

## The Red-Letter Words of Yeshua ~ Part 94

### In Yerushalayim for Feast of Sukkot (Tabernacles) ~ Part 8

In our last post, we learned that **Yeshua Warns Against Unbelief** and more. In this post, we will learn about the **True Children of Avraham**.

As in our last several posts, **Yeshua** is still speaking on the last day of **Sukkot, Hoshana Rabbah**.

#### True Children of Avraham

***<sup>39</sup> They answered him, "Our father is Avraham." Yeshua replied, "If you are children of Avraham, then do the things Avraham did!"***

**Yeshua** concedes their physical descent from **Avraham** but disputes their automatic inheritance of the promises to **Avraham** on that basis alone. Behavior, not bloodline, determines who are indeed children of **Avraham**.

***<sup>40</sup> As it is, you are out to kill Me, a man who has told you the truth which I heard from God. Avraham did nothing like that! <sup>41</sup> You are doing the things your Father does." "We're not illegitimate children!" they said to him. "We have only one Father - God!"***

***We're not illegitimate children*** (like you, **Yeshua** is implied)! They knew something about the unusual circumstances of **Yeshua's** birth.

***<sup>42</sup> Yeshua replied to them, "If God were your Father, you would love Me; because I came out from God; now I have arrived here. I did not come on My own; He sent Me. <sup>43</sup> Why don't you understand what I'm saying? Because you can't bear to listen to My message. <sup>44</sup> You belong to your Father, Satan, and you want to carry out your Father's desires. From the start, he is a murderer, and he has never stood by the truth because there is no truth in him. When he tells a lie, he is speaking in character; because he is a liar - indeed, the inventor of the lie!"***

***You belong to your Father, the Adversary*** - **Yeshua** is through playing games: He has listened to these people claim **Avraham** and **God** as their **Father**; he is no longer interested in wrong answers. Their sinful behavior, exemplified by unbelief, puts them in opposition to **God** and Himself. The accusation is an intentionally offensive counterclaim to their assertion that **God** was their **Father**.

***<sup>45</sup> But as for Me, because I tell the truth, you don't believe Me. <sup>46</sup> Which one of you can show Me where I'm wrong? If I'm telling the truth, why don't you believe Me?***

***Which one of you can show me where I'm wrong?*** Or: "Which one of you can convict me of sin?" In either case, the answer is No one.

***<sup>47</sup> Whoever belongs to God listens to what God says; the reason you don't listen is that you don't belong to God.<sup>1</sup>***

In our next post, we continue with our new series on **Yeshua's Journey to Yerushalayim for the Feast of Sukkot**. In our next post, we learn that **Yeshua Declares His External Existence**.

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<sup>1</sup> Yochanan 8:39–47.