

2 Peter 1: 3 His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us to his own glory and excellence, 4 by which **he has granted to us his precious and very great promises**, so that through them you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped from the corruption that is in the world because of sinful desire.

Today we will read of one of the greatest promises our God has given to us.

#### I. John 7:25-31

The Claims of Christ cause division:

28 So Jesus proclaimed, as he taught in the temple, “You know me, and you know where I come from. But I have not come of my own accord. He who sent me is true, and him you do not know. 29 I know him, for I come from him, and he sent me.”

Other verses in John that show the unique relationship between the Father and the Son. 5:23-22 The Father judges no one, but has given all judgment to the Son, 23 that all may honor the Son, just as they honor the Father. Whoever does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent him.

6:45 It is written in the Prophets, ‘And they will all be taught by God.’ Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me—

8:19 They said to him therefore, “Where is your Father?” Jesus answered, “You know neither me nor my Father. If you knew me, you would know my Father also.”

8:42 Jesus said to them, “If God were your Father, you would love me, for I came from God and I am here. I came not of my own accord, but he sent me.

There is no neutrality with Jesus. Your belief in God hinges upon everything you believe in about Jesus.

“Jesus cannot be liked. You either kill Him or crown Him.” Tim Keller

If you’ve been around church world for any length of time you might be familiar with this quote but still it is very appropriate for this passage:

“I am trying here to prevent anyone saying the really foolish thing that people often say about Him: ‘I’m ready to accept Jesus as a great moral teacher, but I don’t accept His claim to be God.’ That is the one thing we must not say. A man who was merely a man and said the sort of things Jesus said would not be a great moral teacher. He would either be a lunatic—on a level with the man who says he is a poached egg—or else he would be the Devil of Hell. You must make your choice. Either this man was, and is, the

Son of God; or else a madman or something worse. You can shut Him up for a fool, you can spit at Him and kill Him as a demon; or you can fall at His feet and call Him Lord and God. But let us not come with any patronizing nonsense about His being a great human teacher. He has not left that open to us. He did not intend to.” CS Lewis

B/c Jesus's hour had not yet come, no one would lay a hand on him. God is sovereign over his life. Just as God is sovereign over our life.

II. Lots of confusion and conflict. Read vv. 32-36, 40-52

The Pharisees are utterly clueless on what Jesus is talking about.

Here we have one of the major pronouncements Jesus' makes in this chapter:  
v.34-You will seek me and you will not find me. WHERE I AM YOU CANNOT COME.

Why are they excluded from coming to where Jesus is going? Lack of spiritual sight.

2 Corinthians 3:14 But their minds were hardened. For to this day, when they read the old covenant, that same veil remains un-lifted, because only through Christ is it taken away. 15 Yes, to this day whenever Moses is read a veil lies over their hearts.

What do you do with your questions? Where do you?

III. Invitation.

Read vv. 37-39

The Significance of the last day of the Feast.

Jesus is the fulfillment of everything the feast pointed to.

This invitation harkens us back to OT allusions:

**Come everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and he who has no money, come, buy, and eat! Isaiah 55:1**

**Who is invited to come?**

**What kind of thirsting is Jesus talking about?**

**How does one come to him and drink?**

**What do you do when you are not thirsty?**

**John 19:28** After this, Jesus, knowing that all was now finished, said (to fulfill the Scripture), "I thirst."