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Believing, Confessing, and Obeying

*John 12:38-50*

It's wonderful our Father has created the ability to write, compose, put together songs. Also the ability to praise Him. Even if we don't say anything in the morning, we can praise Him in songs. Confess Him in this way. There is no excuse. Isa 29:13 — If we never confess Him we are still in sin. People draw near only with their lips but have no confession. Their fear is only the commandment of man, not of God. It's not the commandment of God.

You come here and you better say something. We are created in His image. He created us to worship Him. Our life needs to commensurate with our praise. That's why we open our mouth, sing, worship, praise our Father.

Jn 12:38 — Who has believed it? Who has it been revealed to, who had the veil taken away from their heart? Therefore they couldn't believe. Verse 40 — Their heart has become callous, hearing, hearing, and never responding with open confession. Like Pharaoh's heart was hardened by God's word, our heart is hardened by not responding. Through hearing and not responding our heart is hardened.

We understand the character of God. He wants all men to be saved. He's loving and kind. If you read the Word with the devil's understanding you might get a case against God. He loved the world so much to send a ransom. He didn't want anyone to perish. He paid a price, a ransom. Verses 41-42 — People here in Sus, Navarrenx, believed. Many leading men, Catholics, people in authority believed. They believed the same word as anyone who believes in the Son of God, but they had no confession. How important is it to make confession? It confirms our belief.

Almost every day we can make confession. Are we saved without confession? Rom 10:9-10 — Our Father wants us to make confession initially at baptism when we are saved. Ps 68 — He came to save the lonely, but those who are rebellious stay rather in a dry, parched land.

He transfers us from the world into the Body where we can grow up. If they had confessed they would have transferred religion — one who works over one who didn't work — from synagogue of Satan to the Body of Messiah. The Catholics are afraid to not stay in their religion. If they made confession, they would be kicked out of their religion.

If somebody got put out of the synagogue back then, the only place that they had was Yahshua and His people. Later on at Pentecost they would have come into the Body.

Jn 12:43 — A lot of times you can see that. I think our youth came to the understanding to not value what a carnal friend thinks above what God thinks.

Verse 44 — Anyone who doesn't raise his voice is not worthy of Yahshua. If you don't, you are a sissy. Even a woman can do it. I heard my wife over at my cabin the other day leading the dance. She developed her voice. She had the weakest, squeakiest voice I had ever heard. Verses 44-50.

Verse 47 — At that time He didn't come to judge the world but to save it. We can all pick up our voice as well as He did. He came to show us what we can do as humans. He came to lift us up to be as Him. Don't say, "He can do it 10,000 times better; He's divine." We even need to come to the point to say, "If you see me, you see the One who sent me."

Verse 48 — "The very thing I spoke will judge a person on the last day." Our Master never spoke on His own authority. It's written to us so we wouldn't speak on our own authority.

Verse 49 — "He has given Me understanding, orders, revelation what to say and how to say it." We need to be the same way. If not, no one is going to believe in Him.

Verse 50 — His commandment is eternal life. It means we have to obey Him in order to be saved. Not just believe — obedience is to confess Him with our mouth. Verse 50 — "as the

Father told Me to say," in accordance with His instructions. That's how He expects His people here on the earth to be.

Yahshua was the representative man. He perfectly expressed God's image. He is lifting us up to the place where He is, even if it takes 50 years. Some take longer — some are early bloomers, some late bloomers. If we have His commandments and obey them, we have eternal life. If we keep obeying more and more, we have greater insight into His word. His commandment is eternal life.

We can't draw near with an intimidating spirit — we have to cast it out. He wants us to do these two things — come forward and draw near.