



Introduction

The person who says “Lord, Lord” by Jeremiah

Today, I would like to share the message about the person who says “Lord! Lord!” and the scripture reference below is our key verse.

Matthew 7:21 Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven.

7:22 Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works?

7:23 And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.

This part in the Bible is rather surprising. It seems that people who prophesize, cast out devils, or perform miracles are Christians with strong faith. Even those people will be told, **“I never knew you: depart from me”** by Christ on that day.

It therefore makes us wonder what will happen to us who can't even perform such miracles. So, we would like to examine the problems with those people who are being told off here, and how we could avoid making the same mistake.

<Major misunderstanding>

What we can see in this part is that these people who said **“Lord! Lord!”** never even dreamed that they would be rejected by Christ on the day. This is because they indeed prophesized, cast out devils, and performed miracles in the name of Jesus Christ. So, when they met the Lord, they were proud of themselves and may have been convinced that even ordinary Christians can enter heaven, therefore they could have expected to be treated like VIP, because they have performed amazing miracles.

However, Christ said to them, **“I never knew you”**. If Christ says to you that **“I never knew you”**, you would not enter the kingdom of heaven and have eternal life. I wonder if you could be thrown into the lake of fire. Anyway, those people will face a horrible ending.

Therefore, they were having a huge misunderstanding. So, what can we learn from this to avoid going through the same path?

The key to understanding the people who say “Lord! Lord!” is described below.

Matthew 7:15 Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves.

7:16 Ye shall know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles?

7:17 Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit.

7:18 A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit.

7:19 Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire.

7:20 Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them.

It is describing about “false prophets”. They are like corrupt trees and unable to bring good fruit. The evil trees are related to the phrase “**depart from me, ye that work iniquity**” which was said to the people who say “**Lord! Lord!**” by Jesus. Therefore, it is possible that those people could be false prophets, and this helps us to understand a bit about the mystery of the people who say “**Lord! Lord!**”. They are false prophets and their fruits are bad ones. That is why Lord told them off and said “**I never knew you**”.

< False prophets don't know they are actually false prophets >

What we can learn from this is that false prophets don't know they are actually false prophets at all. Rather, they are convinced that they are doing God's work with the help of the Holy Spirit. The story of Micaiah below is a great example.

1 Kings 22:19 And he said, Hear thou therefore the word of the Lord: I saw the Lord sitting on his throne, and all the host of heaven standing by him on his right hand and on his left.

22:20 And the Lord said, Who shall persuade Ahab, that he may go up and fall at Ramothgilead? And one said on this manner, and another said on that manner.

22:21 And there came forth a spirit, and stood before the Lord, and said, I will persuade him.

22:22 And the Lord said unto him, Wherewith? And he said, I will go forth, and I will be a lying spirit in the mouth of all his prophets. And he said, Thou shalt persuade him, and prevail also: go forth, and do so.

22:23 Now therefore, behold, the Lord hath put a lying spirit in the mouth of all these thy prophets, and the Lord hath spoken evil concerning thee.

22:24 But Zedekiah the son of Chenaanah went near, and smote Micaiah on the cheek, and said, Which way went the Spirit of the Lord from me to speak unto thee?

22:25 And Micaiah said, Behold, thou shalt see in that day, when thou shalt go into an inner chamber to hide thyself.

On this day, there were 400 prophets who prophesized what the king of Israel wanted to hear, but they were all deceived by other spirit than God, and none of them understood that they were controlled by deceptive spirit, not God. They even punched Micaiah who pointed that out.

Therefore, we can learn that false prophets never think that they were controlled by deceptive spirit as they prophesy.

And this is related to the mistake made by the people who say “**Lord! Lord!**”. Why did

they remain so confident until they saw Jesus? Because they were so deeply deceived that they didn't even know that they were prophesying or performing miracles under the influence of other spirit than the Holy Spirit. Through this, we can see how the deceptive spirit can strongly influence false prophets.

We can also understand why Christ said **"I never knew you"** to them. They were prophesying, casting demons, and performing miracles with the help of deceptive demonic spirit, not the Spirit of Christ or God. That is why Jesus clearly declared **"I never knew you"** against the works and signs which had nothing to do with God's Spirit.

We also need to realize one important teaching from this part. It is that just because you perform the work of God "in the name of Jesus", it doesn't necessarily mean that the work would be of God's Spirit. The 400 prophets at the time of Micaiah were all prophesying in the name of God, but their prophecies were not from God, but rather from deceptive spirit. In the same way, the people who said **"Lord, Lord"** performed everything in the name of Jesus, but they were actually the works of demon which had nothing to do with Christ. They were then told, **"I never knew you"** by the Lord.

<There will be many false prophets in End Times>

The mistake made by those who say **"Lord, Lord"** is not unrelated to us, because the Lord has prophesized that there will be a lot of false prophets in End Times.

End Times is an era when there will be many false prophets and in other words, the era when deceptive spirits and the work of demons would be accepted.

< Laodikeia; the church who misunderstands >

How does Satan deceive Christians in End Times? It tries to let Christians misunderstand that they have a quality to be amazing prophets, casting demons, and performing miracles. It then makes them do the works by following demons, and eventually taking their eternal life which is the most important thing for them.

When Satan deceived Eve at the Garden of Eden, he brought some sweet sounding story, something that will give her benefit and profit. He told her and convinced her that she would become like God and never die if she ate the fruit. Eva was overwhelmed by the greed and deceived by the story ended up losing eternal life. She was sent out from the tree of life. Satan will use the similar strategy to deceive Christians in End Times. While people are carried away thinking they witnessed amazing healing, the work of God, were able to touch God, understand the true meaning of the Bible, raised to the next level as a Christian etc, they would be deceived by Satan and lose eternal life as a result.

The trap set for Christian in End Times is to deceive them into the gift and talent of demons. We can learn the lesson from the church of Laodikeia about deceived churches.

What stands out in Laodikeia is it self-proclaims **"I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing"**. But it was misunderstanding, and God sees it differently. It is shown in the scripture below.

Revelation3:17 Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have

need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked:

The church of Laodikeia must have thought they had nothing short as they could prophesy, cast demons, perform miracles, and knew the Bible inside out. But we need to know that this misunderstanding is related to how the people who said **“Lord, Lord”** as we read before. Surely, this church does have signs, wonders, and talents, but they don't come from Jesus. In fact, Jesus was sent out of this church, which is the house of God.

Revelation 3:20 Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me.

Laodikeia was a strange church which kicked out of Christ and Holy Spirit, and instead received lots of gifts and talents from demons. It may appear to be impressive in human's eyes, but is actually on the verge of destruction from God's point of view.

The phrase **“knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked”** is implicative. The word **“wretched”** is also found in the scripture below.

Romans 7:24 O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death?

Here, Paul uses the word **“wretched”** because he was crying over the situation where he was not freed from sin. Therefore, the church of Laodikeia, despite it claims to be rich, is in the middle of sin, so could miss the kingdom of heaven as the result. It is related to the people who say **“Lord, Lord”** who were told **“I never knew you: depart from me”** by Christ.

<Signs and miracles which are not from God's Spirit>

Now, these are actually not unrelated to us, because the Bible doesn't mention about things which will never happen, but it prophesizes the dangers which will happen. Looking from that point of view, we come to realize that current Christian churches are dominated by deceptive signs and miracles performed by tricky spirits. We need to be able to distinguish these signs and wonders instead of simply accepting unconditionally. The Lord told us to distinguish the work of false prophets based on its fruit.

Matthew 7:18 A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit.

7:19 Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire.

7:20 Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them.

We also need to know that many people who are in the midst of recent revival movement could bring **“evil fruit”**. In fact, there have been a lot of troubles, including some criminal cases. Sure, they are rich and able to perform what seem to be miracles, but the question is, are they really coming from God?

We could follow those false prophets, and talk about transformation or God's amazing work, but chances are that we could be the ones saying **"Lord, Lord"** and end up being told **"I never knew you"** by Jesus. Don't we lose the eternal life then? Well, we have to think about it really well.

Because they are sinners, and full of fruits which come out of false prophets, it is not certain that we will enter the kingdom of God if we followed them. Jesus actually said **"A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit"**.

We live in the era when a lot of deceptive spirits' works are accepted, and there are many people in Christian churches claiming things like "Suddenly, God came down on me", "God gave me powerful ability", or "I was given the spirit of prophecy by God". It is great if they are indeed from God, but if not, you will be deceived by demons until the end, like those people who say "Lord, Lord". We could lose eternal life as the result, so we need to understand this properly.

Again, Lord said this.

7:22 Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works?

The Lord tells us that there are many people who are convinced that the deceptive spirit is actually from God, losing eternal life as the result. We shouldn't take this warning lightly. The deceptive spirit uses very tricky tactics, and many Christians will completely believe in it hence lose eternal life. We have to be aware of this.

<Taken away by the flood of demons>

When it comes to End Times, The Lord said that it is going to be like the days of Noah as described below.

Matthew 24:38 For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark,

39 And knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.

40 Then shall two be in the field; the one shall be taken, and the other left.

41 Two women shall be grinding at the mill; the one shall be taken, and the other left.

This scripture is a parable, and it prophesizes that there will be the flood of demons coming to Christian churches in End Times. Also it prophesizes that **"the one shall be taken, and the other left"**. We are in the middle of the flood right now, and many Christians are getting swallowed by the flood of deception. Therefore, those who are excited because they think God came down upon them, amazing gift was given may be taken away by the flood of demons and deceived by Satan. As bad trees never bear good fruits, they will eventually come to realize the confusion caused by the demonic spirit. You shouldn't be narrow-minded. Rather, stay humble and seek the Holy Spirit in order to be free from the deception.



Revival of gold dust...is it really from God?

<Sabbath Day> by E3

It has been quite some time since I became a Christian, and recently I came to realize certain things, so I would like to give my testimony about it. It is about the title of this article; Sabbath Day.

I never really thought about the “Sabbath Day” before, but one day soon after I got baptized, I started to wonder “What would happen to me if I can no longer come to church for some reason?” or “What about those who can’t make it to the church on Sundays because of their work commitment or family matters?” I also thought, “Are those people not approved by God as Christians, or going to be saved?” This means that my understanding was “Sabbath Day” = “Sunday”. So, I was even thinking in a sense that anyone not able to come to church is breaking Sabbath Day.

But since a few years ago, I have started to think I may have misunderstood it, therefore I have started to pray for getting the right answer about the true meaning of “Sabbath Day”.

By the way, here at Remnant Christian church, we understand the other meaning (i.e. parable) of the Bible as well as what it means literally. Now, in terms of “Sabbath Day”, a parable is also used in some way, so we have been able to understand the true meaning by looking at the parable. Let’s look at the scripture below.

Leviticus 23: 23 Six days shall work be done: but the seventh day is the sabbath of rest, an holy convocation; ye shall do no work therein: it is the sabbath of the Lord in all your dwellings.

We read “**the seventh day**” here, followed by “**the Sabbath**”. When we see this literally, it will be the seventh day of the week, therefore Sunday. This may be correct, but it also says “**ye shall do no work therein**”. Now, I used to understand this literally, thinking that I can’t work on Sundays. I even believed that I shouldn’t do housework either. However, I was also wondering if it was really what God was telling me at the same time. It is true that it has one meaning which is the seventh day of the week. With regards to this, a scripture came to my mind. It was from 2 Peter.

2 Peter 3:8 But, beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, that one day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day.

When I read this, I was captured by the fact it says **“one day”** is **“thousand years”**. From this, I understood that **“the seventh day”** also means the seven thousandth day after God created the earth. Simply put, B.C lasted 4,000 years, and it has been more than 2,000 years since A.D started, therefore right now is the seven thousandth year; which is described as **“the seventh day”**. Let’s also have a look at some scriptures about the relationship between **“Sabbath Day”** and **“work”**.

Exodus 31:15 Six days may work be done; but in the seventh is the sabbath of rest, holy to the Lord: whosoever doeth any work in the sabbath day, he shall surely be put to death.

Numbers 19:12 He shall purify himself with it on the third day, and on the seventh day he shall be clean: but if he purify not himself the third day, then the seventh day he shall not be clean.

It says **“whosoever doeth any work in the sabbath day, he shall surely be put to death”**. I also thought, **“What? Do I get killed if I work on Sunday? How about cleaning or cooking? What would house wives do?”** But, I began to understand that it was a parable later. What taught me that was the scripture from Numbers. **“Third day”** means 3,000th years from the beginning of A.D, so it is the same as **“the seventh day”**. It applies to this era which means that what is written here is about the things we need to do on the Sabbath Day. That is to **“purify himself”**. You may say **“I repent of my sin every day, so it is fine”**. It is certainly important, but I think we are talking about not just individual sin, but the sin found in the doctrines in Christian churches. In fact, the verse 12 implies that there will be blaspheme against the word of God, such as the teachings that there is no hell, Christians will avoid Rapture and rise up, there is a second chance, and so on.

These doctrines were almost never preached until the sixth day, as it says **“Six days may work be done”**. But, on the seventh day, the correct doctrine will change into some strange ones, so we need to purify ourselves with the water (i.e. Holy Spirit). That is why the scripture says that whoever twists the correct doctrine which has been inherited until the sixth day will be **“put to death”** as the scripture describes.

Do the people like that inherit the kingdom of heaven? Well, I doubt it.

So, after all, Sabbath Day may mean literally **“Sunday”**, but I also finally came to realize that through the word of the Bible as parable, it is talking about this very era. I understand now that Sabbath Day could mean to be the day of blasphemy after observing what is happening around us now. For example, The Da Vinci Code which has become very famous in the world is one such case. There is nowhere in the Bible that states Christ got married with Mary Magdalene and they had a child, but apparently the story claims they did. This is exactly blasphemy against the Bible. If we believed or spread such theory, we will face a terrible consequence after the death. We have to be careful about that.

So, I have shared the questions I had for a long time which is on the “Sabbath Day”. I really appreciate that God has answered by questions and I am grateful to be able to share my testimony. May the name of God who always teaches me important things be glorified. I will return the glory to the Lord.

