

SHOW YOURSEL

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Topic:
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Bible Text: John 7:1-9

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Introduction

As we begin this study, I would like you to follow it carefully, most especially for those who are into ministry these last days.

Bible Text

John.7.1 - After these things Jesus walked in Galilee; for He did not want to walk in Judea, because the Jews sought to kill Him.

John.7.2 - Now the Jews' Feast of Tabernacles was at hand.

John.7.3 - His brothers therefore said to Him, "Depart from here and go into Judea, that Your disciples also may see the works that You are doing.

John.7.4 - For no one does anything in secret while he himself seeks to be known openly. If You do these things, show Yourself to the world."

John.7.5 - For even His brothers did not believe in Him.

John.7.6 - Then Jesus said to them, "My time has not yet come, but your time is always ready.

John.7.7 - The world cannot hate you, but it hates Me because I testify to it that its works are evil.

John.7.8 - You go up to this feast. I am not yet going up to this feast, for My time has not yet fully come."

John.7.9 - When He had said these things to them, He remained in Galilee.

Study

During the Lord Jesus Christ's ministry on Earth, one would see that it was already planned, timed, and arranged; everything He did was in accordance with divine timing. He never did anything out of time, and whatever the prophets said about Him came to fulfillment when the time came. This is why we always read that certain events happened to fulfill what was written by the prophets. God is not a man that He should lie, neither the son of man that He should repent. Whatever He says must surely come to pass; this was the case with the Lord. He never acted recklessly because there was a divine mandate on Him. Those with such missions on Earth should not joke around, wasting time, as they know that the timing of everything has been fixed.

John 7:1 KJV After these things Jesus walked in Galilee: for he would not walk in Jewry because the Jews sought to kill him. The Lord Jesus Christ did not want to walk in Judea because the Jews (the ruling authority) sought to kill Him. It's not that He did not have the power to kill the Jews but it's just that it was not written of Him that way. Therefore, He chose to work in Galilee to avoid being killed; there was already a time appointed for His death. In order to avoid what was not written in the script of His life, He chose to remain in Galilee.

John 7:2 KJV Now the Jews' feast of tabernacles was at hand. The Feast of Tabernacles was a fixed time that the Lord commanded the children of Israel to keep. It is also known as the Feast of Booths and Sukkot. It is the seventh and last feast that the Lord commanded Israel to observe and one of the three feasts that the Jews were to observe each year by going to "appear before the Lord your God in the place which He shall choose" (Deuteronomy 16:13,16 KJV). Thou shalt observe the feast of tabernacles seven days, after that thou hast gathered in thy corn and thy wine: [16] Three times in a year shall all thy males appear before the LORD thy God in the place which he shall choose; in the feast of unleavened bread, and in the feast of weeks, and in the feast of tabernacles: and they shall not appear before the LORD empty. This feast is meant for the Jews; this was why it was referred to as the Jews' Feast of Tabernacles. The Lord Jesus Christ was to participate in this feast, for it was in accordance with the law given to Moses by God. As His brothers too were to be present there, as it was a compulsory feast for all.

John 7:3 KJV His brethren therefore said unto him, Depart hence, and go into Judaea, that thy disciples also may see the works that thou doest.

After Mary gave birth to the man Jesus, she also conceived for Joseph and gave birth to more children; these were Jesus's half-brothers. They were not born through the Holy Ghost but like every other man on Earth, born in sin. As ordinary men, they operated in the flesh, lacking understanding of spiritual matters despite being brothers to the Savior of the world. Jesus' brothers, not walking in the Spirit but in the flesh, misunderstood His mission. They may have witnessed the miraculous deeds in Nazareth, where Jesus lived with them. Thinking in worldly terms, they believed that if He truly had divine power, He should make Himself known to the world. They presumed they were in the best position to determine divine timing, unaware that those who walk in the Spirit prioritize spiritual matters over worldly concerns like popularity, wealth and fame.

John 7:4 KJV For there is no man that doeth anything in secret, and he himself seeketh to be known openly. If thou do these things, shew thyself to the world.

Jesus' brothers suggested that He should display His miracles openly to gain widespread recognition. Their perspective revealed a lack of understanding of the spiritual realm. They seemed to urge Jesus to seek popularity on a national level, indicating their disbelief in Him.

John 7:5 KJV For neither did his brethren believe in him.

Despite being close to Jesus, His brothers, being carnal men, tried to push Him into actions that aligned with their limited understanding. They wanted constant proof, wanting Jesus to prove Himself to them repeatedly. However, Jesus, aware of their worldly mindset, did not succumb to these pressures, recognizing that proving Himself nationally at the Feast of Tabernacles would not change the essence of who He was and could expose Him to danger.

Matthew 4:3-4 KJV And when the tempter came to him, he said, If thou be the Son of God, command that these stones be made bread. [4] But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.

"If" you are, if Jesus Christ had turned the stone to bread, it would have meant That He would be trying to prove to Satan who He is when Satan already knows this but The Lord did not give in to him. That was the same with His brothers; "if you do these things," they saw Him doing the things without doubt but thought He was a carnal man who seeks after popularity. From this, we must understand that not all those who tell us to do things

have good motives. We must not try to perform signs and wonders to impress people. If we fall into the trap of trying to show all God's power in our lives, we might get disappointed, as God may not answer us at that point. We must be careful of seeking popularity, which the Lord did not design for us. Those with divine missions to accomplish on Earth should know that they must not have an attachment to popularity but to fulfill the will of God in all they do. The Lord knew that if He went up with them, He would be moving out of God's design. So, He stayed back and did not allow that to push Him into doing something in a rush. Although He might have faced danger and had the power to overcome, He did not seek to go there because He was totally concerned about God's will and plans for His life. Therefore, He avoided danger. If you look into the life of the Lord Jesus Christ very well, you will see that He often avoided dangers instead of going into them. It does not prove or show His faith by willingly walking into problems. He decided to avoid it by staying back because He knew that the Jews wanted to kill Him.

Unfortunately, many are falling into the trap of the devil by willingly walking into danger because they want to prove their faith. This is a lack of wisdom. We should not try to prove our faith to anyone by doing what we should not do, like taking up snakes with our hands, drinking poisons, or intentionally entering into the fire to prove that God would save us. The Lord said in **Mark 16:18 KJV** *They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.*

From this, He did not say we should intentionally walk into things with harm. Daniel did not intentionally walk into the lion's den to prove to King Darius that His God is a Living God, but He was delivered.

Daniel 6:16,20-22 KJV *Then the king commanded, and they brought Daniel, and cast him into the den of lions. Now the king spake and said unto Daniel, Thy God whom thou servest continually, he will deliver thee. [20] And when he came to the den, he cried with a lamentable voice unto Daniel: and the king spake and said to Daniel, O Daniel, servant of the living God, is thy God, whom thou servest continually, able to deliver thee from the lions? [21] Then said Daniel unto the king, O king, live for ever. [22] My God hath sent his angel, and hath shut the lions' mouths, that they have not hurt me: forasmuch as before him innocency was found in me; and also before thee, O king, have I done no hurt.*

We must not intentionally go into a lion's den to prove that God will save us, inviting danger that might lead to harm or death. The Lord may decide to keep silent.

Here are some of the lessons learned.

Lessons:

1. **Divine Timing:** The Lord's ministry emphasizes the importance of divine timing, showcasing a meticulous plan where everything aligns according to God's predetermined schedule.
2. **Prioritizing God's Will:** Jesus' decision to avoid danger and stay focused on God's will illustrates the importance of prioritizing God's plan over worldly pressures or personal desires.
3. **Misunderstandings in Ministry:** The example of Jesus' brothers highlights the tendency for even those close to a divine mission to misunderstand its spiritual nature, emphasizing the need for discernment in interpreting God's plans.
4. **Avoiding Recklessness:** Jesus' refusal to engage in reckless acts, even when pressured by His brothers or tempted by Satan, teaches us not to seek signs and wonders for the sake of impressing others or proving our faith.
5. **Wisdom in Facing Danger:** The Lord's approach to avoiding unnecessary dangers rather than intentionally walking into them underscores the importance of wisdom in navigating challenges. Faith doesn't require intentional exposure to harm, and God's deliverance may come in various ways.

Please answer these questions if you understand the teaching.

Questions:

1. How did the Lord Jesus Christ demonstrate the importance of divine timing in His ministry on Earth?
2. What was the significance of the Feast of Tabernacles, and why did the Lord Jesus Christ participate in it?
3. How did Jesus handle the suggestions from His brothers regarding openly displaying His miracles?

"When Satan was tempting the Lord, he said a singular thing, urging Him to jump down from the pinnacle of the temple, stating that it is written that the Angels of God would carry Him.

Matthew 4:5-7 KJV Then the devil taketh him up into the holy city, and setteth him on a pinnacle of the temple, [6] And saith unto him, If thou be the Son of God, cast thyself down: for it is written, He shall give his angels charge concerning thee: and in their hands they shall bear thee up, lest at any time thou dash thy foot against a stone. [7] Jesus said unto him, It is written again, Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God.

Looking at what the Lord told him, we see that trying to prove one's faith to men can amount to tempting God. There will be situations where we perform signs, not for popularity but by divine timing and providence, with a clear motive. "Show yourself" to the world, the Lord's brother told him. We must be careful not to make showing ourselves to the world the reason we serve God. That is a wrong approach to receiving and maintaining God's power. The truth is, when we begin to see the raw manifestation of God's power in our lives, temptation arises, whispering in our hearts and from others to show ourselves. We don't need to show ourselves to anyone; even Jesus did not show Himself. The word "show yourself" has rendered many spiritually dead, attacked, and defeated because they passed their spiritual boundaries. Showing yourself that you can sleep in a room with the opposite gender without anything happening, or that you can fast 40 days and 40 nights, has sent many to their early graves. Showing yourself that you can keep bad friends without being influenced has made many backslide. How many times have you fallen into the trap of wanting to show yourself?

Some, within five minutes of talking, would have shown themselves possessing various certificates, positions, wealth, and properties, leading to harm. The flesh sponsors the quest to show oneself. Do you really need to show yourself with the motive that you are intelligent?" "Do you really need to show that you are prayerful and that you know the scriptures? The Lord did not seek to show Himself that He was a miracle worker because He was not controlled by the flesh. It is the flesh that makes you always want to show yourself.

John 7:6 KJV Then Jesus said unto them, My time is not yet come: but your time is always ready.

The Lord replied to His brothers, saying His time had not come yet despite the pressure, yet He replied to them well, giving them reasons He would not go up to Judea as they wanted Him, nor go up there with them. "My time has not yet come." We must always be in the Spirit to know when our time comes so that we would not go out too early, for there is a time for everything. **Ecclesiastes 3:1 KJV** *To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven: the Lord said that the time of His brothers is always ready.* This is because these ones are still in the flesh, and those who are in the flesh are not controlled by the Spirit, so they have all the time to manifest themselves without anything constraining them. It is those who have divine mandates that do not have time for everything on earth; carriers of divine missions know that they each have time set for specific duties, and not that they work aimlessly and without direction. Others might have all the time of the day to choose to do anything that they feel like doing at any time, even if it was not pre-planned. But this is not so with those who carry divine mandates.

Others during Samson's days could drink wine; they could cut off their hair because their time was always ready but Samson must not do so. But he moved out of his divine boundary by making his time always ready by resting on Delilah's laps; he lost his divine mission. Anytime cannot be the right time for those whom the Lord has sent into the world to accomplish His divine purpose on earth."

Say to Yourself, "I refuse to show myself before my time"

Those whose time is always ready do not always have enemies because they would flow along with the world easily.

John 7:7 KJV *The world cannot hate you; but me it hateth, because I testify of it, that the works thereof are evil.*

He must not go with them to the feast and showcase Himself as they said because He is the One that would face the attacks that would come up since He's different from them in works. The works of the world are evil, and since the Lord is in direct opposition to these works, He must not journey with others who are friends of the world in the same train, or else they can even be used against Him. He told them that the world hates Him, but as for them, they can go up to the feast because the world loves its own. **John 7:8 KJV** *Go ye up unto this feast: I go not up yet unto this feast; for my time is not yet fully come.*

As children of God, we must not expect to be loved by the world if we constantly denounce and testify that its deeds are evil. Expecting to be loved by the world can lead to dejection, if one is not careful. The hatred of you for not compromising your stand in a wicked world is proof of your stand with the Lord. The Lord says we are not of the world, so the world hates us. He told His brothers they could go up to the feast but He waited until the right time to also go up, and this time, He went alone and secretly.

There are times when you need to watch the associations you walk with. You must let the Holy Spirit lead and select those you walk with to avoid regret. The Lord did not go with His brothers, despite the fact that they were His brothers. There are those you must not walk with, no matter who they are, or else they will serve as a thorn in your flesh or stop you from fulfilling God's mandate for your life. From what the Lord Jesus Christ did, we can see that we must wait until our time fully comes; we must remain in our Galilee until the Holy Spirit tells us to go up. **John 7:9 KJV When he had said these words unto them, he abode still in Galilee.** The race for manifestation before the right time can lead to regret. We must always pray that we work according to Divine timings for our lives and destinies if we desire to fulfill God's plans for our lives.

If you followed the study, please attempt these questions

1. What lesson can be learned from Satan tempting the Lord regarding the danger of trying to prove one's faith to others?
2. How does the concept of "showing oneself" potentially lead to spiritual harm and compromise?
3. Why did Jesus choose not to go with His brothers to the feast, and what does this reveal about the importance of divine timing and discernment in our associations?

Question

You said that "the hatred of you for not compromising your stand in a wicked world is a proof of your stand in the Lord" but what if your stand for the Lord is making a wrong impact on people, and you know it. Example is, if your stand against something bad, caused you to disobey your parents, and then your stand is causing your other siblings to disobey your parents (even in good matters). What do you do sir?

Answer

The thing is that,

One's stand with Christ can never make a wrong impact on others, it's a compromising stand with Christ that can make a wrong impact. As a Christian that possesses the 9 fruits of the Spirit, your impact anywhere would always be positive because there's no law that stands against the fruit of the Spirit. **Galatians 5:22-23 KJV** But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, [23] Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law. Except in an environment where Satan is ruling but that does not mean that Christ's positive impacts will not still be felt, they can only try to fight it. No apologies to anyone or group that the word of God kicks or speaks against, God's word is supreme. We might think Christ is making a wrong impact through us because many stand against His ways and will, in all we must obey God rather than men. If indeed we are standing for the Lord, such impacts would later be seen as positive and beneficial to all. It can only take time and if we do not compromise.

Invitation

If you know that you are still living in sin and you are ready to repent and begin to live your life in strict obedience to God so that you can overcome every sin in your life to make heaven, please place your right hand on your chest and say this prayer with your mouth.

Say,

"Lord Jesus, I accept You as my personal Lord and Savior. I believe that You died for me and took away my sins so that I will not face the penalty of them. I surrender my life to You today, and I make a decision to obey and follow You. Come into my life now and accept me as Your child. Thank You for saving me, in Jesus Christ's name I pray, Amen."

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