

PENINSULA CHRISTIAN F E L L O W S H I P

Knowing is Showing Matthew 7:21-27

Vs. 13-20 are the beginning of His summation.

What do we **know about God** from His beginning of this message?

- And His **conclusion** of the whole thing?

His **purpose & desire** is our **blessing!**

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5:3-12 – Eight **promises of blessing** for those who believe Him

Last week – Seven sets of illustrations, **5:13-7-12**

- Direct comparisons of those living **in His will...**
- And those **not in His will**

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Vs. 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 in heaven.”

Matthew 12:46-50

- **5:13-16 & 6:9-10**

If you were **accused of following Jesus...**

- Could they find enough **evidence** to convict you?

Jesus can, and He will... **convict you of righteousness!**

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Vs. 22, “Many will say to Me in that day, ‘**Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name**, cast

out demons **in Your name**, and done many wonders **in Your name?**”

No. Actually, you just **used My name.**

- Are we on a first name basis with Jesus?
- **7:13**, wide gate people. **Judges 17:6**, “In those days there was no king... Everyone did what was right in his own eyes.”

I was never your King

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Vs. 23, “And then I will declare to them, ‘**I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!**’”

Matthew 3:7-8 – John the Baptist, “When he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to his baptism, he said to them, ‘Brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? **Bear fruits worthy of repentance.**’”

Is what Christ said **the law** we govern our lives with?

- James calls it “The royal law” (**James 2:8**)

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Vs. 24, “Everyone then **who hears these words of Mine and does them** will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock.”

- These are the blueprints for a well-built life
- He has told us where to build, with Him & others (**6:9**)

- He has delivered the building materials (**5:3-7:12**)
- He has made us members of His “Our Father” work party (**5:21-48**)
- He has promised the rewards of “doing” it

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Vs. 25, “And the **rain** fell, and the **floods** came, and the **winds** blew and **beat on that house**, but **it did not fall**, because it’s foundation was on **the rock**.”

The storms that beat on us are part of life. They hit everyone.

- But lives with Him are built to stand (**5:3-7:12**)
- **John 16:33**, “I have told you these things, so that in Me you may have peace. In this world **you will have trouble**. But **take heart! I have overcome the world**.”

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Vs. 26-27, “But everyone who **hears these sayings of Mine, and does not do them**, will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand: and the **rain** descended, the **floods** came, **and the winds** blew and **beat on that house**; and **it fell**. And great was its fall.”

- The **same words** of life offered; the **same storms** suffered

- The same **promises & warning given** to all
- The fallen lives will have **chosen their own way**
- Because **they would not have a King**

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 What has He said here (**5:3-7:12**) that **calls you closer to Him**?

Hebrews 12:26-29, “Now He has promised, saying, “Yet once more I will shake not only the earth, but also heaven.” Now this, “Yet once more,” indicates the removal of those things that can be shaken – that is created things – that the things which cannot be shaken may remain.

Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom which cannot be shaken, let us have grace, by which we may serve God acceptably with reverence and awe. For our God is a consuming fire.”

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 What the world is making **dividing times**...

God is making **defining times**.

Live lives **defined by Christ** for all to see...

And welcome everyone drawn to **His light**