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Sermon on the Mount

Lesson Twenty-One • Matthew 7:21-23

Unexpected Verdict

What will you hear when you stand before the Lord on Judgment Day?

Many people will hear the most terrifying, unexpected VERDICT from Jesus Christ: "I never knew you; depart from Me."

"And then will I declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from Me...'"
Matthew 7:23

Beware of Self-Deception that Leads to Eternal Death!

Jesus says not everyone who THINKS they are saved are, in fact, saved.

Many people are falsely assured they will enter the kingdom of heaven, and it will come as a complete surprise to them to hear they are false Christians.

"Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of My Father who is in heaven. On that day many will say to Me, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in Your name, and cast out demons in Your name, and do many mighty works in Your name?'" Matthew 7:21-22

Examine yourselves, to see whether you are in the faith. Test yourselves. Or do you not realize this about yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you?—unless indeed you fail to meet the test! 2Corinthians 13:5

How Do I Know I Am Truly Saved? Test Yourself

1. Test Your CONFESSION of Jesus Christ!

Testing Your Confession

- Merely saying RIGHT WORDS is not enough to enter the kingdom of heaven.

"Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven..."
Matthew 7:21

- Merely doing RELIGIOUS WORKS is not enough to enter the kingdom of heaven.

"On that day many will say to Me, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in Your name, and cast out demons in Your name, and do many mighty works in Your name?'"
Matthew 7:22

2. Test Your CONNECTION with Jesus Christ!

***Do you know Jesus and does Jesus know you,
so that you enter the kingdom of heaven?***

We enter the kingdom of heaven through FAITH in Jesus, being known by Jesus as one of His sheep and knowing Jesus as our Shepherd.

"And then will I declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from Me...'" Matthew 7:23

"And this is eternal life, that they know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent." John 17:3

"I am the good shepherd. I know My own and My own know Me." John 10:14

"My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of My hand."
John 10:27-28

Testing Your Connection

- We give evidence that we know Jesus by our OBEDIENCE.

"Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of My Father who is in heaven." Matthew 7:21

- We give evidence that we don't know Jesus by our DISOBEDIENCE.

"And then will I declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from Me, you workers of lawlessness.'" Matthew 7:23

3. Test Your COMMITMENT to Jesus Christ!

"Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock. And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on the rock. And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not do them will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand. And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell, and great was the fall of it."
Matthew 7:24-27

The Good News of Jesus' Invitation to the Kingdom of Heaven

If you accept His invitation to enter the narrow gate of salvation, to trust Him alone as your Savior and King, you will never hear Jesus say, "Depart from Me!" because He knows you and you know Him.