

I Never Knew You/The House On The Rock

Matt 7:21-23, 24-29

Q: First of all, what position is Jesus claiming here? Authority?

Jesus is God. He claims the authority to judge the living and the dead and be the gateway to eternal life. Jesus is undoubtedly God.

Q: Can God really not know us? What does Jesus mean by this statement, I never knew you?

He means He has not known you as scripture says a Christian is, an obedient servant, a son, a daughter, one in intimate fellowship w/ Him

Q: Ultimately what is the will of God? Do we have to obey every last command to be saved?

John 6:28-29 "The will of God is to believe in the one whom He has sent" This is our primary "work." Secondly, we pursue holiness and truly obey His commands John 14:15

Read Matt 12:22-28, Luke 10:17-20

Can we cast out demons in Jesus name and not be Christian? It seems. Judas would have been on of the 70.

Q: Why are these works insufficient?

All we do is tainted by sin. Isa 64:6 is foundational. Ecc 3:16, 1 Tim 5:24-25

Q: Why is "you who practice lawlessness" a key phrase?

They practice it. We are called to turn away from sin, never to accept and live in it. A major issue for our modern world.

Q: In what way may we build our house upon the sand?

To build it upon our own wisdom. To stack our cards with the opinions of others. To remain wilfully ignorant and "hope for the best."

Q: In what way may we build our house on the rock?

To build it on the words of Jesus Christ and His life. In this way we are tested. Jesus has the best, most realistic worldview in recognizing we, in of ourselves, cannot be "good enough." Humanity needs a savior. Jesus is the one. We recognize through His resurrection that His words, His prophecy of Himself, the Old Testament's prophecy about the Messiah that God's word is true. He is the one.