

Serious Christianity



Philippians 2:12 Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling.

¹³ For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure.

I. THE COMMAND: “work out your own salvation”.

A. What it is not.

Ephesians 2:8 For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God

⁹ **Not of works**, lest any man should boast.

B. What it is.

1. Defining the relationship between works and faith in the saved.

James 2:14 What doth it profit, my brethren, though a man say he hath faith, and have not **works**? can faith save him?

James 2:17 Even so faith, if it hath not **works**, is dead, being alone.

James 2:20 But wilt thou know, O vain man, that faith without **works** is dead?

James 2:24 Ye see then how that by **works** a man is justified, and not by faith only.

2. Duty because you are saved.

- Phil.2:13 For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure.

Ephesians 2:10 For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.

3. Determination that you are saved.

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2 Corinthians 13:5 **Examine** yourself, whether ye be in the faith; **prove** your own selves. Know ye not your own selves, how that Jesus Christ is in you, except ye be reprobates?

2 Peter 1:10 Wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure:

II. THE CONDITIONS: Phil 2:12 “not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling.”

A. Consequences: Proof that your salvation is not just eye service. “not as in my presence only.”

Ephesians 6:6 Not with eyeservice, as menpleasers; but as the servants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart;

B. Consequences: Avoidance of chastisement from disobedience. “with fear and trembling.”

Hebrews 12:11 Now no chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous: nevertheless afterward it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them which are exercised thereby.

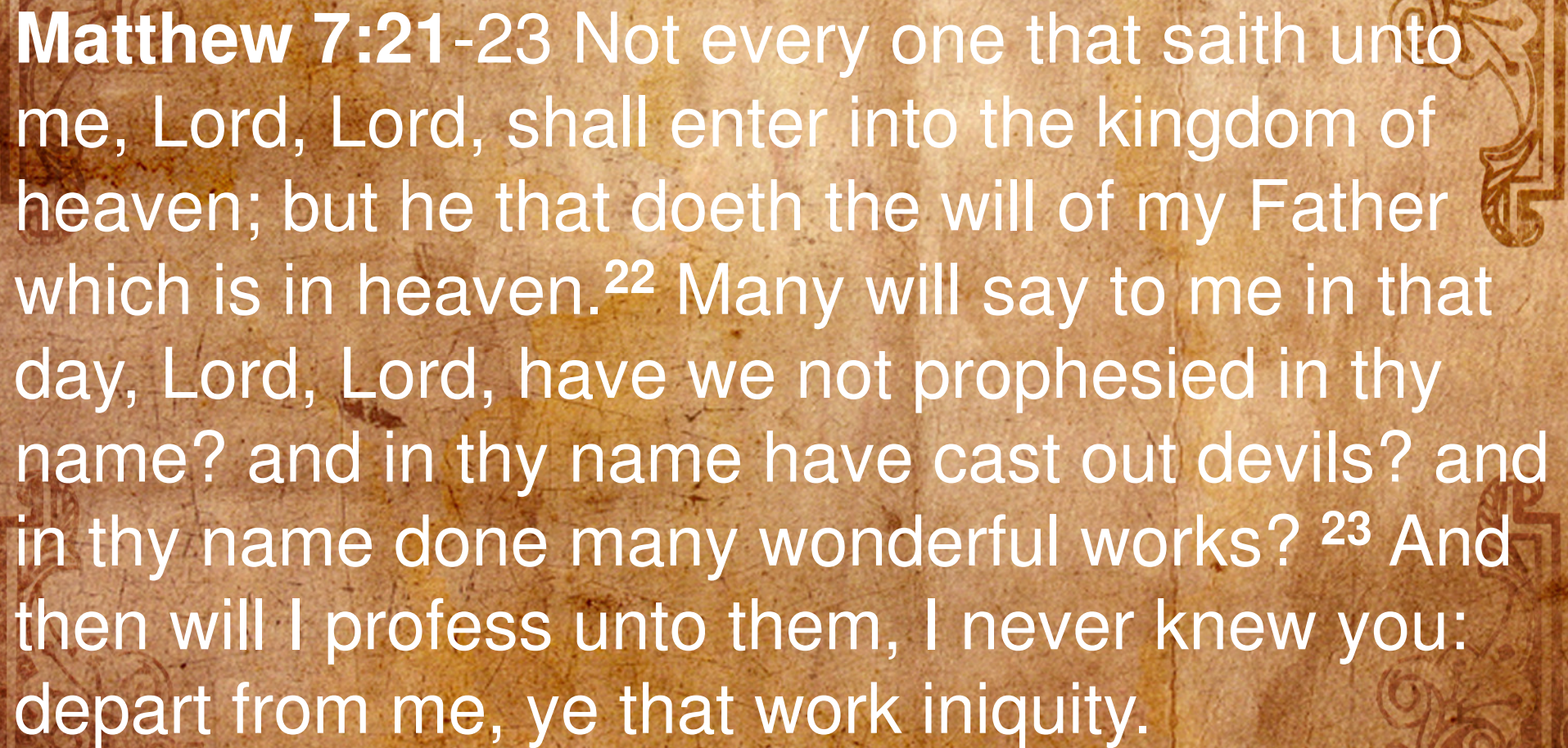
C. Consequences: Avoidance of eternal damnation. “with fear and trembling.”

Mark 9:44 Where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched.

Rev 20:10 And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever.

Revelation 20:15 And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.

Luke 13:28 There shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth, when ye shall see Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, and all the prophets, in the kingdom of God, and you yourselves thrust out.



Matthew 7:21-23 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.²² 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? ²³ And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.