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- ◆ The CHARACTER and BLESSEDNESS of the citizens of the kingdom - (Mt 5:3-16)
- ◆ The RIGHTEOUSNESS expected of its citizens - (Mt 5:17-7:12)
- ◆ Our need to respond to the DEMANDS of the King in every respect - (Mt 7:13-27)



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Trust and  
Submission



The way of  
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rebellion.

*Matthew 7:13,14 (NKJV)*

*"Enter by the narrow gate; for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it.*



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Speaks to the Understanding & Will  
*The need to learn of the way & yield to it's requirements*

**You CHOOSE YOUR DESTINY**



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## **Matthew 7:21-23 (NKJV)**

<sup>21</sup> "Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven. <sup>22</sup> Many will say to Me in that day, 'Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?' <sup>23</sup> And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!'



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**Submitting to God's rule is  
what the Kingdom Of God Is!  
(Mat. 5:3-7:14)**



- ✧ Submitting with our mind -
- ✧ Submitting in our words & actions -
- ✧ Submitting with our heart -
- ✧ Submitting our will -



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- ✦ "Not everyone" –
- ✦ "Not everyone who says to Me" –
- ✦ "Not everyone who says to Me Lord, Lord" –



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- ✧ Words 'ALONE' are NOT ENOUGH to enter the kingdom – Mat 25:11,12
- ✧ Even When The Words Themselves Are Right & Directed towards the Right Person!



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Acts 8:30-39

- ✳ Not Denying The Importance of Confessing Christ – (Mat 10:32,33; Rom. 10:9,10)
- ✳ But we confess or Deny Christ in both word & deed – (Tit 1:16; Lk 6:46)



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✳ To Claim Jesus As Your Lord, BUT Not Submit To His Will – Is A Glaring Contradiction . . . A Lie!

Luke 6:46 (NKJV)

"But why do you call Me 'Lord, Lord,' and do not do the things which I say?"



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**"... but he who does the will of My Father in heaven."**



- \* The Will Of The Father? – Deut. 18:15–19; Acts 3:22–23; 7:37 Mat 17:5; John 5:23; 14:23
- \* The Father has spoken to us through His Son, Jesus – Heb 1:1–3; John 14:21–23
- \* Jesus has spoken to us through His disciples – Mt 28:18–20; Lk 10:16; Eph 3:3–5



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**Hebrews 2:1-4 (NKJV)**

<sup>1</sup> Therefore we must give the more earnest heed to the things we have heard, lest we drift away. <sup>2</sup> For if the word spoken through angels proved steadfast, and every transgression and disobedience received a just reward, <sup>3</sup> how shall we escape if we neglect so great a salvation, which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed to us by those who heard Him, <sup>4</sup> God also bearing witness both with signs and wonders, with various miracles, and gifts of the Holy Spirit, according to His own will?



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✳ The principle of salvation by grace through faith . . .

- ~ Noah - Genesis 6
- ~ Abraham - Genesis 22:1-18
- ~ Joshua & Israel - Joshua 6
- ~ Naaman - 2 Kings 5:10-14
- ~ Those saved on the day of Pentecost - Acts 2:41; etc



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✳ Calling on the name of the Lord is MORE than saying the words "Lord, Lord" . . .

~ Not prayer - Jer 29:11,12

~ The result of hearing & believing - synonymous with obedience - Rom 10:13-17

~ Includes repentance & baptism  
- Acts 2:21,38; 22:16; 1 Pet 3:21



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**John 12:48  
(NKJV)**

He who rejects Me,  
and does not  
receive My words,  
has that which  
judges him--the  
word that I have  
spoken will judge  
him in the last day.

✳ The number is NOT a few –  
but many! – Mat 7:13,14

✳ "In that day" refers to the  
judgment – Mat 25:31ff

~ "That day" will come – John  
5:28,29; Ac 17:30,31; 2 Pet 3:10

~ "ALL will appear before the  
Lord" – Mat 25:31; 2 Cor 5:10



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- \* Many will make claims of excellence in service
- ~ People in the broad way, but tragically thinking that they are in the narrow way -
- ~ The Judgment will be an eye opening experience for MANY!!



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  - ~ "Prophesied in Your name" – (They taught others)
  - ~ "Cast out demons in Your name," – (They fought the devil – Acts 19:13)
  - ~ "Done many wonders in Your name?" (They performed "miraculous works")



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✱ The sad reality & danger of self deception -

- ~ Many do not receive a love for the truth - 2 Thes 2:10-12
- ~ The art of self deception often defends itself by comparing our deeds to those "more wicked" - 2 Cor 10:12
- ~ Glorifying in what "good" we do - Luke 18:9-14; Pro 14:12



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✱ How are we to escape this human proclivity for self-delusion?

- ~ Approach the Scripture with our hearts given to God – and not with mere academic interest or prejudice.
- ~ Engage in constant & earnest probing of our own hearts – (2 Corinthians 13:5).



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~ Diligent practice of religious exercises – Isa 1:11–17; Amos 5:21–24

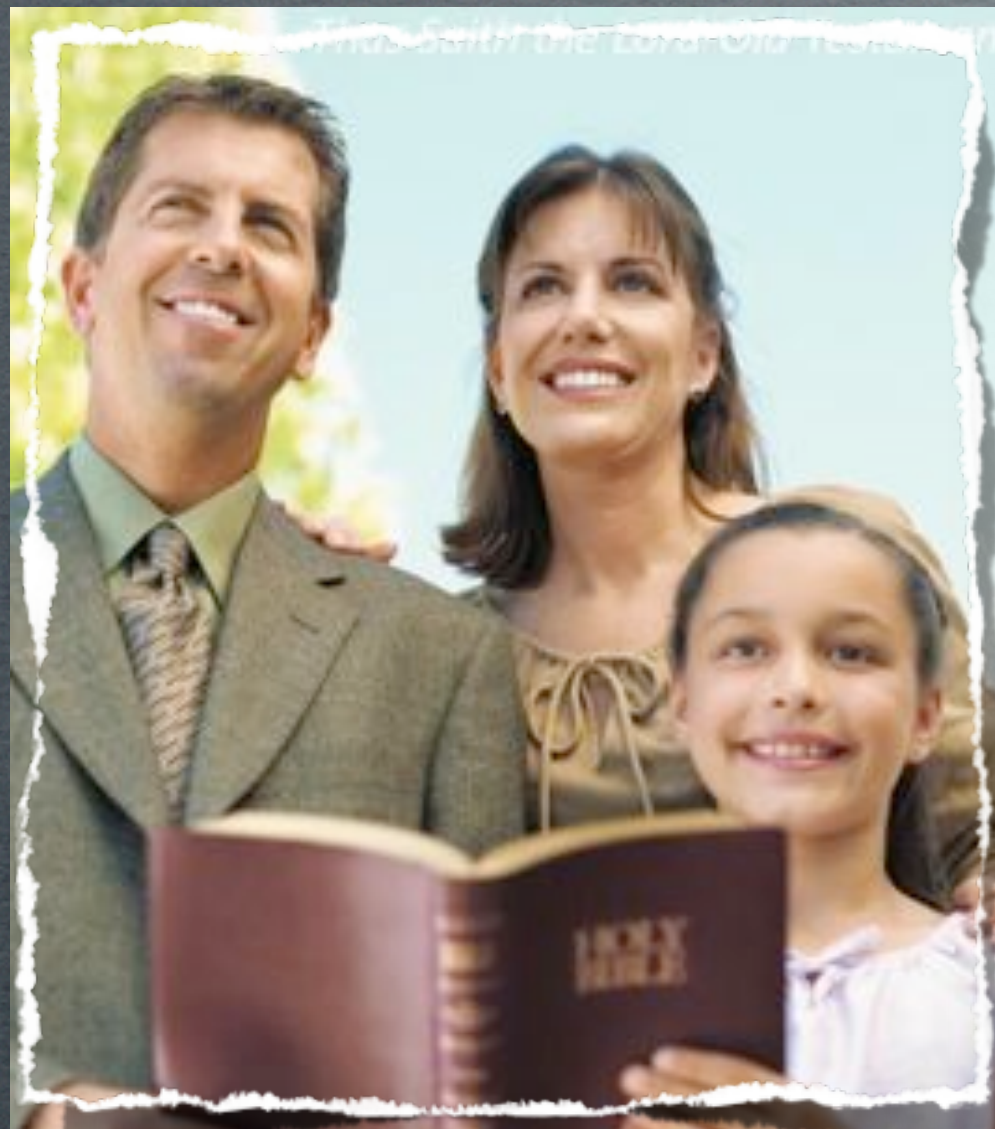
~ Faithful observance of select commands – 1 Sam 15:13–24; Mat 23:23; Mk 10:17–22; James 2:8–11



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~ Worship must be in "spirit & truth" – John 4:24

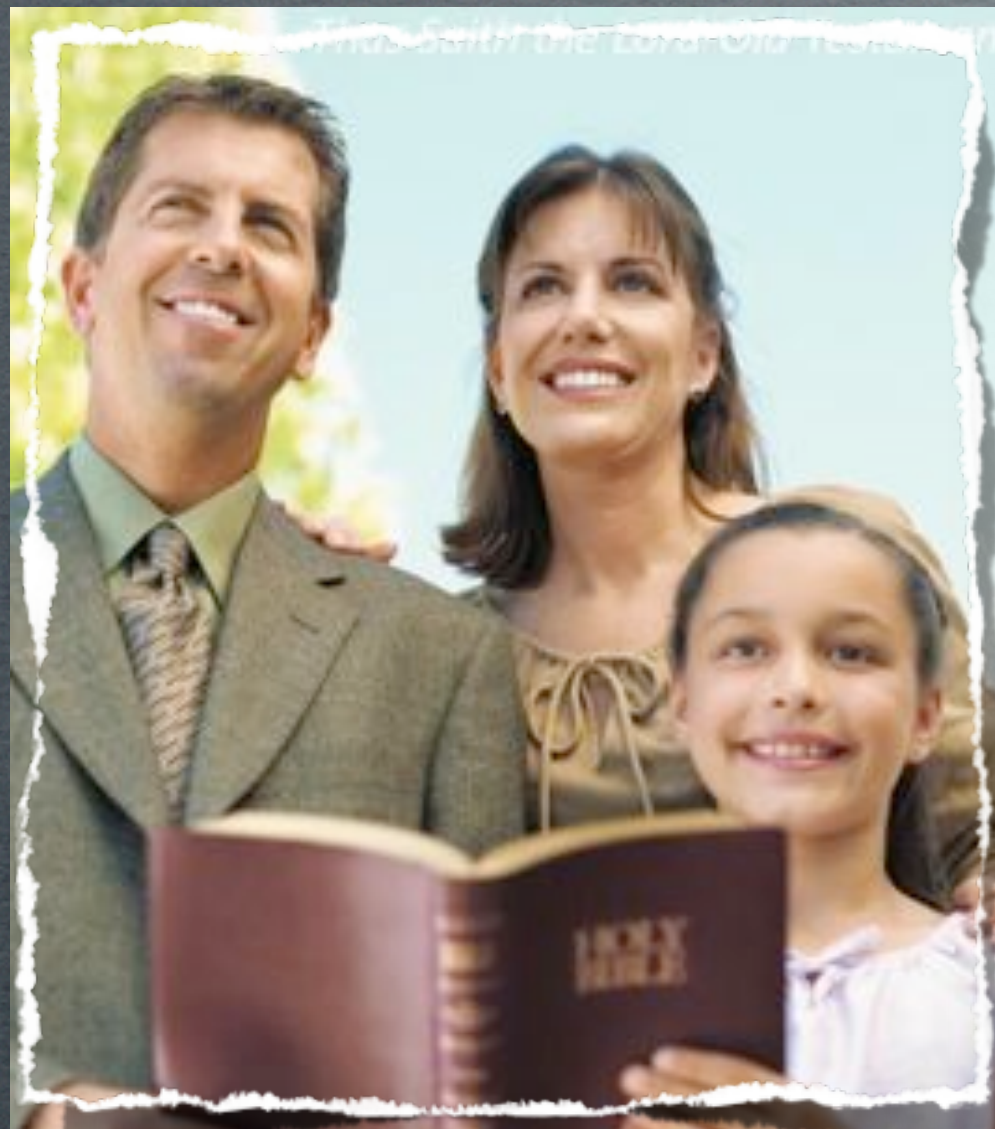
~ The need for authority for all we do – (worship; work; teaching) – Col. 3:17; Mat 21:25; 2 John 1:9



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✳ NO substitute for sincere, humble, submissive obedience to the Lord!!

- ~ Genuine godly character
- ~ Sincere desire to please God
- ~ Single-minded faith & Undivided Loyalty,
- ~ Total submission
- ~ Absolute trust.



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**"I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!"**



- \* "The Lord knows" those who depart from iniquity – 2 Tim 2:19; 1 Cor 8:3; Gal 4:9
- \* The saddest words! "depart from Me" – Mat 25:41
- \* Sin's ultimate horror is banishment without recourse from the very presence of God – Rom 6:23; 2 Thes 1:7-9



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## Five Truths Taught In This Text



- \* NOT Everyone Will Be Saved - Mat 7:21-23
- \* Many Religious Folks Will Be Lost - Mat 7:22,23
- \* Only Those Who Do The Will of God Will Be Saved - Mat 7:21
- \* "That Day" is Coming - Mat 7:22
- \* The Words - "I Never Knew You, Depart" Will Be Spoken To Many - Mat 7:23



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*Will You Enter God's Kingdom or Be Expelled From His Presence?*



... good and faithful servant;

- ✦ Have you entered through the straight gate
- ✦ Are you walking upon the narrow road -
- ✦ Are you **DOING** the will of the Father, following in the steps of Jesus, our **KING!**



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... good and faithful servant;

- ✧ You Can Be Saved - Mk 16:16
- ✧ You Can Serve The Lord Acceptably - Jn 4:24; Acts 2:42; James 1:26,27
- ✧ You Can Be Ready For THAT DAY - 2 Cor 15:58; 2 Pet 3:13,14
- ✧ You CAN Hear the Words "Come, you blessed of My Father" - Mat 25:34



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done, . . . Enter  
into the joy of  
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'I never knew  
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from Me,



. . . good and  
faithful  
servant;

What would you hear  
the Lord say to you if  
"THAT DAY"  
was TODAY?



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