

Learning from the Sermon on the Mount #39 "Relationship with Jesus"

Message Notes November 14, 2021

Today's Passage

Matthew 7:21-23

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Matthew 7:13-23 (NLT)

¹³ "You can enter God's Kingdom only through the narrow gate. The highway to hell is broad, and its gate is wide for the many who choose that way. ¹⁴ But the gateway to life is very narrow and the road is difficult, and only a few ever find it.

¹⁵ "Beware of false prophets who come disguised as harmless sheep but are really vicious wolves. ¹⁶ You can identify them by their fruit, that is, by the way they act. Can you pick grapes from thornbushes, or figs from thistles? ¹⁷ A good tree produces good fruit, and a bad tree produces bad fruit. ¹⁸ A good tree can't produce bad fruit, and a bad tree can't produce good fruit. ¹⁹ So every tree that does not produce good fruit is chopped down and thrown into the fire. ²⁰ Yes, just as you can identify a tree by its fruit, so you can identify people by their actions.

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Entering the Kingdom of Heaven (God)

- The Narrow Gate and Road (Matt 7:13-14)
- Do the Will of My Father in Heaven (Matt 7:21)

Entering the Kingdom of God: Right Heart Attitude

- The Poor in Spirit
Matthew 5:3 "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."
- Those Persecuted because of Righteousness
Matthew 5:10 "Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."

Another Example of this Correct Heart Attitude

Luke 18:9-14

⁹ To some who were confident of their own righteousness and looked down on everyone else, Jesus told this parable: ¹⁰ "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. ¹¹ The Pharisee stood by himself and prayed: 'God, I thank you that I am not like other people—robbers, evildoers, adulterers—or even like this tax collector. ¹² I fast twice a week and give a tenth of all I get.'

¹³ "But the tax collector stood at a distance. He would not even look up to heaven, but beat his breast and said, 'God, have mercy on me, a sinner.'

¹⁴ “I tell you that this man, rather than the other, went home justified before God. For all those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.”

Entering the Kingdom of God: Good Fruit (Actions)

- Those who do the will of the Father
Matthew 7:16, 20 and 21
- What determines the quality of the fruit? Being known by Jesus
Matthew 7:23
 - Know *ginosko* to know on a deep and intimate level through shared experience; living and doing life together, serving together, facing trials and overcoming them as part of the same team
 - How to be known by Jesus
Matthew 11:28-30
²⁸ “Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰ For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.”
 - Being connected to Jesus is more important than doing in His name

Wrapping Up:

1. Is your attitude one of humility and dependence on Jesus, rather than your own abilities and strength?
2. Are your actions motivated by and empowered through your relationship with Jesus? Are you yoked to Him?
3. How is your relationship with Jesus right now? Are you growing closer and deeper?