

The Pretenders

The Text: John 8:31-47 (Page #1663 in the sanctuary Bible)

The Context: As Jesus is teaching and serving the people, he faces growing opposition from the official religious leaders. They prided themselves in their rich religious heritage, but they expose their arrogant self-righteousness and misunderstanding of God's Word (the Old Testament). They do not heed the book or know the God they claim to believe. They are pretenders.

Pretenders of _____	_____ with God
Isaiah 29:13 "These people come near to me with their mouth and honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me. Their worship of me is made up only of rules taught by men."	John 8:32 "Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."
What are they trusting?	

- **8:39** "Abraham is our father," they answered. "If you were Abraham's children," said Jesus, "then you would do the things Abraham did."
Abraham –

Practical Application:

- **8:42** Jesus said to them, "If God were your Father, you would love me, for I came from God and now am here. I have not come on my own; but he sent me."
- **8:44** "You belong to your father, the devil, and you want to carry out your father's desire. He was a murderer from the beginning, not holding to the truth, for there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks his native language, for he is a liar and the father of lies."
- **8:45** "Yet because I tell the truth, you do not believe me!"
- **8:47** "He who belongs to God hears what God says. The reason you do not hear is that you do not belong to God."

Response: What are we supposed to do?

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A Sinner's Prayer

Lord, I am a sinner who has offended you. Please forgive me. I believe that Jesus Christ died on the cross for my sins and I place my trust in Christ's sacrifice as the only way to be right with you. Thank you for loving me and coming into my heart. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Related Scriptures:

- **Matthew 7:21** Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only he who does the will of my Father who is in heaven.
- **John 5:30** ...For I seek not to please myself but him who sent me.
- **Titus 1:16** They claim to know God, but by their actions they deny him.

TAP

T - **key Truths** = Summary thoughts, principles to live by, observations to remember.
A - **practical Application** = How should I respond? What action can I take?
P - **my Prayer response** = My expression to God from what I am reading/thinking.

Date: Mon. Aug.23	John 8:12-30
T ^{KEY} TRUTHS	
A ^{PRACTICAL} APPLICATION	
P ^{MY} PRAYER <small>RESPONSE</small>	

Date: Tue. Aug.24	John 8:31-41
T ^{KEY} TRUTHS	
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P ^{MY} PRAYER <small>RESPONSE</small>	

Date: Wed. Aug.25	John 8:42-59
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P ^{MY} PRAYER <small>RESPONSE</small>	

Date: Thur. Aug.26	John 7:14-44 (On Thursday & Friday this week, review the interchange between Jesus and the religious teachers.)
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Date: Fri. Aug. 27	John 8:12-59
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