The Danger of Profession Without Submission

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INTRODUCTION

- In essence, he will say at the end of this sermon “What are you going to do with what you’ve heard?” Of course, that’s always a good question to ask.
- The Sermon on the Mount, not to mention the Bible as a whole, really is of no value unless we respond to what is said in the right way.
- Both paragraphs teach that the verdict that’s going to be rendered on the day of judgment is going to be determined by our response to Jesus and to his teaching.

1 The Danger of Profession Without Submission

Matthew 7:21–23; Luke 6:46; 1 Samuel 15:22–23

- Not everyone who says to me, “Lord,” will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of my father who is in heaven.
- Jesus would once ask the question in Luke 6 and verse 46, “Why do you call me Lord and do not do what I tell you?”
- In the kingdom of God, nothing will be received as a substitute for obedience, for submission to the will of God.
- Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to listen than the fat of rams.
- There’s nothing that can be done for people whose professions of devotion and service are not matched by the way they choose to live their lives.
- It’s as if Jesus is saying that your disobedience has made you strangers.

2 The Danger of Hearing Without Doing

Matthew 7:24–27; Mark 9:7; James 1:22

- We’re not talking about people who haven’t heard anything. We’re talking about people who have heard in both cases.
- The reason Jesus spoke as one having authority is because Jesus had authority.
- In light of these facts, the only wise thing to do is to build our lives upon the teaching of Jesus.
- We need to talk about obeying Jesus because it’s the right thing to do. But we also need to talk about obeying him because it is the sensible and wise thing to do.
- Keep on being doers of the word and not merely hearers who deceive themselves.
- Each of us will have to face the storms of life, whether we build our lives on solid ground or on sinking sand.

THE CHALLENGE

Build your life on the words of Jesus. He said, “Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved.” Just take him at his word. Do what he says.

MY NOTES