

Pastor's Pen

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What? I Never Knew You?

Was Jesus kidding? Will he really turn people out of heaven who have prophesied and cast out demons? Many of them, who worked tirelessly and saw a lot of fruit, will still come up short! Why? **They did not obey the Lord**, they took him on their terms. Obedience is all that matters to God!

“Not all people who sound religious are really godly. They may refer to me as ‘Lord,’ but they still won't enter the Kingdom of Heaven. The decisive issue is **whether they obey my Father in heaven**. Matt.7:21

Sobering words for us all, not lip service but obedience:

¹⁰So, dear brothers and sisters, work hard to prove that you really are among those God has called and chosen. Doing this, you will never stumble or fall away. 2Pet.1:10

On judgment day many will tell me, ‘Lord, Lord, we prophesied in your name and cast out demons in your name and performed many miracles in your name.’ ²³But I will reply, ‘I never knew you. Go away; the things you did were unauthorized. Matt.7:22

When God says “pay your tithe” pay it, when God says be in my house every Sunday, obey it. When God says “forgive that person”, do it. It would be tragedy to know about God all your life and miss him in eternity!

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