

# 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

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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

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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

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**John 15:13** — Greatest form of love

**1 John 4:8** — God is love

## Study Questions

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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

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εἶπον	οὖν	αὐτῷ	οἱ	Φαρισαῖοι	Σὺ	περὶ	σεαυτοῦ
<b>said</b>	<b>therefore</b>	<b>unto him</b>	G3588	<b>The Pharisees</b>	<b>Thou</b>	<b>of</b>	<b>thyself</b>
G2036	G3767	G846		G5330	G4771	G4012	G4572
μαρτυρεῖς·	ἡ	μαρτυρία	σου	οὐκ	ἔστιν	ἀληθής	
<b>bearest record</b>	G3588	<b>record</b>	<b>thy</b>	<b>not</b>	<b>is</b>	<b>true</b>	
G3140		G3141	G4675	G3756	G2076	G227	

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