

Two Kinds Of Believers Unknown To The Lord.
Matt. 7:21-23

Introduction:

1. Jesus does not know every one who calls him Lord.
 - (1). To "know" is to be "approving connection". Vines
 - (2). To say, "Lord, Lord" suggests faith in Jesus as Lord.
2. Jesus warns of two kinds of believers that he will not know in judgment.

Discussion:

- I. "Do-Nothing" Believers (vs. 21; cf. Jas. 2:14-26).
 1. With some it is matter of doctrine.
 - (1). Bapt. Man. "solely by faith"; "Wholly by grace."
 - (2). Meth. Disc. "We are justified by faith only..."
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 2. With some it is a matter of carelessness. (Judges 5:23; Matt. 25:1-13).
 - (1). Intend of obey, if ever get around to it.
 - (2). Intend to get started attending, visiting, etc., someday.
 3. With some it is a matter of hinderances. (Gal. 5:7; Matt. 13:22)
 - (1). May be too busy; with work, family, civic project, etc.
 - (2). May be too sensitive: Feeling hurt by someone in church.
 4. With some it is a matter of fear. (Matt. 25:24-27; Rev. 21:8).
 - (1). Fear of failure. (cf. Phil. 4:13)
 - (2). Fear of persecution. (cf. 2 Cor. 5:1).
 - (3). Fear of family pressures. (cf. Matt. 10:37; 1 Pet. 3:1-2).
 - (4). Fear of economic loss. (Mk. 8:36).
 - (5). Fear of social loss. (John 12:42, 43; 8:20-22).
 5. With some it is self-centered laziness.
 - (1). Unconcerned with needs of others. (1 John 3:17).
 - (2). Too much trouble to be bothered with things like
Romans 12.
- II. "Do AnyThing Believer"
 1. The "feelings follower". (Acts 26:9; Jer. 17:9).
 - (1). Depends on experience for salvation, rather than revelation.
 - (2). Governed by emotional pull, rather than rational reasons for doing
 2. The "Go-getter" (Pr. 19:12; Prov. 29:20)
 - (1). Too busy getting on with it, to check with authority.
 - (2). Too busy "doing good works" to discuss scripturalness of works.
 3. The "Random reader" (Cf. Matt. 4:4,7).

- (1). Ignores passages that do not confirm prejudices.
- (2). Ignores context
- (3). Ignores periods of passages. (Thief on cross).

Conclusion:

- 1. Let us be active Believers.
- 2. But, active within law of Christ.