

Is Jesus our Lord?

- In order to help us answer this question, Jesus asked us a question:
- *But why do you call Me 'Lord, Lord,' and not do the things which I say?*
- If we call Him Lord, then we have made Him our Master and King.
- Can we set aside the words of the one we call master and king and still be His genuine servants?
- He can't truly be our Lord in name only!
- If we call Him Lord we **MUST** do what He says

Is Jesus our Lord?

- *For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. Jn. 3:16*
- Multitudes quote this passage thinking that believing Jesus is Lord is enough.
- Jesus warned that as God had sent Him to reveal His will, doing what He said was essential:
- *"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. Mt. 7:21*

Jesus is Lord only if we DO what He said

- *Whoever comes to Me, and hears My sayings and does them, I will show you whom he is like: 48 He is like a man building a house, who dug deep and laid the foundation on the rock. And when the flood arose, the stream beat vehemently against that house, and could not shake it, for it was founded on the rock. Lk. 6:47-48*
- Although this should be obvious, multitudes today have confused token confession with genuine faith, submission and devotion.
- Doing or not doing makes a huge difference in the foundation we are laying for the future.

Hear and Not DOING = No Foundation

But he who heard and did nothing is like a man who built a house on the earth without a foundation, against which the stream beat vehemently; and immediately it fell. And the ruin of that house was great." Lk. 6:49

Jesus takes us into the future and reveals exactly what will happen if we don't have a foundation.

*Many will say to Me in that day, 'Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?' 23 And then I will declare to them, **'I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!'** Mt. 7:22-23*

Love is Tied to Keeping Commands

- *If you love Me, keep My commandments. Jn. 14:15*
- *He who has My commandments and keeps them, it is he who loves Me. And he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and manifest Myself to him." Jn. 14:21*
- *If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love, just as I have kept My Father's commandments and abide in His love. Jn. 15:10*
- *For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments. And His commandments are not burdensome. 1Jn. 5:3*
- *In not keeping His commandments we practice lawlessness, AND don't love either Jesus or God.*

Contrast Based on Keeping His Word

- “If you **abide in My word**, you are truly My disciples And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.” Jn. 8:31-32
- A simple fundamental truth. The opposite is equally true.
- *Anyone who goes too far and does not abide in the teaching of Christ, does not have God,” for only “the one who **abides in the teaching**, he has both the Father and the Son.” 2Jn. 9*
- Jesus’ commands: A boundary of fellowship:
- Fellowship between truth and error.
- Fellowship with God and Jesus.

Jesus' Authority Given Through Apostles

- *He who hears you hears Me, he who rejects you rejects Me, and he who rejects Me rejects Him who sent Me.” Lk. 10:16*
- God Sent Jesus
- Jesus taught God's will
- Jesus sent the apostles
- The apostles taught God's will!
- How could Jesus have made it any clearer?
- If we accept their authority we accept His.
- If we reject their authority we reject not only His authority, but also God's authority.
- Terrible consequences follow if we reject Paul / Peter

The Chain of Command

- *As the Father has sent Me, I also send you. Jn. 20:21*
- *Most assuredly, I say to you, he who receives whomever I send receives Me; and he who receives Me receives Him who sent Me. Jn. 13:20*
- At any point where the chain of command is broken, all is broken!

God

Jesus

Apostles & Prophets

Bible

- *Why call me Lord Lord and not do/trust what I say?*

The Chain of Command- Confirmed

- *“The Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you. Jn. 14:26*
- *“I tell you the truth. It is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I depart, I will send Him to you.” Jn. 16:7*
- *I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth.” Jn 16:12-13*

The Holy Spirit was Sent

- The Holy Spirit was sent by the Father.
- He taught them all things.
- He brought to remembrance all Jesus said
- Jesus also sent the Holy Spirit
- The many things Jesus still had to say were revealed by the Holy Spirit Jesus sent.
- It was Jesus Promise:
- He will guide you into all truth
- Did Jesus keep His promise?
- Do we trust Him as Lord and Savior?
- *Why call me Lord Lord and not do/trust what I say?*

Paul Affirmed It

- *how that by revelation He made known to me the mystery (as I have briefly written already, 4 by which, when you read, you may understand my knowledge in the mystery of Christ), 5 which in other ages was not made known to the sons of men, as it has now been revealed by the Spirit to His holy apostles and prophets: Eph 3:3-6*
- *If anyone thinks himself to be a prophet or spiritual, let him acknowledge that the things which I write to you are the commandments of the Lord, 1Cor. 14:37*
- *Therefore he who rejects this does not reject man, but God, who has also given us His Holy Spirit. 1Th. 4:8*

All Summed All

- God gave Jesus all authority as Lord and King!
- *18 And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth*
- Jesus sent the apostles to make disciples.
- *19 Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,*
- His disciples, made by the apostles must observe all things He commanded them (Revealed by Holy Spirit)
- *20 teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Amen. Matt 28:18-20*
- Jesus will be with us until the end of the age if we keep

If We Believe and Act on This

- Jesus is our Lord because we do and believe.
- We build on the foundation of Rock
- We love Jesus and God
- We trust and submit to the Holy Spirit
- If we reject it
- Jesus is our Lord in Name only
- I will profess to them I never knew you.
- We practice lawlessness.
- We don't love Jesus or God
- We don't have God.