

John 8:13

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

The Pharisees therefore said unto him, Thou bearest record of thyself; thy record is not true.

Analysis

The Pharisees challenge Jesus' self-testimony as invalid according to Jewish law requiring multiple witnesses. They focus on legal technicalities while missing the substance of His claims. This illustrates how religious formalism can blind people to truth standing before them. Yet Jesus will address their concern by identifying the Father as His second witness.

Historical Context

Deuteronomy 19:15 required two or three witnesses for legal validity. The Pharisees invoke this principle to dismiss Jesus' testimony, though they ignore the Father's testimony to the Son.

Related Passages

John 15:13 — Greatest form of love

1 John 4:8 — God is love

Study Questions

1. How can focus on technical details cause you to miss larger truths?
2. When does proper concern for evidence become an excuse for unbelief?
3. What witness does the Father bear to the Son in your experience?

Interlinear Text

εἰπον οὖν αὐτῷ οἱ Φαρισαῖοι Σὺ περὶ σεαυτοῦ
said therefore unto him G3588 The Pharisees Thou of thyself
G2036 G3767 G846 G5330 G4771 G4012 G4572

μαρτυρεῖς· ἡ μαρτυρία σου οὐκ ἔστιν ἀληθής
bearest record record thy not is true
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