

SERMON ON THE MOUNT

LESSON 19 – MAR 11, 2026

Matthew 7 (NIV)

²¹ "Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven.

²² Many will say to me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name and in your name drive out demons and in your name perform many miracles?'

²³ Then I will tell them plainly, 'I never knew you. Away from me, you evildoers!'

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1. What do you think the statement, "Lord, Lord" is supposed to imply about the attitude of the one who speaks it?
 2. The people described in verses 21-23 perform admirable deeds and speak admirable words. Why does Jesus condemn them?
 3. Who has led the people astray? (Consider Matthew 7:15-20)
 4. According to Matthew 7:21, who will enter the kingdom of heaven?
 5. Does Matthew 7:21 mean that salvation is earned by what we do?
 6. Review the scriptures below and how does this help the understanding how salvation is obtained.
 - **Ephesians 2:8-9 (ESV):** "For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast."
 - **Titus 3:5 (ESV):** "He saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit".
 - **Galatians 2:16 (ESV):** "Yet we know that a person is not justified by works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ..."
 - **Romans 3:10 (ESV):** "As it is written: 'None is righteous, no, not one'".
 - **2 Timothy 1:9 (ESV):** "[God] saved us and called us to a holy calling, not because of our works but because of his own purpose and grace..."
 7. What sort of person is described as not gaining admittance to the kingdom of heaven?
 8. What three example does Jesus give of someone without saving faith can perform amazing works in the name of Jesus. (Matthew 7:22)
 9. Why do you think God allows unbelievers to do remarkable things in His name? Give your best guess and then look at Philippians 1:15-18 to see Paul's thoughts on this subject.

Philippians 1:15-18

¹⁵ It is true that some preach Christ out of envy and rivalry, but others out of goodwill. ¹⁶ The latter do so out of love, knowing that I am put here for the defense of the gospel. ¹⁷ The former preach Christ out of selfish ambition, not sincerely, supposing that they can stir up trouble for me while I am in chains. ¹⁸ But what does it matter? The important thing is that in every way, whether from false motives or true, Christ is preached. And because of this I rejoice. Yes, and I will continue to rejoice,