



Lesson #14: Life Lessons About False Professors (7:21-23)

As we open to Matthew 7 the _____ portion of the Sermon on the Mount is now behind us and the _____ / _____ portion is that which we are considering at the end of the chapter.

- 7:13-14 – Jesus describes the false _____
- 7:15-20 – Jesus describes the false _____
- 7:21-23 – Jesus describes the false _____

J.C. Ryle says, “The Lord winds up the Sermon on the Mount by a passage of heart-piercing applications. He turns from false prophets to false _____, from unsound teachers to unsound _____.”

The question you must ask yourself is, “Are you a false professor or a true possessor?” The ramifications of your answer are eternal. We can deceive ourselves into thinking we are Christians when the fact is we’re not. That is the exact issue that Jesus is dealing with in verses 21-23 - _____!

THE SIMPLE _____ FOR THE FALSE PROFESSORS (v. 21)

Jesus makes one of the most startling statements in all the Bible in this verse!

Here Jesus clears up the matter of what brings salvation to a life. He says that people are saved by “doing the _____ of His Father.” When the Kingdom of Heaven comes in its fullness, it will not be a person’s profession that counts, but their _____ as shown in the way they live.

This is not salvation by works: the contrast is not between merit and grace, but between profession and way of _____. If people really trust Christ for salvation, their lives will no longer be self-centered. That they belong to the good tree means they will produce good fruit (7:18-21). _____ alone cannot save a man! Salvation is by pure faith in the finished work of Jesus on the cross.

THE STUNNED _____ OF THE FALSE PROFESSORS (v. 22)

In verse 22 the damned are being described by the words they choose to use.

- False professors are often _____ (“Lord, Lord”)**
They are very orthodox in their belief. They call Jesus “Lord” and recognize his _____. They recognize Jesus is God and yet they have never turned to Him as their personal Savior.
- False professors are often very _____ (“Prophesied in your name”)**
They shared their faith openly and in public forum. They were willing to tell others about what they believed. You can hear the stunned complaint of the false professors, “But Lord we even _____ in your name!”
- False professors are often _____ impressive (“Many wonderful works”)**
They have cast out devils and have even exuded great spiritual powers. There is much about them that they have done.

JESUS’ _____ CONFESSION ABOUT THE FALSE PROFESSORS (v. 23)

The false professors have made their confession and Jesus makes His own about them. There are some important conclusions we need to make from this verse.

- There is an _____ destruction (“Many”)**
The people crying out are from every strata of humanity. They have gone through the wide gate and traveled down the broad way and now they are destined for destruction. Friend, if you are unsaved the Bible says, “_____ is the accepted time” (2 Cor. 6:2).
- There is an _____ destruction (“I will profess unto them”)**
Rabbi’s used that term “depart” as a term of “_____.” Once your eternity is sealed it is sealed forever.
- There is an _____ destruction (“I never knew you”)**
“I never knew you” does not, of course, mean that he was ignorant of their existence, but rather that he never acknowledged them; he never recognized them as what they _____ to be.

CONCLUDING THOUGHTS

81% of American’s believe in the existence of Heaven and almost that many expect to go there when they die. Will they? Don’t let human embarrassment, people’s perceptions, or any other thing get in the way of your need of _____ today!