

Known By The Solid Rock
Matthew 7:21-29

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Life in the Balance

I am the gate to life ... which will you enter? (7:13-14)

I am the source of truth ... will you be nourished by it? (7:15-20)

I am the only Lord and Savior ... do you truly know Me? (7:21-23)

I am the true and secure foundation ... what are you building on? (7:24-27)

Does Jesus Know Me?

Profession of faith is a vital part of salvation – we need to confess faith in Jesus (Luke 23:39-43, Romans 10:9-10)

The crowds are impressed with Jesus but they are unmoved (7:28-29)

Profession without obedience and transformation is a false confession (Romans 12:1-2, James 2:14-26)

Religious activity is impressive, but can be done without truly knowing Jesus (Acts 19:13-16, 2 Thess. 2:9-12, Rev. 13:11-14, 2 Cor. 11:13-15)

Assess our profession of faith by asking, “Am I doing the will of the Father?” (2 Cor. 13:5)

Doing the Father’s will is an active response to God’s work in a Christian’s life (Mt. 4:17, 28:18-20; Jn. 14:15, 23, 15:10-12; Ro. 6:17, 1 Thess. 4:3, 5:18, 1 Pet. 2:13-17; 1 John 1:5-10, 5:2-3)

Rock or Sand, Reliable vs. Unreliable

Building on rock was a frequent metaphor used in the Old Testament for the security Israel could have in God when they obeyed Him. (Deut. 32:4-18; Psalm 18:2, 31)

When storms come, and they will, will my profession of faith be shown unswerving or undependable?

Will the Lord know me from my activity or from my obedience?

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