

Round after Round
John 8:1-11 (v.1-6)
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Thesis: I want to show what we can learn from the repeated defeats of the Pharisees.

Intro: 1. We can learn a lot from people who attack truth.
2. The Pharisees, as well as others, are a great example of choosing preconceived ideas over truth.

I. Round 1 – The Woman in Adultery (Jn 8:1-12)

A. The first issue – where is the man? (**Jn 8:1-4**)

1. The Pharisees and sometimes the scribes are included in this, are the shining example of hypocrisy.
2. They wanted to appear righteous but there are shallow examples of godliness.

a. **Mt 23:1-7**

B. Pharisees seek to trap Christ (Jn 8:5-8)

1. The Pharisees, sadly like some today, was not interested in spiritual truth here but were only interested in trying to do harm to Christ (**v.5-6**).
2. Christ asks if they are the righteous judge of this person (**v.7-8**)

a. **Mt 7:1-3, Jn 7:24**

C. The woman was instructed to “sin no more” (Jn 8:9-11)

1. Those who heard Christ’ word and was convicted by it left, seemingly realizing their error (**v.9**)
2. Jesus was not there to condemn her to death but to save. (**v.10-11**)
 - a. This was His entire reason for coming (**Lk 19:10**)
 - i. He condemned the sin but showed compassion for the sinner, He shows his love and mercy for humanity.

II. Round 2 – The Witness of Jesus (Jn 8:13-19)

A. Accusation & response (v.13-14)

1. The Pharisees said that Christ’ witness was not true.(**v.13**)
2. Their law stated that a witness or testimony required to two men to be true (v.17)
 - a. Evidence however also makes a testimony true and they were not considering the evidence for Christ honestly.
3. Christ says that His testimony is true because of where He comes from, heaven. (**v.14a**)
 - a. Just because the Pharisees said His witness was not true does not mean they are correct.
 - b. They had not considered prophecies concerning Him, the teachings of Jesus and His miracles that backed up His word.
4. Jesus knew where He was from and where He was going (**v.14b**)
 - a. They did not where Christ was from or where He was going, but this was due to their own ignorance.

B. True Testimony (v.15-19)

1. The Pharisees judged according to the flesh or according to the standards of men, Christ judges no man in such ways **(v.15)**
 - a. His judgment is of a higher standard and a righteous judgment
2. His judgment is in agreement with God's will and standard therefore it is righteous **(v.16)**.
3. Christ returns to the topic of witness and drives the point home (v. 17-19)
 - a. Jesus says according to their law the testimony of two is true, His testimony includes the testimony of the Father **(v.17-18)**.
 - b. The Pharisees again show the misunderstanding and ignorance by not know who is Christ' father **(v.19)**.
 - i. He replies that they truly do not know God.
 - ii. In verses 37-59 Christ continues His rebuke of their unbelief and lack of knowledge concerning Him and the truth.

III. Round 3 – A Healed Man & the Pharisees (Jn 9:1-34)

A. The healing (v.1-7)

1. Christ heals a man who had been blind from birth. **(v.1)**
2. He not only heals the man but uses the opportunity to teach **(v.2-3)**
 - a. Christ tells those present that while He is on earth He must work the works of God **(v.4-5)**
 - b. Christ anoints the mans eyes and following his obedience to Christ's commands He gains his sight **(v.6-7)**
 - c. The formerly blind man repeats the account of his healing (v.8-13)

B. The blind Pharisees (v.13-34)

1. 1st denial - He cannot be the son of God because He does not keep the sabbath **(v.13-16)**
2. 2nd denial – They did not believe the healed man or that he was blind from birth **(v.17-21)**
 - a. His parents feared being cast out so they leave their son to deal with them **(v.22-23)**.
3. 3rd denial – they do not believe the healed man's words **(v.24-28)**
4. 4th denial – the deny that Christ is God's Son **(v.29)**
5. 5th denial – they deny the man's words concerning Christ even though He points out His words are supported by miraculous acts(v.30-33, they then ridicule him and cast him out **(v.34)**

III. Lessons for us today.

A. Don't be a Pharisee **(Mt 5:20)**

1. The Pharisee's righteousness was only on the surface.
 - a. The Christian must have true, biblical righteousness.
2. They pharisees claimed righteousness yet the Lord told them they were blind **(Jn 9:40-41)**

B. Logic acknowledges Truth

1. Logic acknowledges truth **(Jn 9:2-3)**

2. The righteous acknowledge truth (**Jn 9:33-34**)

Application & Conclusion:

1. Christ is the Son of God, something the hypocrisy of the Pharisees would never admit.
2. Let us learn from their example and have an open heart for truth.
3. Full Invitation

Non-Christians must:

Hear – James 1:22, Romans 10:15,17

Believe – Jn 12:44, Jn 8:24, Mt 16:16

Repent – Luke 13:2-3

Confess – John 12:42, Romans 10:9

Be Baptized – 1 Pt 3:21, Acts 22:16, Col 2:11, Mk 16:16, Rom 6:3-4

Live faithfully – John 14:15, Rev 2:10

Christians must:

Repent: Acts 17:20, Acts 8:37, Lk 13:3

Pray: James 5:16, 1 Jn 1:9