



## A Mighty Fortress Is Our God!

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Text: John 8:41-47

**Passage Summary:** As we survey the life and ministry of Jesus, one thing becomes increasingly clear; in the eye of the storm, He knows where to focus!

**180 Degree Truth #1:** See that not if, but when opposition comes, it is essential to maintain a steadfast focus on God! (8:41-47)

### Opposition Tracker in the Life of Jesus

Jesus' brothers mock and ridicule Him in unbelief (7:2-5)  
 The religious leaders are waiting in Jerusalem to take His life (7:1, 11)  
 The crowds accuse Him of deceiving the people (7:12)  
 The crowds accuse Him of being demon possessed (7:20)  
 The crowds question His credibility to be the Messiah! (7:25-27)  
 The crowds try to seize Jesus (7:30)  
 The religious leaders send temple guards to arrest Jesus (7:32)  
 The religious leaders try to trap and accuse Jesus (8:6)  
 The religious leaders question the validity of Jesus' testimony! (8:13)

**Application:** Recognize that when it comes to a steadfast focus on God, be mindful of His...

- Calling! (v.41-47)

### See that when it comes to our calling from God, hold the line by recognizing...

When you know who your \_\_\_\_\_ is, you will know clearly who you are in relation to \_\_\_\_\_!

*"Jesus said to them, 'If God were your Father, you would love me, for I came from God and now am here. I have not come on my own; but he sent me.'"*

**John 8:42**

*"You belong to your father, the devil, and you want to carry out your father's desire. He was a murderer from the beginning, not holding to the truth, for there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks his native language, for he is a liar and the father of lies."*

**John 8:44**

### See that when it comes to our adversary, the devil...

He is a part of a \_\_\_\_\_ realm of \_\_\_\_\_ beings!  
 (Psalm 148:1-5)

He \_\_\_\_\_ against God, and sought to be \_\_\_\_\_  
 as God!  
 (Isaiah 14:12-15, Ezekiel 28:12-19)

He is a \_\_\_\_\_ foe, but he is also a \_\_\_\_\_ foe!  
 (1 Peter 5:8)

His chief \_\_\_\_\_ is \_\_\_\_\_!  
 (Genesis 3:1-5)

His chief \_\_\_\_\_ is \_\_\_\_\_!  
 (John 10:10)

**Remember:** When it comes to a steadfast focus on God, when you can answer the question, "Who is your father," in a way that leads you to the faith filled acknowledgement that Jesus is the Son of God and your personal Savior, you can know that you truly \_\_\_\_\_ to God, and through Him, have received a priceless and profound \_\_\_\_\_!

**Core Conviction to Live By:** Resolutely determine to remain in the eye of the storm as the day of Christ's return draws near; opposition will be inevitable, but there is a quietness and a strength for those who know where to focus!

*"And though this world, with devils filled,  
 Should threaten to undo us,  
 We will not fear, for God has willed  
 His truth to triumph through us."*

**Martin Luther, A Mighty Fortress Is Our God**