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"Oh Lord..." Luke 6:46-49

Lord isn't a nickname, it's a life changing reality

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Many gathered around Jesus while He walked on the earth. These people can be defined in at least 4 categories

- 1) Those seeking to distort His message for their own gain
- 2) Those seeking to get something out of Him
- 3) Those who want to follow as long as it's easy
- 4) Those who would drop everything to follow Him as Lord

Are you in group one? Do you try to distort God's Word to make it suit you? Read the following verses and ask yourself if you subconsciously strike out the words that apply to you while leaving those that apply to others

Galatians 5:19-21

The acts of the flesh are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God.

How about group 2, do you just show up to get something from God? Rattling off what you want to God but never listening?

What about group 3, those who believe until the weather gets stormy and then leaves the land of God's will to go live in their "winter cottage" somewhere more cozy, outside of His will. When we sing "I surrender all" do we really mean it?

What about group 4, those who follow Christ even when it hurts?

John 6:67-69

So Jesus said to the twelve, "Do you want to go away as well?" Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life, and we have believed, and have come to know, that you are the Holy One of God."

Luke 6:46-49

“Why do you call me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ and do not do what I say? As for everyone who comes to me and hears my words and puts them into practice, I will show you what they are like. They are like a man building a house, who dug down deep and laid the foundation on rock. When a flood came, the torrent struck that house but could not shake it, because it was well built. But the one who hears my words and does not put them into practice is like a man who built a house on the ground without a foundation. The moment the torrent struck that house, it collapsed and its destruction was complete.”

Matthew 7:21-23

“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. 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?’ Then I will tell them plainly, ‘I never knew you. Away from me, you evildoers!’

There are people who say Lord Lord who are not going to heaven. Who do a lot of good deeds and speak the name of Jesus but won't get in. Why?
Look at this next verse:

Matthew 15:8

“ ‘These people honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me.’ ”

Saying the right things doesn't save you. But you might object, citing Romans 10:9 saying, "all I have to do is confess Him as Lord and believe and I'll be saved!"

James 2:19

You believe that there is one God. Good! Even the demons believe that—and shudder.

The devil and his demons know all about what Jesus did on the cross, and in raising from the dead after 3 days. Merely knowing is not enough. What about knowing and saying it out loud? We have a great example of a passage where Jesus is confessed in "church" and His authority "his lordship" recognized.

Mark 1:23-24

Just then a man in their synagogue who was possessed by an impure spirit cried out, "What do you want with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God!"

The demon said the right facts, in the right place. Knew them...said them...is he going to heaven? Why not?

Because it's one thing to know in your head, another thing to let Him into your heart. Is he A Lord? Or YOUR Lord?

We use the term Lord lightly, forgetting that it means He is our strength, power, and the one in charge of us.

ROMANS 10:11

For the Scripture says, "WHOEVER BELIEVES IN H M [whoever adheres to, trusts in, and relies on Him] WILL NOT BE DISAPPOINTED [in his expectations]."

To truly believe is not just about knowing a fact. It's to adhere to, trust in, and rely upon.

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