

SOTM pt6 – Structured to Win – Saved?

[Mat 7:21-23 NASB95] 21 "Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father who is in heaven [will enter.] 22 "Many will say to Me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in Your name, and in Your name cast out demons, and in Your name perform many miracles?' 23 "And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; DEPART FROM ME, YOU WHO PRACTICE LAWLESSNESS.'

- Not everyone who calls Jesus “Lord” will be saved.
- IMO, this is one of the scariest verses in the Bible.
- Jesus is not trying to scare us (although we are to have a healthy fear of God), He is trying to warn us, so we make the right choices.
- This horrible result in Matthew 7 does not have to be you.

What do we need to know so we do not end up like those in Matthew 7?

Here are four things we need to know so we do not end up like those in Matthew 7.

I. Startling Revelation – v. 21

- a. They knew to call Him, Lord. They did it twice. This indicates that it was said passionately.
- b. Giving lip service to God will save you. Later (v. 22) He uses the term “many.”
- c. [Luk 6:46-47 NASB95] 46 "Why do you call Me, 'Lord, Lord,' and do not do what I say? 47 "Everyone who comes to Me and hears My words and acts on them, I will show you whom he is like:
- d. If we do not obey Him, calling Him “Lord” means nothing.
- e. Fire Bible Notes: “The obedience to God’s will demanded by Christ is an ongoing condition for salvation; it does not save us, but it is a response and a result of true salvation.”

II. Poor Justification – v. 22

- a. They thought their good works were justification for going to heaven. He never doubted their claims of success. Miracles prove nothing in and of themselves.
- b. [Isa 64:6 NASB95] 6 For all of us have become like one who is unclean, And all our righteous deeds are like a filthy garment; And all of us wither like a leaf, And our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.
- c. We are saved by an ongoing faith/faithfulness to Jesus. Works do not save us. However, we are called to do good works.
 - i. [Eph 2:8-10 NASB95] 8 For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, [it is] the gift of God; 9 not as a result of works, so that no one may boast. 10 For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them.
 - ii. [Eph 4:12 NASB95] 12 for the equipping of the saints for the work of service, to the building up of the body of Christ;
- d. Our good works must flow out of a deep commitment to Christ.

III. Damning Judgement – v. 23

- a. They are sent away from Jesus because they did not live for Him.
- b. The “never” knew Him indicates they never were saved.
- c. V. 22 – “on that day...” We all will appear before God.

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- d. We are to live away from wickedness. [2Ti 2:19 NASB95] 19 Nevertheless, the firm foundation of God stands, having this seal, "The Lord knows those who are His," and, "Everyone who names the name of the Lord is to abstain from wickedness."
- e. We will either "enter into the Kingdom of Heaven" (v.21) or be removed and spend eternity in hell.
- f. Heaven is a real place. Hell is a real place. There is a heaven to gain and a hell to shun.

IV. Appropriate Responses

- a. Surrender to Him. Obey God. Allow the Holy Spirit to enable you to obey Him.
 - b. Seek to know Him. Prayer. Bible. Church. Worship. Fasting. Stay hungry for Him. Do not get so full of the world.
 - c. Keep in mind that Heaven and Hell are realities. Jesus is coming back. We will stand before Him either by rapture or death.
- **God wants us to make the choice to live for Him, obey Him so that we can enter the Kingdom of Heaven and avoid spending eternity in hell.**