

BEWARE OF FALSE PROFESSIONS
(Matthew 7:21-23)

- I. Calling Jesus “LORD, LORD” Is Insufficient
 - A. Acknowledging Him as GOD
 - B. Claiming to have acted by His POWER
 - 1. Said they had PROPHESED “in Your name”
 - 2. Said they had CAST out DEMONS “in Your name
 - 3. Said they had PERFORMED MIRACLES “in Your name”

- II. Having Performed WORKS of POWER Is Insufficient
 - A. Possibly used by GOD in their UNBELIEF (cf. Num. 23:5; 1 Sam. 10:10; John 11:51)
 - B. Possibly used by SATAN as COUNTERFEITS (cf. Matt. 24:24; Acts 19:13-14; 2 Thess. 2:8-10)
 - C. Possibly making FALSE CLAIMS

- III. Doing “the WILL of My FATHER Who Is in HEAVEN” Results in Admission

- A. OBEDIENCE is an essential aspect of genuine FAITH
 - 1. One cannot TRULY obey without believing in Christ Jesus as LORD
 - 2. Everyone who BELIEVES in Christ as Lord will OBEY Him
- B. “God’s will may not be the PERFECTION of the true believer’s life, but it is the DIRECTION of it” (MacArthur, p. 479)

IV. Making a FALSE Profession Results in CONDEMNATION

- A. Denied ENTRANCE for PROFESSING what they did not POSSESS
 - 1. The INTENTIONALLY INSINCERE
 - 2. The sincere followers of a FALSE THEOLOGY
 - 3. The sincere followers of a DISTORTED GOSPEL
- B. Denounced for PRACTICING LAWLESSNESS
- C. Ordered to “DEPART from ME” (cf. Matt. 25:41; Rev. 20:15)
 - 1. Includes damnation to the LAKE of FIRE
 - 2. Includes absolute and final SEPARATION from GOD