

Not Everyone Shall Enter into The Kingdom

Mt 7:21~22 Not everyone that saith unto **me** (*Yahshua*), Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; **but he that doeth the will of my Father** which is in heaven. **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?**

The beginning of Yahshua's message offers two positions on how one can enter the Kingdom. One declares those doing the will of Our Father in heaven shall enter the Kingdom. The other declares prophesying, casting out devils and doing wonderful works are requirements to enter the kingdom. Thus two different positions by two different entities exist: one by God, the creator, the other by man, the created. But only one is right!

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*Notice that Yahshua is being addressed as Lord, Lord, denoting that He is the creator offering the only way into the kingdom. This shows that **through His sacrifice** an entrance is made for us. But understand the **Father's will** is the standard, the law, by which we enter the kingdom, not Yahshua's will, nor man's will, only Our Father's in heaven reinforcing the fact that Yahshua is the messenger of the way, **the law of Our Father.***

*Now comes the hard part of the statement, "**not everyone will enter into the kingdom**" "**but he that doeth the will of my Father** which is in heaven. "**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?**" Thus it's not those that **hear** these sayings who are counted as wise, but those who **do them**, by applying Yah's words to their lives that liken them as **wise men.***

*Let's take a closer look at these three declarations by man professing to offer entry into the kingdom apart from obeying Yahshua's instruction. First the word **Many** #4183 πολυς; is defined meaning much, plenteous, from where we get "populace." It is the **many** that declare that Yahshua is their Lord, proclaiming they know Him and are with Him, yet Yahshua states they are not with Him; "**I never knew you:** depart from me, **ye that work iniquity.**"*

Prophesied in thy name?

*First, the people point to proclaiming, "Didn't we prophesy in thy name? The word prophecy means "**to proclaim.**" It is the equivalent of preaching. "Lord, didn't we **preach** in your name telling people about the salvation afforded us through your sacrifice? Didn't we then continue to tell them that to just believe will guarantee they will be just fine spiritually?" We rationalize; So we got a little carried away and changed a few requirements, omitting the prerequisite to observe Yah's laws as set forth in His words; that repentance is the first part of justification before being baptized and receiving His Holy Spirit. Be that as it may, but look at how many followers we have gathered in your name!!*

In thy name have cast out devils?

“But, Lord, didn’t we cast out demons?” This is the first century equivalent of healing. Yes, healing did happen to those who were in need through prayer and supplications (fasting). For Yah has mercy on the evil as well as the good, for we are all His children and He does not want any to perish, but not all are respectful.

Mt 5:43~48 Ye have heard that it hath been said, Thou shalt love thy neighbour, and hate thine enemy. But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you; That ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven: **for he maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust.** For if ye love them which love you, what reward have ye? do not even the publicans do the same? And if ye salute your brethren only, what do ye more than others? do not even the publicans so? Be ye therefore **perfect**, even as your Father which is in heaven is **perfect**.

So it’s our striving for perfection that Our Father demands of us just as He who is perfect hears the cries of His children and has mercy on them. That does not make man righteous because Yah hears their cries, but it is Yah’s righteousness that is perfectly seen by all.

Jm 5:13~15 Is any among you afflicted? let him pray. Is any merry? let him sing psalms. Is any sick among you? let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord: And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; **and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him.**

In thy name have done many wonderful works?

*“But, Lord! Didn’t we do all these other great and wonderful works in your name?” In your name didn’t we build all these temples (churches) and in your name conquered nations and preached **our message** using your name. Didn’t we do high profile commissions of feeding the hungry in missionaries throughout the world while proclaiming **our gospel** in your name to the world?*

A great multitude will come to Yahshua thinking they have done God’s will only to be turned aside. Not just a few, many, a great multitude. And they will be shocked! How can this be? They were absolutely convinced they were OK. Preaching, healing and doing great and wonderful things – who would have thought this was not what Yah wanted? Is Yahshua looking for something additionally from us?

*Observed and stated many times is the saying; “The highway to hell is paved with good intentions.” Yahshua is not talking about intentions. He’s talking about **TRUTH; revealed in actions.** This shocked and let down multitude standing before Him at the judgment were pointing to precisely the things that we ourselves would count as worthy acts meriting entrance into the kingdom. But then Yahshua professes unto them; **“I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.”***

*Perchance we are looking in the wrong direction for the answer. To get the world’s vision of truth, one must seek out the doctrine of the world’s religions. To get The Lord’s perspective, who judges all, we must seek **His Truth.** The principle stands clear: **“to get something you never had...you must do something you never did!”***

*Since **Truth** embraces far more than outward religious works, we should look for something, **someplace else.** Perhaps we need to start at the beginning. At the beginning of our calling we affirmed **yes** to repentance, came away from the **old self** choosing a path to live as a **new being.** We left our carnal way to become all that we could be. We stopped sinning upon learning what sin is: “Whosoever commits sin transgresses the*

law: for sin is the transgression of the law.” 1Jn 3:4. By doing so we were able through His Holy Spirit to stand for Him and His way, to proclaim His truth, to help others and support **His gospel message of the kingdom of Yah**. And the greatest feat of all was seeing ourselves as Yah sees us, as sinners in the process of **overcoming self**... thanks to Yah’s mercy! At the beginning, we are filthy, but as we walk with Him, His divine light exposes our errors enabling us to change, repent, coming in line to **His Truth**. Yet as stated by Our Creator, many continue to separate themselves from entering into His kingdom.

There is one thing Yah states emphatically that separates us from Him and His kingdom: sinning against His will, His laws, the decrees of His kingdom. There are some in mainline religions calling in the name of the Lord that are greatly devoid of truth while doing many deeds that He has asks of us, with many of those deeds being good to do. At times we even see them being blessed for their actions. Despite this positive outward appearance, few accomplish doing **all** that he expects us to do, namely **His will**. But they and we would answer, “We are doing His will.” Yet we resist His will to do **all His laws** and to submit humbly to obey them according to **His way**. Only when that happens are we able to boldly call upon Him for His mercy and help.

Lk 12: 41~48 Then Peter said unto him, Lord, speakest thou this parable unto us, or even to all? And the Lord said, Who then is that **faithful and wise steward**, whom his lord shall make ruler over his household, to give them their portion of meat in due season? Blessed is that servant, whom his lord when he cometh shall find so **doing**. Of a truth I say unto you, that he will make him ruler over all that he hath. But and if that servant say **in his heart**, My lord delayeth his coming; and shall begin to beat the menservants and maidens, (*meaning taking advantage of those under us*) and to eat and drink, and to be drunken (*equivalent of living for the day, without any regard of our calling*); The lord of that servant will come in a day when he looketh not for him, and at an hour when he is not aware, and will cut him in sunder, and will appoint him his portion with the **unbelievers**. **And that servant, which knew his lord's will, and prepared not himself, neither did according to his will, shall be beaten with many stripes**. But he that knew not, and did commit things worthy of stripes, shall be beaten with few stripes. **For unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall be much required**: and to whom men have committed much, of him they will ask the more.

*Did you notice that Yahshua cuts down, destroys that unwise servant and appoints him with the **unbelievers**? Why appoint him with unbelievers? Unbelievers are those that despite knowing the truth, don't respond, acting upon His words...their calling. For there is no resulting difference between an unresponsive person and an ignorant person, relative to stewardship, the producing of profitable behavior, yet the ignorant person still has hope if he's willing to change. The unbeliever knows the truth and falls to act. **Belief...is an action word**, not just a mindset awareness of goodness. The wise steward was to bring an increase, not just remain a holder of Yah's Spirit. The seed that is planted in you must grow, giving an increase, not remain stagnant being just held onto. This is Yahshua's message given in the “**Key**” to entering the Kingdom discourse.*

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*The conclusion of Yahshua's message states the reason for His rejection of those calling on Him; “Lord, Lord, and receive not His mercy.” Two points are given: In the first He declares; “**I never knew you,**” and*

in the second He defines that the reason for their poor relationship with Him is because they “**work iniquity.**” The first stating “**I never knew you**” affirms the lack of a personal relationship with Him.

Jn 15:15 Henceforth I call you not servants; for the servant **knoweth not** what his lord doeth (*His will*); but I have called you **friends**; for all things that I have heard of my Father **I have made known unto you.**

“**My friend**” connotes a relationship of oneness, not merely an acquaintance, made clean, **sanctified through the Truth of the Father**, revealing the will of Our Creator as written in His precepts, principles, judgments and alike, expressed in His laws.

Jn 17: 1~26 These words spake Jesus, and lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, Father, the hour is come; glorify thy Son, that thy Son also may glorify thee: As thou hast given him power over all flesh, that he should give **eternal life to as many as thou hast given him.** And this is life eternal, that they might **know thee** the only true God (*not just of Him, but His essence, His laws that expresses His character*), and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent. I have glorified thee on the earth (*made known His truth*): I have finished the work which thou gavest me to do. And now, O Father, glorify thou me with thine own self with the glory which I had with thee before the world was. I have manifested **thy name** unto the men **which thou gavest me out of the world**: thine they were, and thou gavest them me; and **they have kept thy word** (*His will, the Law*). Now they have known that all things whatsoever thou hast given me are of thee. For I have given unto them **the words** which thou gavest me; and they have received them, and have known surely that I came out from thee, and **they have believed** that thou didst send me. I pray for them: **I pray not for the world** (*showing the difference between the two*), but for them which thou hast given me; **for they are thine.** And all mine are thine, and thine are mine; and I am glorified in them. And now I am no more in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to thee. Holy Father, keep through **thine own name** those whom thou hast given me, that they **may be one, as we are.** While I was with them in the world, I kept them in **thy name**: those that thou gavest me I have kept, and none of them is lost, but the son of perdition; that the scripture might be fulfilled. And now come I to thee; and these things I speak in the world, that they might have my joy fulfilled in themselves. I have given them **thy word** (*Yah's laws*); and the world hath hated them, because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. I pray not that thou shouldest take them out of the world, but that thou shouldest keep them from the evil. They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. **Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth** (*we are sanctified made clean through Truth*). As thou hast sent me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, that they also might be **sanctified through the truth.** Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also **which shall believe on me through their word**; That they all may **be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us**: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me. And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; that they may **be one, even as we are one**: I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that thou hast sent me, and hast loved them, as thou hast loved me. Father, I will that they also, **whom thou hast given me**, be with me where I am (*in the kingdom when it comes*); that they may behold my glory, which thou hast given me: for thou lovedst me before the foundation of the world. O righteous Father, the world hath not known thee: but I have known thee, and these have known that thou hast sent me. And I have declared unto them **thy name** (*Yah*), and will declare it: that the love wherewith thou hast loved me may be in them, and I in them.

The second statement from Yahshua defines the reason for the lack of that relationship stems from their “**working iniquity**” denoting those that sin **knowingly rebel** against His Truth.

1Jn 3: 3~4 And every man that hath this hope in **him purifieth himself**, even as he is pure. Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: **for sin is the transgression of the law.**

Clearly stated in the Bible written some 70 years after Yahshua's death and resurrection is the confirmation that the law remains the fulcrum, the balance, upon which sin is judged.

Jm 1: 19~25 Wherefore, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath: For the wrath of man worketh not the righteousness of God. Wherefore lay apart all filthiness and superfluity of naughtiness, and receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls. **But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves.** For if any be a hearer of the word, **and not a doer**, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass: For he beholdeth himself, and goeth his way, and straightway forgetteth what manner of man he was. But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, **but a doer of the work**, this man shall be blessed in his deed.

*So the difference between not knowing His will, or even prophesying, preaching salvation through His death for us, and in the **doing of His will** produces a result that fulfills the law daily lived throughout our lives. Do we live His will, or do we live our **own will** cloaked by a religious vestment? Is one saved by saying, "my will be done, as I see it?" Do I justify **my doings** and then sell myself off as a righteous servant?*

1Cor 3:18~20 Let no man **deceive himself**. If any man among you seemeth to be wise in this world, let him become a fool, that he may be wise. **For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God.** For it is written, He taketh the wise in their own craftiness. And again, The Lord knoweth the thoughts of the wise, **that they are vain.**

Ro 16: 17~20 Now I beseech you, brethren, **mark them** which cause divisions and offences contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned; **and avoid them.** For they that are such serve not our Lord Jesus Christ, **but their own belly**; and by good words and fair speeches (*perverse, twisted meanings*) **deceive** the hearts of the simple. For your obedience is come abroad unto all men. I am glad therefore on your behalf: but yet I would have you wise unto that which is good, and simple **concerning evil.** And the God of peace shall bruise Satan under your feet shortly. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. Amen.

*The message that Yahshua gave us is one of doing, applying the words of Our Father in our lives. Those that are to enter the kingdom are those found **doing the will the Father.** Outward manifestations of religious worship according to the commandments of men are just a product of this world, a glossy patina of untruth, of feel-good, look good, attitudes and amenities condemned by Yah to fade, crack and peel away.*

Mt 15:7~9 Ye hypocrites, well did Esaias prophesy of you, saying, This people draweth nigh unto me with their mouth, and honoureth me with their lips; but their heart is far from me. But in vain they do worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men.

*Yah is both looking at our heart seeing what it produces and judging our obedience to His laws of righteousness. His words are deafening to those that have ears and chose a life not to hear, only to then tragically hear "**I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.**"*

Iniquity #458 Anomia; illegality, violation of law or wickedness, transgression of the law, unrighteousness.

Ro 2:13 For **not the hearers of the law** are just before God, **but the doers** of the law shall be justified.

*The essence of message given in Mt 7:21 stresses that no one that **merely acknowledges** Yahshua as our Lord's authority, believing in the divinity of His nature, professing faith in the perfection of His righteousness and in the infinite merit of His atoning sacrifice, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven.*

EXCEPT he who **does the will** of His Father, His God and Our God; he who up-roots the bad tree and plants anew the good tree; he who continues in bringing forth righteous fruit to the glory and praise of God...will be in His Kingdom.

At the judgment Yahshua will fully and plainly tell them, "I never knew you...I never approved of you. You held the Truth in unrighteousness while you preached false doctrines and did forsake my Truth, unholy in your hearts and unrighteous in your conduct."

Mt 7:21 states Yahshua the Christ our Lord is the "**Key**" to enter the kingdom, as stated, "Not everyone that says unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven **but he that does the will of my Father which is in heaven.**" Such a simple answer to all that have ears to hear, yet mankind insist on finding their own way apart from the will of Yah.

The "**Key**" is **doing His will**, His law...not just in knowing about the law.

*"The man whose knowledge exceeds his works, to whom is he like?
He is like a tree which had many branches, and only a few roots;
and when the stormy winds came, it was plucked up and eradicated.
But he whose good works are greater than his knowledge, to what is he like?
He is like a tree which had few branches, and many roots;
so that all the winds of heaven could not move it from its place."
Pirke Aboth.*

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