
^[44] *“For each tree is known by its own fruit. For people do not gather figs from thorns, nor do they pick grapes from a briar bush. ^[45] The one who is good brings forth out of the good treasure of their heart what is good; and the evil one out of the evil treasure brings forth what is evil; for their mouth speaks from that which fills their heart. ^[46] But why do you call Me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ and do not do what I say?”*

[Luke 6:44]

The God-breathed Word teaches us that Jesus the Christ is the Savior, the One Delivering the world from judgement and the consequence of their sin. However, it also teaches us that He is the LORD of lords. Please understand that the Word of God also teaches us that there is no salvation apart from Jesus being the Lord of your life. Do you truly recognize Jesus as the Lord of your life? It is easy to call Jesus Lord and to say that Jesus is your Lord. However, do you live your day each day acknowledging Him as your Lord in the way you live your life.

Remembering that *“all Scripture is God-breathed (inspired)”* [2 Timothy 3:16] and that the men who penned these words did so as they were *“moved by the Holy Spirit”* [2 Peter 1:21]. We must therefore accept the fact that nothing in Scripture is there by accident but all that is written is purposed to be there by God. Our introductory passage to Today’s Thought illustrates this for us. Ask your self what fruit, figs, and grapes have to do with Jesus’ Lordship. Or what does the treasure of one’s heart have to do with Lordship. These questions are answered at the end of Luke 6:45 where Jesus says, *“for their mouth speaks from that which fills their heart.”*

Jesus is saying that if He is truly the Lord of our life, then the things that come out of what our heart treasures will give evidence to that truth. Even though Jesus says that *“on that day”, the day of judgement, “Many will say, ... “Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in Your name, and in Your name cast out demons, and in Your name perform many miracles”?”* [Matthew 7:22]; Jesus *“will declare to them, “I NEVER KNEW YOU; DEPART FROM ME, you who practice lawlessness””* [7:23]!

Why is that the case? Because Jesus says that *“Not everyone who says to Me, “Lord, Lord,” will enter the kingdom of heaven”*. He says those who will enter are *“the ones DOING THE WILL of”* the *“Father Who is in heaven”* [Matthew 7:21]!

On the Day of Pentecost in Acts 2:36 Peter proclaimed,

“Therefore, let all the house of Israel know for certain that God has made this Jesus Whom you crucified BOTH LORD and CHRIST.”

Listen also to what Paul was moved to write about Jesus in Philippians 2:6-11.

... although He existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied Himself, taking the form of a slave, and having been born in the likeness of men, and being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore, also God highly exalted Him, and bestowed on Him THE NAME WHICH IS ABOVE EVERY NAME, that at the Name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those who are in heaven, and on earth, and under the earth...

Are you listening,

... and THAT EVERY TONGUE SHOULD CONFESS THAT JESUS CHRIST IS LORD, to the glory of God the Father.

In Colossians 2:6 the Holy Spirit further moves Paul to say, *“As”* we *“have received Christ Jesus the LORD,”* we are to *“WALK IN HIM”*! But how did we, or how are we to *RECEIVE* Christ as our LORD?

Listen closely to Colossians 2:7. We are to have *RECEIVED* Him “*having been FIRMLY ROOTED and NOW BEING BUILT UP IN HIM*”. This being *FIRMLY ROOTED* comes by being “*ESTABLISHED in*” our “*FAITH, just as*” we “*were INSTRUCTED*”. And this we are to do, “*OVERFLOWING with GRATITUDE!*”

At the risk of being redundant, let me remind you that in Matthew 7:22-23 Jesus says that,
“*Many will say to Me on that day, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in Your Name, and in Your Name cast out demons, and in Your Name perform many miracles?’ Then I will declare to them, ‘I NEVER KNEW YOU; DEPART FROM ME, you who practice lawlessness’*”.

Do you remember why Jesus will say that? It is because Jesus had previously said in Matthew 7:21 that,

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

Remember Jesus says those who will enter are,

“*... the ones DOING THE WILL of My Father Who is in heaven.*”

Now, please remember and heed the warning of Luke 6:46!

“*But why do you call Me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ and do not do what I say?*”

Will you please join with me in a closing prayer?

O Father God, the Father of the Lord Jesus Christ. Again, today I come bowing before the name of Jesus, the Name which is above every name, I come asking, not only for myself but also for those praying this prayer with me, that You would make us to know Jesus as our Lord that we may do what He says we are to do. I pray that through Your Book, the Bible and the leading of Your Holy Spirit that you open the eyes of our heart and teach us Your will that we may do it and be assured of entrance into Your Kingdom on that day! I pray and ask for this blessing in the name of Jesus and by the power and authority that is in His name. Amen!

Please meditate and pray on these things!

Louise and I pray this will help to both enlighten and encourage you to **know in a greater way** the **One** promising in His Word to never leave you or forsake you [Hebrews 13:5; Deuteronomy 31:6, 8]!

Because *I TRULY WANT JESUS TO BE THE LORD OF MY LIFE!* – tom!