

Matthew 7:21-29
Building Our Lives on the Words of the King

Matthew 7:21-29 – “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. 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.’ “Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock. And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on the rock. And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not do them will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand. And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell, and great was the fall of it.” And when Jesus finished these sayings, the crowds were astonished at his teaching, for he was teaching them as one who had authority, and not as their scribes.”

Kingdom life is faithfully lived out in the hearing and doing of the word of the One who has ultimate authority, King Jesus.

Kingdom Life is...

I. Intentional and Active.

Matthew Henry – ““It is not enough to hear Jesus’ words and remember them, it is not enough to hear them and talk about them. It is not enough to hear them and repeat them, or to hear them and admire them. It is not enough as well to hear them and defend them. We must hear them and seek to obey them.”

J. Ligon Duncan – “We are not only forgiven by the grace of God, but by the grace of God, God is going about the business of remaking us into the image of His son.”

**God is not satisfied just to forgive you and I of our sins, God wants to make us like His Son...
Jesus stresses that we are not to be disciples only in words...but in deed & obedience.**

James 1:22-25 – “But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. ²³ For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man who looks intently at his natural face in a mirror. ²⁴ For he looks at himself and goes away and at once forgets what he was like. ²⁵ But the one who looks into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and perseveres, being no hearer who forgets but a doer who acts, he will be blessed in his doing.”

II. Strong in the Midst of Life’s Circumstances

The Result:

1. Our lives provide a testimony to the strength of the Rock, Jesus.

The Response:

1. Embrace the gospel & build your life on the Rock, Jesus Christ.