

Please listen to the audio lesson "The Lord & The Teacher" first. Then after finishing the audio lesson, have the Scriptures handy to best utilize the following questions to answer and consider thoughtfully for your further study.

The Lord & The Teacher:

1. Read Matthew 7:21-23

- a. Does calling Jesus Lord guarantee salvation?
- b. Who will enter the kingdom of heaven?
- c. What deeds/actions can be done "in the Lord's name" and still be against the Father's will?
- d. What is Jesus' relationship with those who "super-impose" the Lord's name on their religious deeds or actions?

2. Read Matthew 7:24-27

- a. Do both the foolish & wise men "hear" the words of Jesus?
- b. Are both listening to the words of Jesus to apply what they learn from the Teacher?
- c. What are the similarities for both the foolish & the wise?
- d. What happens in life to those who refuse to apply what they have learned from the Lord?
- e. What is the outcome of those who hear the Lord's teachings and apply them in their lives?

Thoughts to Consider: Jesus is not impressed by the title we give Him in our lives. He is looking to see whether our actions are according to the will of the Father that He taught us. Many religious people then & now claim to do miraculous deeds in the Name of Jesus, calling Him Lord, but that does not mean they are truly God's people. There is a proper way to use spiritual gifts; they were for the building up of the whole body of Christ, not individual members ("spotlighting" individuals). Whether we are foolish or wise in building our house, the storms of life are coming. And if we act on the words of Jesus, our house WILL stand; if we refuse to act on the words of Jesus and are only part of the "social" church, we can expect devastation when the storms of life imminently come.

3. Read Matthew 19:16-22

- a. With what title did this man address Jesus?
- b. What was the question he wanted Jesus to teach him about?

- c. What was the second question he wanted answered?
- d. Did Jesus answer him correctly? Was this man wise or foolish?
- e. Did he humbly submit to the Lord's teaching?
- f. Are we wise or foolish when the Lord reveals to us something we do not want to apply in our lives? If we refuse, we'll leave the same way.

4. Read the following passages:

Luke 8:22-25 ... What is Jesus Lord over in this passage?

Luke 8:26-35 ... Who is Jesus Lord over in this passage?

Luke 8:43-48 ... What is Jesus Lord over in this passage?

Luke 8:49-56 ... What is Jesus Lord over in this passage?

Thoughts to Consider: The rich man wanted eternal life enough to ask Jesus about it, but not enough to humble himself to the Lord's teaching and he went away grieving. He was a law keeper, but not a man who submitted to the Lord's teachings. He was ruined. Jesus is Lord over Creation, Demons, Diseases, & even Death, but is He Lord over you? Realize He is Lord over the storms of life too. What is our excuse if we only keep the commands that we find easy, only to ignore the commands that sound difficult to us? Will we find Life or Death?

5. Read the following passages:

Mark 3:17 & Luke 9:51-56 ... What were James & John's nickname?

What did the Lord need to teach James & John at that juncture?

Matthew 16:16, 20-23 ... What did Simon Peter call Jesus?

What did the Lord need to teach Peter at that juncture?

6. Read Matthew 11:28-30

a. Have you ever been weary & heavy-laden? What does Jesus offer? [v28]

b. If you take His Yoke (His teaching) and learn from Him, how deep will His rest affect you?

c. Will Jesus help pull this yoke with you, if you will humbly submit to His Lordship & teaching to learn from Him?

Final Thought: Jesus knows what aspects of our lives need the most transformation to be like Him. We can call Him Lord & Teacher, but until we are ready to submit, we cannot expect any gain. Only in humble obedience will we find rest for our souls that is unparalleled by anything the world or anything else can offer.