

YOU CAN'T LIVE IN TWO PLACES AT ONCE

Context: Jesus has been telling everyone --

I am simply telling you what God tells me. I'll be leaving soon, going where you cannot come unless you believe the things I've been telling you -- that you are not living life the way God meant it to be lived, the way life is lived in the heavens.

I am the only one who can do anything to restore you and get your life back on track God's way of life. You live in darkness; I came as the light of the world. If you follow me, you won't have to live in the dark. Put your trust in Me.

- (1) Worlds are created by spoken words (logos). Just as God spoke the physical world into existence, so too has He spoken a spiritual world into being. The devil *makes* another, false space by speaking lies against the truth.
- v.31 (2) If you *live, abide, stay* in the place made by Jesus' words, then you will learn what life is supposed to be like. You will come to know the truth about the way things really are -- rather than the way they have been perverted and falsified by lies.
- v.32-36 (3) Knowing this truth will do two things in your life: first, it will exempt you from personal liability for the lies you have lived and believed. Second, it will liberate you from the power of those lies -- what they say you must do and how you must live.
- (4) People live in what they believe. They live within the world created by the truth spoken by God *or* the lies told by satan (or in some grotesque combination of the two).
- v.37-47 (5) Your life (and all its parts) is the offspring of one father or the other -- the Father of truth or the father of lies. Whose child you are is known by whose words make up your world and whose desires you fulfill.