

A. SERMON SLIDES

Slide 1: Title
Kingdom Clarity
Matthew 7:13-27

Slide 2:
Where are we going **this morning?**

- I. What Salvation Is Not
- II. What Salvation Is
- III. What I Need To Do/Have Happen

Slide 3:

What it's not

- a) A ticket for "that" day
- b) Manifestation of spiritual power and success

Slide 4:

Matthew 7:22–23 (ESV)

On that day many will say to me, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many mighty works in your name?’ And then will I declare to them, ‘I never knew you; depart from me, you workers of lawlessness.’

Slide 5:

Who are these people?

- 1) Do everything with correct theology ("in Jesus name")
- 2) The call Jesus "Lord, Lord." (under submission)
- 3) Show successful results

Slide 6:

This Is A NIGHTMARE

Slide 7:

It's a Foundational Issue:

Slide 8:

What Is Behind Your What's

Slide 9:

Theology and Gifting and Service are NOT Fruit.

It's not what you know, or what you do, or how well you do it...but who you are.

Slide 10:

Why those are bad tests:

a) Theology: Because everyone who goes to heaven says "Lord, Lord," but not everyone who says "Lord, Lord" get into heaven.

b) Ministry Power/Success: Because you can't get into heaven without the Spirit's indwelling, but not everyone who manifests spiritual influence get into heaven.

Slide 11:

What it is

Spiritual Bankruptcy

Slide 12:

"I never knew you"

"You never came through the gate that exchanges your life for mine"

Slide 13:

Let it be a red flag of danger if you feel sorry for the religious who don't get in...

Slide 14:

What we need to do

Be Perfect

Slide 15:

3 ways to be perfect:

a) You alone

b) You and God together

Slide 15:

John 17:3 (ESV)

And this is eternal life, that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent.

Slide 16:

1 Corinthians 16:22 (ESV)

If anyone has no love for the Lord, let him be accursed. Our Lord, come!

Slide 17:

Our way is narrow, but it's not Narrow

Slide 18:

"Blue homespun and the bend of my breast
keep warm this small hot naked star
fallen to my arms. (Rest...
you who have had so far
to come.)

His breath (so slight it seems
no breath at all) once ruffled the dark deeps
to sprout a world.
Charmed by dove's voices, the whisper of straw,
he dreams,
hearing no music from his other spheres.
Breath, mouth, ears, eyes
he is curtailed
who overflowed all skies,
all years."

Slide 19:

"Older than eternity, now he
is new. Now native to earth as I am, nailed
to my poor planet, caught that I might be free,
blind in my womb to know my darkness ended,

and for him to see me mended
I must see him torn."

LUCI SHAW...Mary's Song

Slide 20:

What will you do?

Will you see what He has done?

B. GROUP DISCUSSION

1. Read Matthew 7:13-27. What are your thoughts about, and questions of the text?
2. Think out loud in your group. What does it mean to be saved? What are the characteristics? How can you tell what the individual has as an inward identity?
3. Jesus talks about bad fruit and a house that crumbles in the storm. How are these ways to see into the inward life?
4. Why are some people surprised to be left out of the Kingdom in Matthew 7:22,23? What are some of the clues of their inward life?
5. After listening to the entire Sermon on the Mount, what is Jesus making sure we know about how TO get into the Kingdom? (Matthew 5:3, Matthew 5:48)
6. Why do you think the "hard" way is so hard for us?
7. What can we do? How can we be sure we are not horrifically surprised "on that day"?
8. Prayer and praise