat 9:2-8 Then behold, they brought to Him a paralytic lying on a bed. When Jesus saw their faith, He said to the paralytic, "Son, be of good cheer; your sins are forgiven you." ³ And at once some of the scribes said within themselves, "This Man blasphemes!" ⁴ But Jesus, knowing their thoughts, said, "Why do you think evil in your hearts? ⁵ For which is easier, to say, 'Your sins are forgiven you,' or to say, 'Arise and walk'?" ⁶ But that you may know that the Son of Man has power on earth to forgive sins"—then He said to the paralytic, "Arise, take up your bed, and go to your house." ⁷ And he arose and departed to his house. ⁸ Now when the multitudes saw it, they marveled and glorified God, who had given such power to men.

⁴ Acts 13:48 Now when the Gentiles heard this, they were glad and glorified the word of the Lord. And as many as had been appointed to eternal life believed.

⁵ John 3:16 For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life; Rev 22:17 And the Spirit and the bride say, "Come!" And let him who hears say, "Come!" And let him who thirsts come. Whoever desires, let him take the water of life freely; 2 Peter 3:9 The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance; Romans 8:29 For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren.

⁶ Romans 8:31; 38-39 ³¹ What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? ³⁸ For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to

<p>²⁹ <u>My Father, who has given them to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch them out of My Father's hand.</u></p> <p>³⁰ <u>I and My Father are one.</u>"</p> <p>³¹ Then the Jews <u>took up stones again to stone Him.</u> ³² Jesus answered them, "Many good works I have shown you from My Father. For which of those works do you stone Me?"</p> <p>³³ The Jews answered Him, saying, "For a good work we do not stone You, but for <u>blasphemy, and because You, being a Man, make Yourself God.</u>"</p> <p>³⁴ Jesus answered them, "Is it not written in <u>your law, 'I said, "You are gods"'</u>?"</p> <p>³⁵ If He called them gods, <u>to whom the word of God came (and the Scripture cannot be broken),</u></p> <p>³⁶ do you say of Him whom <u>the Father sanctified and sent into the world, 'You are blaspheming,' because I said, 'I am the Son of God'?</u></p>	<p>29= My Father... greater than all (including the power of darkness); no one is able to snatch them out of My Father's hand (also the assurance of salvation we need in <i>Mat 16:18</i>)</p> <p>30= I and My Father are one (oneness)</p> <p>31= took up stones again to stone Him (because of blasphemy, verse 33)</p> <p>33= blasphemy (bad words against God, e.g. calling Jesus Christ in bad events in America); You, being a Man make Yourself God (the Jews understand clearly that Jesus claims that Jesus is Man and God, but Jehovah's witnesses (Jesus is Michael the archangel), Mormon (Jesus is the son of Adam) misunderstand it at the present.)</p> <p>34= Q3 gods ("small g" -- those "to whom the word of God came," verse 35; i.e., those who receive God's word; e.g. Moses as god to Aaron/ to Pharaoh, children of God ⁸ <i>Ex 4:16; Ex 7:1; Psalms 82:6</i>; so what 's wrong to that I and My Father are one, and I am the Son of God?)</p> <p>35= to whom the word of God came (those who receive God's word); the scripture cannot be broken (⁹ <i>Mat 5:18; Numbers 23:19; Psalm 138:2</i>)</p> <p>36= I am the Son of God (so, what's wrong to me who claims, "I and the Father are one," and "I am the Son of God," i.e. the Christ?)</p>
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come, ³⁹ nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

⁷ *Mat 16:18* And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it.

⁸ *Ex 4:16* So he shall be your spokesman to the people. And he himself shall be as a mouth for you, and you shall be to him as God.; *Ex 7:1* So the LORD said to Moses: "See. I have made you as God to Pharaoh. and Aaron your brother shall be your prophet.; *Psalm 82:6* I said, "You are gods, And all of you are children of the Most High.

⁹ *Mat 5:18* For assuredly. I say to you, till heaven and earth pass away. one iota or one tittle will by no means pass from the law till all is fulfilled. *Numbers 23:19* "God is not a man, that He should lie. Nor a son of man, that He should repent. Has He said, and will He not do? Or has He spoken, and will He not make it good? *Psalm 138:2* I will worship toward Your holy temple, And praise Your name For Your lovingkindness and Your truth; For You have magnified Your word above all Your name.

<p>³⁷ If I <u>do not do the works of My Father</u>, do not believe Me;</p> <p>³⁸ but if I do, though you do not believe Me, <u>believe the works</u>, that you may know and <u>believe that the Father is in Me, and I in Him.</u>" ³⁹ Therefore they sought again to seize Him, but <u>He escaped out of their hand.</u></p> <p>⁴⁰ And He went away again <u>beyond the Jordan to the place where John was baptizing at first</u>, and there He stayed. ⁴¹ Then many came to Him and said, "John performed no sign, but <u>all the things that John spoke about this Man were true.</u>" ⁴² And <u>many believed in Him there.</u></p>	<p>37= the works of My Father (Philip, above, <i>John 14:11</i>; Peter's sermon on Pentecost ¹⁰ <i>Acts 2:22</i>)</p> <p>38= believe the works... believe that the Father is in Me, and I in Him (believe the supernatural works, and then you would believe the oneness between Jesus and God the Father.)</p> <p>39= He escaped out of their hand (it was not yet His time to be crucified in Jerusalem, as God the Father appointed)</p> <p>40= beyond the Jordan... the place where John was baptizing at first (beyond the Jordan river, close to Jericho)</p> <p>41= all things -- John spoke about this Man -- were true (e.g., baptism with the Holy Spirit & fire; the lamb to take away the sin of the world ¹¹ <i>Mat 3:11</i>; <i>John 1:29</i>)</p>
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¹⁰ *Acts 2:22* "Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a Man attested by God to you by miracles, wonders, and signs which God did through Him in your midst, as you yourselves also know—

¹¹ *Mat 3:11* I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance, but He who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. *John 1:29* The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!