

## Blessed is the Man that has Jesus Christ as Lord of His Life

Luke 6 (46~49)

If I were to sum up the truth being proclaimed in this passage, in one statement, it would be this...

***Blessed is the Man that has Jesus Christ as the Lord of His Life...but Woe unto him who does not.***

I want to say that again, *Blessed is the Man that has Jesus Christ as the Lord of His Life...but Woe unto him who does not.* There is more truth, in that one statement, than any of us, could possibly understand. Those who yield their lives in submission to Jesus Christ, as Lord of their life, cannot begin to imagine the blessings and benefits that await us. *“Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God has prepared for them that love Him.”* Beloved, we cannot even begin to *“fathom”* what God has in store for those who have given up their life here on this earth, to follow his son. And at the same time, nor can those who do not follow him, imagine the terror and horror that awaits them. I am convinced that man’s greatest, possible imagination of what hell will be as but the flame of a match, in contrast to the reality of the consuming fires of hell! No man has the slightest inclination as to what hell is really like, for if they did...*men would die of fear!*

In this passage, Jesus describes the two kinds of men that are in the world. That is to say, that all men fall into one of these two categories. The first describes those who have repented of their sin, (*that of walking in transgression against God*) and have yielded their lives in submission to Jesus Christ as Lord. While the other group, are those who have not.

Notice, Jesus does not engage himself with all the trivial matters, such as their race, whether they be American, African, Japanese, Chinese, Mexican, Jew, nor does he classify men based on the color of their skin, whether they are white, black, light skinned, dark skinned, nor by their social status, whether they are upper class or middle class, whether they are rich or poor. To Christ it matters not if they be famous, known throughout the world, or they be a nobody, just a common man who strives day to day to make ends meet... Though men classify men, based on those things, the Lord does not. For the Lord is not a respecter of persons, thus, those things make no difference to Him. In the Lord’s eyes, none of that stuff matters. When it comes to the Lord, the only thing that matters is whether or not the man yielded his life in submission to Jesus Christ as Lord. In the Lord’s eyes, there are only two kinds of people, those who walk humbly before Him, in fear and reverence...and those who don’t.

Here, once again, we see Jesus using his most common method of teaching, that of speaking in parables. This particular form of teaching often proves one of the most effective methods, in that deep, hard to understand truths, are easily explained, by pointing to common, everyday things, that men understand. Though you probably don’t give it much thought, we all of use parables quiet frequently to get our point across...Cold as Ice... Hot as Fire...Hard as a Rock...Sharp as a Tack...Full as a Tick...White as Snow...Dumb as an Ox...Stubborn as a Mule... A very effective way to explain ourselves...

Well here, we have the master teacher, the Lord Jesus himself, giving a parable about two houses, to explain one of the most profound and important truths of life. I suggest to you, that there is enough truth, in this one parable, to save the entire world, if men would just *lay it to heart*... There is enough truth, in this one parable, to not only radically change your present life, but it will also change your eternal destiny! The future destiny, of everyone of us in this room, *“Hinges”* on how our individual lives, line up, with the truth that is revealed in this one parable!

Let us look at this parable...<sup>47</sup>*Whosoever cometh to me, and hears my sayings, and doeth them, I will show you to whom he is like:* <sup>48</sup>*He is like a man which built an house, and digged deep, and laid the foundation on a rock: and when the flood arose, the stream beat vehemently upon that house, and could not shake it: for it was founded upon*

*a rock. <sup>49</sup>But he that hears, and doeth not, is like a man that without a foundation built an house upon the earth; against which the stream did beat vehemently, and immediately it fell; and the ruin of that house was great.*

Let me start by saying, each one of us, in this room, are represented by “*One of these Two Men*” here in this parable. I want to make that clear, because I don’t want anyone to start thinking of someone else that “*this message*” fits. You know what I mean, how we sometimes hear a message, and in the back of our mind, we start thinking of “*people*” who “*this fits,*” you know what I’m saying... Well, I don’t want any of us to do that, for in this passage, the Lord is not simply talking to his disciples, or the Scribes and Pharisees, this “*timeless truth*” was declared not only for them, but also for each one of us! Before I was even in my mothers womb, God had already ordained that I would be a preacher, which is the call to be the “*mouthpiece*” of the Lord, a “*voice*” as it were, to proclaim, “*thus saith the Lord!*” So this morning, know this, the Lord has called me, separated me, and commissioned me to speak to you on His behalf, the words written on these pages! And “*how YOU respond,*” is a matter of life and death. And listen, the question is not, will you respond, for everyone in this room will respond to this truth, one way or another.

For some of you, it will only affirm, *what is already true in your life*, that being that Jesus Christ is Lord, and the only thing that matters in this life, is serving Him! For others, today may be the day, that the Holy Spirit of God, opens your eyes to the reality, that Jesus is not the Lord of your life, and as a result, you come in repentance, giving him your life. And then, finally there are those, who will “*hear*” this truth, and know in their heart of hearts, that Jesus is not Lord of their lives...and yet, do nothing. Friend, you need to hear what I’m about to say... To “*Do nothing*” is to “*Do something!*” To not yield your life to Christ means you have chosen to keep it unto yourself!

Let us look at this parable... As I said; the two men here represent the two kinds of men on the earth. Every single one of us in this room this morning, are one of these two men, for the only requirement necessary to qualify, is that you “*hear*” the words of the Lord. Now the two houses Jesus speaks of, refer to the men’s’ lives, in reference to what they are basing their lives upon. Men are either basing their lives upon the words of their master, the Lord Jesus, and walking in his ways...or they are living their lives, based on the ways of this world. Those are the only two ways that men can walk in this life, thus we all fall into one of those two. The floodwaters and the storm, which beat against both houses, refers the judgment that is to come. Some have said, this speaks of the trials of life, I don’t think so, for the simple reason, the issue seems to be which house was able to stand. The one founded on the rock, stood, while the other one, founded on the earth, was destroyed! Jesus said, “*...and the ruin of that house was great.*” That word “*ruin*” speaks of, fragments...it refers to being broken to pieces, delivered by the “*crushing blow*” of the storm. The point seems to be, that without Christ, “*all is lost...all is lost!*”

Now we know, that Jesus wasn’t concerned with how a man builds his house, he it is *the lives of men* that he concerns himself with. And what we need to be concerned with this morning is that of understanding what enabled the first man to stand, and what caused the other man to be broken into pieces. What was the difference between the two houses? What did the one man do, that the other man did not, that enabled his house to whether the storm?

***Obedience... Obedience to the Lord Jesus Christ...*** Notice, this whole parable revolves around the fact, that one man “*heard*” the words of Christ, and did them, while the other man “*heard*” the words of Christ, but did them not.

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The *clear, unmistakable* truth being taught here is, that of “*The Lordship of Jesus Christ*” in a man’s life... (manifested, by “*obedience*” of the man.) The call of Christ, is a call for “*rebellious men*” to repent from walking in transgression against God, *by yielding* their lives in submission to Jesus Christ as Lord.

If you don’t hear anything else I say today, hear this, for there is a warning here men need to understand, and that is, “**Hearing is not enough!**” The contrast here is, “*He that hears and does...and He that hears and does not...*” The clear reference here is to *obedience, submission to Christ as Lord of your life!*

Beloved, there are some of you, who are “*somewhat faithful*,” to come and listen to the words of Christ... By that, I mean that with “*some regularity*,” you come to the house of the Lord, and listen what saith the Lord. But it is my duty, as His servant to remind you, that “*hearing*” is not enough! The fact that you come and “*hear*” the word of the Lord will benefit you nothing! As a matter of fact, it will do just the contrary! The fact that you “*KNOW*” what saith the Lord, will only condemn you the more! The word of God declares, that He will hold men accountable, according to the amount of knowledge each man has.

(Lu. 12) <sup>47</sup> *And that servant, **which knew his lord’s will**, and prepared not himself, **neither did according to his will, shall be beaten with many stripes.*** <sup>48</sup> *But he that knew not, and did commit things worthy of stripes, shall be beaten with few stripes. For unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall be much required: and to whom men have committed much, of him they will ask the more.*

There are degrees of punishment...based on what men know! Brethren...listen to me, it is important to me that you understand what I’m about to say... For I don’t want any of you to take what I’m about to say, as though I am condemning you, or take it as though I do not love you...for I do. But there are some of you, here this morning, who have “*heard, and heard, and heard*” the word of God...and yet, you continue to live your life, to yourself! There are “*no fruits*” that *bear witness*, that Jesus Christ is truly *the Lord of your life!*

There is a great misconception of what it means to be a Christian in our day... Many have the *misguided* notion, that by their occasional attendance to church, or the fact they have been baptized, they are Christian. Not so! Many have the *misguided* notion that because they so-called “*believe*”...they are all right! Not so! “*The devils also believe...and tremble!*” Just because you “*know the gospel*” doesn’t mean you are right with God! For it is not the “*knowing of the gospel*” that saves a man, it is the “**doing**” of the gospel. By that, I’m referring to bearing the fruit of repentance, by walking in humility before the Lord, bearing the fruit of being grieved over our sin, by turning from this world and our own lives, and submit our day to day lives unto Jesus Christ as Lord. Seeking to both know and to do His will in our lives, and not our own!

Let me ask you...if God were to take a thorough examination of your life right now, based over the past few weeks or months...(and He WILL)...what would He find? **Who’s WILL** would he find that you have been serving? Will he find that you have been seeking His kingdom in your life? (Speaks to God’s rule and reign)

Jesus began this passage, by asking a question...

<sup>46</sup> *And why call ye me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say?*

That’s a pretty good question...is it not? The “**Lordship Of Jesus Christ**” in a man’s life, is made manifest in a man’s life, by the man **doing** the *Will of the Lord!* Which is contrasted here, with **doing** his own will! You see, yours and my life, is defined by one of two ways, as Jesus is describing here. It is defined either by repentance, manifested by yielding one’s life in submission to Jesus Christ as Lord, living our lives day to day unto Him. As Paul said, “*Presenting our bodies a living sacrifice unto God*,” which is the least we can do given what Christ has done for us. Or, it is defined by un-repentance, manifested by living our

lives unto ourselves, our own wills! The call of Christ is a call to repentance, a call to turn from living in transgression against God, by living to our own wills, by living unto His will...

No man can serve two masters... He will either walk "*the way of this world,*" by continuing to walk in rebellion against God, *by living to his own will*...or he will follow Christ, which demands that he turn from the ways of this world, turn from his own life, in order to submit himself to Christ!

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**Writing of this same sermon, Matthew adds...**<sup>21</sup>*Not every one that saith unto me, **Lord, Lord,** shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven.*<sup>22</sup>*Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works?*<sup>23</sup>*And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.*

Listen closely to me... If this passage says nothing else, it says this...the fact that you attended church alone...will not help you. The fact that you participated in church functions...will not help you. The fact that you have been baptized...will not help you. Though all those are important things, and viable parts of the Christians life, in and of themselves, they have no merit as far as helping you in the Day of Judgment! And given what Jesus says here, even though "*Many*" hear this warning, they will not heed it. No, the only thing that will matter in that day, is whether or not Jesus Christ was the Lord of your life! When all is said and done, the only thing that matters, is whether or not you had a personal, relationship with Jesus Christ, while on this earth! For look closely, for this passage reveals, that "*Many*" will be associated with the church, and religion, but yet, do not "*Know Him.*" They may live "*morally clean,*" and attend church on occasion...but "**Woe unto them.**"

The "*foundational*" principle & purpose of the gospel, is to "*reconcile men*" back to God! Our Sin has separated us from God...but through both the hearing and the reception of the message of the Cross, men are saved! It's not enough to merely "*know*" you're a sinner, it's not enough to merely "*know*" that Christ died on the Cross for your sin... You must "**EMBRACE**" that truth, by repenting, and turning from your own will and ways, to submit your life unto Jesus Christ as Lord... It is then, and only then is a man "*Right with God,*" when he is back under submission to Him! If that is not true in your life...nothing else matters...

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