

Making Jesus Lord!

Luke 6:46-47

(KJV) “And why call ye me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say?
(47) Whosoever cometh to me, and heareth my sayings, and doeth them, I will shew you to whom he is like:”

Sometimes the simplicity of something causes us to stumble over it and miss God altogether.

Our text is a good example. People who have been in our churches for years often ask, “*Preacher, Nothing I do seems to work. The devil must be working overtime against my family and me. Do you have any suggestions?*”

Notice the three (3) steps to getting our needs met by God.

1. Come to Me.
2. Hear My sayings (teachings).
3. Put them to work in your life.

And yet, the vast majority of believers have never *really* done the first! I’m going to explain myself in just a moment.

Let’s take a close look at *each* of the three things and let’s let God show us where we *really are*, would that be all right?

First, Jesus says, “*Come to Me.*”

History has proven that mankind tries everything else before they come to the **ONE PERSON** who can set them free!

I. WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO “COME” TO JESUS?

A. First, we must come to Him *for salvation*.

John 14:6 (KJV) “Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.”

1. I am the way!
2. I am truth!
3. I am Life!

Romans 10:9-13 (KJV) “That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.

(10) For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

(11) For the Scripture saith, Whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed.

(12) For there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek: for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon him.

(13) For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved (delivered).”

B. Did you see anything there about *joining* a church or being *baptized*? How about giving a *tithe and offerings*? How about turning over a *new leaf*? How about *being good* and not kicking your neighbor’s dog?

C. Now, what should a person *expect to happen to them* when they come to Jesus and confess Him as their Lord and savior? Well, let me ask the question in another way. “*Can God lie?*”

D. “*No, preacher, God cannot lie!*”

1. Well, What did God say He would do for you if you came to Him and confessed Jesus as your Lord and savior?

2. “*He said I would be saved.*”

3. Then if you meant business with God, He certainly means business with you!

E. A “*saved person*” is to go to God with everything, **PERIOD!**

Question: Have you come to Jesus for salvation and are you coming to Him for the answers to all your problems?

II. WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO “HEAR” HIS SAYINGS?

A. A “*believer*” follows Christ, and in order to do so, we **MUST** know His Word!

2nd Timothy 3:16-17 “All Scripture is God-breathed and is a must for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, (17) so that the man of God may be completely developed for every good work.”

Hebrews 10:25 (NIV) “Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another and all the more as you see the Day approaching.”

2nd Timothy 2:15 (KJV) “Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.”

B. So, to “*hear His sayings,*” means to Know His Word so you can defeat Satan at every turn!

Question: Do you know His Word, or, do you just know about His Word?

III. WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO “DO” HIS WORD?

Do you obey the laws of man? If you don’t, **AND GET CAUGHT**, you will pay *according to the severity* of the crime.

We may break man’s law **AND NEVER GET CAUGHT**, but with God, *it is different!*

THOUGHT: If it is a crime against mankind to break man’s law, would it not also be a crime to break God’s law?

His Word **IS** His law!

Revelation 22:18-19 (NIV) “I warn everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: If anyone adds anything to them, God will add to him the plagues described in this book.

(19) And if anyone takes words away from this book of prophecy, God will take away from him his share in the tree of life and in the holy city, which are described in this book.”

A. We are to do what the Book says to do!

We have no problem finding time to do what we want to do, so, the *reason* we do not *come* to Jesus, *hear* His Word and *do* His Word has already been answered!

B. Folks, this book **IS REAL!** It is a *love letter* from God, **TELLING US IN ADVANCE**, **how to** be saved, **how to** solve life’s problems and **how to** do His will.

C. It also tells us *the consequences* of *doing* and *not doing* His will.