

The Miracle of Unbelief

John 12:37-43

37 But although He had done so many signs before them, they did not believe in Him, 38 that the word of Isaiah the prophet might be fulfilled, which he spoke:

"Lord, who has believed our report?
And to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?"

39 Therefore they could not believe, because Isaiah said again:

40 "He has blinded their eyes and hardened their hearts,
Lest they should see with their eyes,
Lest they should understand with their hearts and turn,
So that I should heal them."

41 These things Isaiah said when he saw His glory and spoke of Him.

42 Nevertheless even among the rulers many believed in Him, but because of the Pharisees they did not confess Him, lest they should be put out of the synagogue; 43 for they loved the praise of men more than the praise of God. NKJV

- I. But although He had done so many signs before them
 - A. Remember what Nicodemus had said in John 3
 - 1. John 3:2 "Rabbi, we know that You are a teacher come from God; for no one can do these signs that You do unless God is with him." NKJV
 - B. In John chapter 5 Jesus had healed the man who had been a cripple for 38 years.
 - C. In John 9 Jesus heals the man born blind.
 - D. These were just a few of the many that could be listed.
- II. They did not believe in Him
 - A. I was reading this last week from the writings of Thomas Paine.
 - 1. Thomas Paine was an unbeliever.
 - 2. One of the basis of his unbelief was that Jesus did not write anything about himself but that it was others who wrote.
 - 3. Do you suppose old Tom would have believed if Jesus had left a written record.
 - B. Evolution & DNA
- III. That the word of Isaiah the prophet might be fulfilled, which he spoke:

- A. "Lord, who has believed our report? And to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?" Therefore they could not believe, because Isaiah said again: "He has blinded their eyes and hardened their hearts, Lest they should see with their eyes, Lest they should understand with their hearts and turn, So that I should heal them."
 - B. They would not believe until they could not believe.
- IV. These things Isaiah said when he saw His glory and spoke of Him.
- V. Nevertheless even among the rulers many believed in Him
- A. But God's grace is powerful.
 - B. Left to our selves we would all go astray. Isa 53
 - C. Left to our selves there is no righteous no not one.
 - D. There is not that seeks after God.
 - 1. Romans 3:11 There is none who understands; There is none who seeks after God.
- VI. But because of the Pharisees they did not confess Him, lest they should be put out of the synagogue; 43 for they loved the praise of men more than the praise of God.
- A. Faith canceled.
 - B. Faith denied.
 - C. Ashamed of faith.