

"I NEVER KNEW YOU"

Matthew 7:21-23

INTRODUCTION:

1. The **Sermon on the Mount** covers **Matthew 5,6 and 7** and the Lord is setting forth the **divine requirement of His Kingdom - The Kingdom of Heaven.**
2. The divine requirement to enter the kingdom is - righteousness.

TWO THINGS THAT WILL KEEP YOU OUT OF HEAVEN

I. EMPTY RIGHTEOUSNESS

1. **Question:** "How righteous are we to be?"
 - a) **Matthew 5:20**
2. **Question:** "How righteous were they?"
 - a) They were as righteous as man could possibly get on his own!!!
 - b) They were obsessed with religious function.
 - c) To the normal guy they were considered to be exceedingly righteous.
3. **Jesus was requiring an impossible righteousness.**
4. **Matthew 5:48**
5. **POINT:** You and I cannot achieve the standard Christ requires.
6. **Romans 3:19-20**
7. **Matthew 5:13**
8. **Matthew 5:14**
 - a) "For the gate is narrow and the way hard that leads to life..."
 - 1) "and those who find it are few"
 - 2) Some important facts about the "Narrow Gate"
 - a. #1 "**those who find it**" This gate must be searched for and thus found.
 - b. #2 The "**narrow way**" is demanding, which is opposite of the world which is broad and easy.
 - c. #3 The "**narrow gate**" requires going it alone...empty handed.

9. **There's a warning here:** It's a warning against ourselves because we can be so biased in our own favor, because of pride.

10. God's Word gives us clear warning about spiritual deception as it relates to salvation.

11. **QUESTION:** Why is it that people are so easily deceived about salvation?

a) **First - It's because of a false doctrine of Salvation.**

1) **Romans 8:14-16**

2) **2 Peter 1:3-11**

b) **Second - The failure of self-examination**

1) **2 Corinthians 13:5**

2) **Romans 7:14-25**

3) **1 John 1:8-9**

4) **1 Corinthians 6:9-10**

5) **Ephesians 5:5-6**

c) **A Third Cause of Self-Deception is an excessive focus on religious activity.**

d) **A Fourth Cause of Self-Deception is balancing the scales.**

1) **Romans 5:12**

2) **Romans 6:23**

II. EMPTY RHETORIC

1. **Matthew 7:21**

a) **"Lord" - was a common Jewish substitute title for Jehovah or Yahweh.**

1) **Lord was to address Jesus as the one true God.**

2. **Vs 22**

a) **"on that day"**

1) **Refers to an unspecified season of judgment but I believe it refers to the Great White Throne Judgment of God.**

2) **John 3:16-18**

3) **The Judgment Seat of Christ**

a) **1 Corinthians 3:11-15**

b) **2 Corinthians 5:6-10**

4) **The Great White Throne Judgment**

a) **Revelation 20:11-15**

3. Vs 22

a) "***in your name***" (notice the mention 3 names which is emphatic)

1) "Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name"

2) "and cast out demons in your name..."

3) "and do many mighty works in your name..."

b) "***on that day***" - one last time they will address Christ as "Lord" and speak in desperation.

4. Vs 21

a) "Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord, will enter the kingdom of heaven"

b) "but the one who ***does the will of my Father*** who is in Heaven"

5. John 8:31

6. Colossians 1:22-23

7. Vs 23

a) "and then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you.'"

1) "knew" - means a relationship, intimacy

b) "***depart from me you worker of lawlessness***"

8. James 2:17-19

9.1 John 1:9

CONCLUSION:

1. 2 Corinthians 5:13