

Matthew 7:21-23

I. Verse 21

A. "Lord, Lord"

1. To say to Jesus "Lord, Lord" is one essential indicator of _____ salvation.
 - a. Romans 10:9 – If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.
 - b. 1 Corinthians 12:3 Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking in the Spirit of God ever says "Jesus is accursed!" and no one can say "Jesus is Lord" except in the Holy Spirit.
2. To say to Jesus "Lord, Lord" is to _____ affirm that He is the only Judge, the only Savior, and the only Master, He is even _____ Himself.
3. The one who says to Jesus "Lord, Lord" is one who:
 4. The one who says to Jesus "Lord, Lord" is one who truly and "*sincerely*" _____ he is a Christian.

B. "Not everyone..."

- ✓ Jesus wants us to discover and rejoice in _____ assurance! That's why He warns us about _____ assurance.

C. "The one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven"

1. Not everyone who "believes", and prays, and sings, and teaches, and witnesses is actually doing the _____ of God!
2. But it is _____ those who do the will of God ("fruit"; cf. 15-20) who will enter the kingdom of heaven.
3. Is there a litmus test for genuine fruit versus _____ fruit?

II. Verses 22-23

- #### A. "that day" – The day of final judgment when all men will enter into their final and everlasting destinies (_____ or _____).

B. "Lord, Lord, did we not..."

1. It's a list of "_____"!
2. In the context of Matthew, these are "fruits" that many _____ disciples of Jesus would be _____ to produce.
3. But some who *do* produce these fruits will be _____ from the kingdom of heaven.

C. "I never knew you"

1. The ultimate _____ for entrance into the kingdom of heaven is not fruit, but a _____ with Jesus.
2. There are any number of fruits that can be shown to be frauds simply because they don't _____ from a true *relationship* with Jesus *as one's Savior and Lord!*
3. Romans 8:15-16 – You have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, "Abba! Father!" The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we *are* children of God.

D. "Did we not"

1. Deep down, these people are _____ on and _____ in their "fruit."
2. They thought they believed in grace alone and faith alone, but instead they became _____ in their "fruits."
3. They "sincerely" believe that they _____ be accepted into the kingdom and inherit eternal life.
4. But these very same people will be turned away into the fires of hell because Jesus never _____ them!

E. "Workers of lawlessness"

1. This shows that people are never "_____ " deceived about their salvation.
2. In spite of their orthodox and hearty confession of faith, and in spite of their abundant "fruits", they were not truly living their life *for God's* _____ and *because of God's* _____.
3. Romans 3:10-12 – None is righteous, no, not one; no one understands; no one seeks for God. All have turned aside; together they have become worthless; no one does good, not even one.

Conclusion

- A. “Many”
✓ *Many* of those who are on the broad road to destruction have _____ convinced themselves that they are on the narrow road to life.
- B. 2 Corinthians 13:5 – 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!
1. _____ should be exempt from this self-examination.
 2. Not everyone...
 3. But only those who _____ God’s will as the outflow of a true _____ with Jesus Christ.
- C. A warning to those who grew up in a Christian home
- D. A caution to those raising children in a Christian home.
- E. Let us *greatly* _____ in the true assurance of our salvation (1 John 5:13)!

Teaching our Children

Q. Who did Jesus say will enter the kingdom of heaven?

A. *Only* those who *do* the will of God (only those who bear fruit).

Q. But there are some people who call Jesus “Lord” and do many “spiritual” things (like pray, sing, witness, go to church), and they will *not* enter the kingdom of heaven. Why?

A. Because Jesus never *knew* them and they didn’t truly *know* Jesus. They didn’t truly have a *relationship* with Jesus as their Savior and Lord.

Q. These people thought for sure that they would get into the kingdom of heaven. Why? What were they trusting in?

A. They were really trusting in their “fruit” (the spiritual things they did; “did we not...?”)

Q. But what is the only way that we will ever enter into the kingdom of heaven?

A. We will only enter into the kingdom of heaven if we trust only in Jesus as our personal Savior and Lord (relationship).

Q. How can we know for sure that we have truly trusted in Jesus?

A. The only way we can know for sure if we have truly trusted in Jesus is if we are doing God’s will and bearing fruit (not perfection, but always growing and maturing).

Q. What is the only “*kind*” of fruit that can help us know for sure that we will enter into the kingdom of heaven? Where does it come from?

A. The only kind of fruit that can help us know for sure that we will enter into the kingdom of heaven is fruit that *comes from* a true relationship with Jesus as Savior and Lord.

We *gladly* bring forth fruit (do the will of God) **BECAUSE** we are trusting in Jesus alone as our Savior and Lord.

Q. How can we ***know*** that we will enter into the kingdom of heaven just because we are trusting in Jesus and proving it by doing the will of God?

A. We can know that we will enter into the kingdom of heaven because Jesus said so. It is His *promise* to us!

Rejoice with your children in the wonderful *assurance* of salvation that is for all those who ***show*** that they are truly ***trusting*** in Jesus.