

Monday, 27 June 2016

Matthew 7:21

"Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven.

John 6:40 For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who looks on the Son and believes in him should have eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day."

There we are again, entry into the Kingdom of Heaven is not a works thing it is a belief (faith/trust/commit/obey) thing. I must trust Him in all things! No doubt, no despair, no depression, no poor little me with nothing to eat but oatmeal. I am a child of the King, charged with advancing His Kingdom wherever I am placed. Hallelujah!

Tuesday, 28 June 2016

Matthew 7:22-23

On that day many will say to me, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many mighty works in your name?' And then will I declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from me, you workers of lawlessness.'

" you workers of lawlessness" That's harsh, not very politically correct. Didn't Jesus realize that it is not nice to tell someone that they're lost and headed in the wrong direction? Or did His heart break for those who are unwilling to trust Him in all things? Unwilling to trust Him for their next sandwich let alone their eternal life?

Wednesday, 29 June 2016

Mat 7:24-25

"Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock. And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew

and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on the rock.

The Rock of Salvation, willingness to trust in the Lord, God the Almighty in all things. An acknowledgment that He knows and will provide for all my needs. An acceptance that He is omniscient and omni-benevolent and that my sinful, pride driven nature is neither all wise nor all loving.

Thursday, 30 June 2016

Matthew 7:26-27

And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not do them will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand. And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell, and great was the fall of it."

Hurricane Irene did enormous damage to Vermont; 5 years later and the evidence is still stark and obvious. It serves as a constant reminder of the danger of unwillingness to trust in the LORD, God the Almighty. Homes built in floodplains disappeared in a matter of minutes--all evidence that there had ever been a building there gone.

Are my stubbornness, my pride, my self-will the personal traits that will insure that I hear those awful words, "I never knew you." No, Lord, no! Continue to train me to trust in You in all things.

Friday, 1 July 2016

Matthew 7:28-29

And when Jesus finished these sayings, the crowds were astonished at his teaching, for he was teaching them as one who had authority, and not as their scribes.

Yes, Lord, I must hear You as the One who has authority, as the One who must be obeyed without question, as the One who called me to Himself and

paid my ransom. I must accept Your Word as the Ultimate Word, the Word to be accepted unconditionally.

Saturday, 2 July 2016

Matthew 4:17

From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

A simple statement--repent, be willing to be transformed by the Holy Spirit and make the turn into the Kingdom of Heaven in the here and now. No waiting, no entrance exam, all accepted who seek Him.

Lord's Day, 3 July 2016

Psalm 119:37

Turn my eyes from looking at worthless things; and give me life in your ways.

Lord, keep my eyes on You and not on all the false glitter of the world. There is life in the Word! Help me to be faithful to it.

VOICES TOGETHER

Daily Meditations from the Scriptures



June 27-July 3, 2016

I was dealing with a very difficult and perplexing problem in the spring of 1989 and tackling it by trying to learn everything I could on the subject. One evening, as I continued my studies, God told me very clearly that the root of the problem was that I did not know Him. I put down the book I was reading and picked up a Bible figuring that was where I was going to find Him. That began what has been a 27-year search to know, really know in a John 17:3 way, the Lord, God the Almighty.*

Voices Together has and continues to be, a very important part of that search. It is extracted from my daily meditations and is shared in the hope that others will be encouraged to turn to the Scriptures as a rich source of guidance for prayer and meditation.

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*LORD or LORD, God the Almighty always refers to the Trinitarian God.