

Why do you call me Lord?

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Matthew 7:21-23

“Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord’ will enter the kingdom of heaven...”

“The doubling of a name was an address of intimacy...”¹

“*Not everyone who says to me... is a Semitic way of saying, ‘It is not the people who say...’ Jesus is here asserting with great emphasis that it is right conduct, the doing of the Father’s will, and not lip-service, which is the passport through the narrow gate that leads to life...*”²

“And by this we know that we have come to know Him, if we keep His commandments.” 1 John 2:3

❖ The desire do the will of God and obey His Word is *not the means* to get to heaven but the result of a true, living and eternal relationship with our Lord Jesus.

“...but the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven.”

Luke 6:46 “Why do you call me ‘Lord, Lord,’ and not do what I tell you?”

- ❖ Jesus gave His followers the power to do His will.
 - ♦ Jesus opened the minds of His disciples to understand the Scriptures. *Luke 24:45*
 - ♦ Jesus sent the Holy Spirit to empower His disciples to be His witnesses to the world. *Acts 1:4-8; Acts 2:1-13*
 - ♦ Jesus commanded His followers to make disciples of others. *Matthew 28:19-20*
 - ♦ Jesus gifted His disciples to fulfill His work. *2 Corinthians 3:4-6*

“On that day many will say to me, ...”

- ❖ The Day of Judgment will come when God holds all people accountable.
- ❖ Many will say that they prophesied and did miracles in His name but they will be shocked by Jesus’ words, “I never knew you...”.
- ❖ Does God use disobedient people? Yes!
 - ♦ Moses *Numbers 20:8-12*
 - ♦ Ahab *1 Kings 20:26-28*
- ❖ Does God judge those who are disobedient? Yes!
 - ♦ Moses did not enter the Promise land
 - ♦ Ahab was killed because of his wickedness toward Naboth
- ❖ God will use disobedient people to display His glory or to meet the needs of His people! ***“...depart from Me, you workers of lawlessness.”***
- ❖ Many want the benefits of God but not the laws of God – they are lawless!

Not a Fan, a book by Kyle Idleman³

“And I think Jesus has a lot of fans. Fans who cheer for Him when things are going well, but who walk away when it’s a difficult season. Fans who sit safely in the stands cheering, but they know nothing of the sacrifice and pain of the field. Fans of Jesus who know all about Him, but they don’t know Him.”⁴

John 5:39-40 “You search the Scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; and it is they that bear witness about me, yet you refuse to come to Me that you may have life.”

❖ An example of a “Fan Following”: *Luke 14:25-33*

“Most of us don’t mind Jesus making some minor change in our lives but Jesus wants to turn our lives upside down. Fans don’t mind Him doing a little touch-up work, but Jesus wants a complete renovation. Fans come to Jesus thinking tune-up, but Jesus is thinking overhaul. Fans think a little decorating is required, but Jesus wants a complete remodel. Fans want Jesus to inspire them, but Jesus wants to interfere with their lives.”⁵

“So in case someone left it out or forgot to mention it when they explained what it meant to be a Christian, let me be clear. There is no forgiveness without repentance. There is no salvation without surrender. There is no life without death. There is no believing without committing.”⁶

Are you a fan or a follower?

“Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven.” Matthew 7:21

↳ *“Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is.” Ephesians 5:17*

Endnotes:

¹ Sproul, R.C. *The Reformation Study Bible*. Orlando: Ligonier Ministries, 2005.

² Tasker, R. V. G. General Ed., *The Tyndale New Testament Commentaries*, 20 Vols., Grand Rapids, Eerdmans, 1961.

³ Idleman, Kyle. *Not A Fan: Becoming a Completely Committed Follower of Jesus*. Grand Rapids : Zondervan, 2011. Print.

⁴ *Ibid.*, p. 25.

⁵ *Ibid.*, p. 31.

⁶ *Ibid.*, p. 35.