

Those Who Serve

March 22

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Speaking Where The Bible Speaks; Silent Where

The Bible Is Silent

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Doing God's Will

by *Ron Boatwright*

How do we make sure that we are among the few who are saved and not among the many who are lost (Matthew 7:13-14)? Jesus says in Matthew 7:21-23, "Not everyone who says to Me, Lord, Lord, shall enter the kingdom of heaven, **but he who does the will of my Father** in heaven. **Many** will say to Me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, and cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name? And then will I declare to them, **I never** knew you, depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness". If we believe and call Jesus, "Lord, Lord", we are still lost if we have not done God's will.

On Judgment Day **many** will be pleading with Jesus, calling him Lord, Lord, and reminding him of the many wonderful works that they had done in His name, but He will say unto them, "**I never** knew you, depart from Me you who practice lawlessness". Why? Why? They had **not done the will of the Father** in heaven. The worst thing that will ever be said to an individual is when the Lord on Judgment Day says to the majority of people, "Depart from Me, **I never**

knew you". There will be no appeal to this decision. We have to get it right the first time.

These people in the above scripture seemed to be honest, but they were honestly mistaken as the majority of people are today. Apparently they were good people, because they had "done many wonderful works". But they had not done the will of the Father, which is in heaven. No single condition, that God imposes, can be ignored. **God has no non-essential commands.** When we fail to obey a command of God, we have just broken it. We must obey God by doing what God says to do, when God says to do it, how God says to do it, and for the reason God says to do it. Nothing is more important than pleasing God by doing His will so that we can go to Heaven. God's will is found right in our Bibles.

Email from Nigeria (rec'd March 18, 2009)



Hello brother Holloway,

Greetings. How are you doing? What about the Church, mom, dad, and everybody around you? My regards to them all. I believe our good Lord is seeing you and the brotherhood through the serious financial crisis that has rocked the entire world. I want to believe that God has a reason for all of these. I pray that He helps me know exactly what the message is, and remain close to Him each day. My prayer remains that He hides me from anything that will hinder me from not fulfilling His will on earth.

It is true that many brethren are not concerned about the lost souls, but they do enjoy their sins forgiven. This is true in Nigeria as in many other places. We will continue to pray that God will open our eyes to see the enormous task undone in the world, and be willing enough to get involve.

I went down to the east last weekend again to see my father. He was so glad that he saw me, and was so appreciative of all the prayers said for by the brethren. The condition was slightly better than what it was when I saw him some three

weeks ago. He said that we should not relent in praying for God's will in his life. I am sorry that I have not written as regularly as I should. Many factors are contributing to this, but I won't think they are enough to constitute an acceptable excuse, as excuse is never a reason for any action. Please, do express my love and appreciation to the brethren in Ellabell and other congregations of the Lord. Have a great day brother.

Announcements

Save –Labels, Food Pantry Items, Change Jar, Cans, Medicine Bottles

Social-today after morning worship

Bulletin Board-Make sure you read the bulletin board as there are many things of interest now. The bulletin is getting too long
Meetings-next Sunday, the 29th, after evening worship

Email from Cameroon (Rec'd March 17, 2009)



Thanks immensely for the CD's. I tried to reply to this mail but could not because of the technical problems with the computer. Thank God the problem has been figured out and fixed, and so I can email you again. I will definitely enjoy the songs, and more importantly, use them to boost our radio preaching. Though I don't know what you mean by non-traditional regarding the songs, I believe all the songs are good for my preaching. Thanks once again. Please convey my appreciation to Mom whose name I now know for the first time as Sue. Let her know she is a wonderful grand Mom to Nsikanima.

