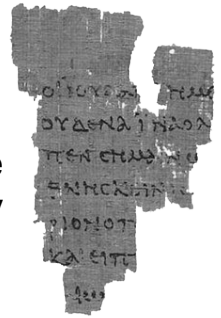


# The Book of John - 44

**Introduction**—We are continuing in the Book of John in chapter 7, leading up to the discourse at the Feast of Booths. In the first five verses of this chapter, the Bible gives the background leading up to this celebration in Jerusalem. In the last lesson, we looked at the difference between worldly wisdom, as expressed by the Lord's brothers, and godly wisdom, which is directed by God.



## 1. The Lord's **Discourse At The Feasts of Booths John 7**

- a. The description of this opposition. **vss. 1-2**
- b. The demand of his brothers. **vss. 3-4**
- c. The distrust of his brothers. **vs. 5**

Let's read together **verses 6-9**:

**John 7:6–9** *“6 Then Jesus said unto them, My time is not yet come: but your time is alway ready. 7 The world cannot hate you; but me it hateth, because I testify of it, that the works thereof are evil. 8 Go ye up unto this feast: I go not up yet unto this feast; for my time is not yet full come. 9 When he had said these words unto them, he abode still in Galilee.”*

- d. The \_\_\_\_\_ statement of the Lord. **vss. 6-9**

In these verses, we have recorded the Lord's reply. I want you to note **the dividing statement** given by the Lord.

**John 7:6** *“6 Then Jesus said unto them, My time is not yet come: but your time is alway ready.”*

We have already examined several passages concerning **worldly wisdom** and **godly wisdom**. The Book of James helps us in this matter and tells us to ask God for wisdom.

**James 1:5** states, *“5 If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him.”*

**Proverbs 2:6** *“6 For the Lord giveth wisdom: Out of his mouth cometh knowledge and understanding.”*

From the book of Proverbs, we understand that wisdom should not only be sought **by prayer** but also discovered **in the pages of Scripture**. There is a difference given here between **the path of the Lord** and **the path of His brothers**— whom the Bible tells us that believe not. Jesus states, My time is not yet come. He further states that your time is always ready.

What exactly is meant by these statements? The Lord operates off of His divine

timetable, not man's. It was not the divine time for the Lord to go to this Feast. Remember, the brothers of Jesus were trying to compel the Lord to reveal Himself through miracles and signs in the sight of the masses.

The Lord's example teaches us that it is best for Christians to wait on God's timing. Sometimes, this seems like the most difficult thing in the world to do.

Consider the following topical outline by one expositor<sup>1</sup>:

God's Timing Provides **Daily Bread**

**The Widow of Zarephath (1 Kings 17:9-16)**

**The Shunamite Woman (2 Kings 4:1-7)**

**The Feeding of the 5000 (Matthew 14:15-21)**

God's Timing Provides **Direction**

**Israel at the Red Sea**

**Abraham's Servant (Wife for Isaac - Genesis 24:13-26)**

**Little Maid and Naaman (2 Kings 5:1-4)**

God's Timing Provides **Destruction to the Wicked**

**King Saul (2 Chronicles 18:33,34)**

**Haman (Esther 7:9-10)**

God's Timing Provides **Deliverance**

**Elijah (1 Kings 19)**

**David (1 Samuel 23:24-28)**

**Peter (Acts 12:6-7)**

**Jonah (John 1:17)**

**Joseph (Genesis 45:4-5)**

**Moses as baby (Exodus 2:5-6)**

**Mordecai (Esther 6:1-11)**

All I am trying to point out by the wide variety of situations and outcomes recorded in the Scriptures is that God's timing is perfect. The Lord directs His people. As we see in this passage, the Lord Jesus Christ makes a distinction between His divine timing and the timing of His brothers.

Notice again in **verse 6**. The Bible says **John 7:6** *"6 Then Jesus said unto them, My time is not yet come: but **your time is always ready.**"*

The Lord continues in **verses 7-8**.

**John 7:7-8** *"7 The world cannot hate you; but me it hateth, because I testify of it, that the works thereof are evil. 8 Go ye up unto this feast: I go not up yet unto this feast; for my time is not yet full come."*

For those who operate according to the dictates of the flesh, there are no godly

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<sup>1</sup> Mattoon, Rod *Treasures From John, Volume 1*

constraints to guide them. Christians, on the other hand, ought to be led by the Lord. My friend, the question for you and me is this: Are we going to be guided by God in our lives through prayer, His Word, and His presence, or are we going to be guided by worldly wisdom?

b. The \_\_\_\_\_ for the feast. **vss. 9-10**

As we close, **verses 9 and 10 show the Lord departing** for the feast.

**John 7:9–10** *“9 When he had said these words unto them, he abode still in Galilee. 10 But when his brethren were gone up, then went he also up unto the feast, not openly, but as it were in secret.”*

And as we consider these verses and as we close this first section:

Would you be willing to submit yourself to God’s timing for everything?

That presupposes that **you seek His will for your life and your decisions.**

That presupposes that **you are reading His Word and obeying God’s wisdom.**

That presupposes that **you are praying and asking the Lord to give you godly wisdom and guard you from worldly wisdom creeping in.**