John 5 - Jesus And His Father - Sunday AM 03/25/18

Introduction:

John 5.1-9 Jesus heals a man who could not walk. Problem is when Jesus told the man to take up his bed and walk, v. 9. Others saw this man and obviously interpreted this as violating the Sabbath. They wanted to know who told him to take up his bed and walk? v. 12. Notice they did not question how he was able to do so, or by what power he had been healed. Skipping down to verse 16, "For this reason the Jews persecuted Jesus and sought to kill Him, because He had done these thing on the Sabbath." What were "these things" referring?

I) <u>Jesus' Reply, v. 17-18</u>

- A) God rest on the Sabbath but He did not cease doing good, *Genesis 2.2; Exodus 20.11*.
 - 1. My grandfather misapplied the Sabbath to Sunday and thought a person should not work on Sunday, but he expected Grandma to cook!
 - 2. God sustains the universe on the Sabbath, *Hebrews* 1.3; Acts 14.17
 - 3. He sends sunshine and rain on the Sabbath, *Matthew* 5.45.
 - 4. It is permissible to do good on the Sabbath. *Luke 6.9*
- B) "My Father" and not our father.
 - 1. Implying a special relationship between God and Jesus.
 - a. I think of David in the Psalms often referring to God as My God. *Psalm 71.4*

- b. Jesus' relationship to the Father was special as both were deity. Jesus used the term "My Father" frequently, *Matthew 7.21; John 10.30*.
- 2. Jesus saw Himself as being involved in the same activities as the Father, *Luke 2.49*.
- 3. Jesus and His Father were united, working together, *John 17.21*.

II) Examples of This Unity

A) In giving life, v. 21

- 1. In the creation account God created man and woman, *Genesis* 1.26-27
- 2. In *John 1* the word created and that word was Jesus, *v. 14*.
- 3. God created man as a spiritual being, *Genesis 2.7*.
- 4. Jesus gives us eternal life, *John 5.24*.

B) United in raising the dead, v. 21

- 1. People were raised from the dead in the Old Testament
 - a. 1 Kings 17.17-24 The widow of Zarephath's son.
 - b. The Shunammite woman's son *(2 Kings 4:18-37)*
 - c. The man raised out of Elisha's grave (2 Kings 13:20-21).
- 2. Jesus spoke of greater works, Jesus raised the death, *John 11.1-48; 12.1, 9-11.*
- 3. Jesus spoke of the resurrection, *John 5. 28-29*.

C) United in judgment, v. 28-29

- 1. I can't help but think of children who try to play on parent off the other. One judgment off the other's judgment. Or one court that will overturn a ruling of another.
- 2. The judgment of God the Father and Jesus are the same
 - a. Jesus has been given all judgment, *John 5.22*.
 - b. Jesus has authority to execute judgment, *v. 27*.
 - c. Jesus' judgment is just, v. 30.

Conclusion:

Therefore, they should honor the Son as they did the Father.