

On That Day - Ray Flores, February 9, 2025

Matthew 7:21-23 NIV ²¹ "Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. ²² Many will say to me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name and in your name drive out demons and in your name perform many miracles?' ²³ Then I will tell them plainly, 'I never knew you. Away from me, you evildoers!'"

The will of the Father is for us to receive His son Jesus.

John 3:2-8 NIV ² He came to Jesus at night and said, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God. For no one could perform the signs you are doing if God were not with him."

³ Jesus replied, "Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again."

⁴ "How can someone be born when they are old?" Nicodemus asked. "Surely they cannot enter a second time into their mother's womb to be born!"

⁵ Jesus answered, "Very truly I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless they are born of water and the Spirit. ⁶ Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit. ⁷ You should not be surprised at my saying, 'You must be born again.' ⁸ The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit."

HOLY SPIRIT - Job 33:4 NIV The Spirit of God has made me; the breath of the Almighty gives me life

John 20:22 NIV And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit.

Acts 2:2 NIV Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting.

"Flesh" and "Spirit" are opposed to each other, so the only way for a person to take on a new nature is by being born again of the Holy Spirit of God. It is by God's Spirit, not our own effort that we are born again. Eternal life is a gift that comes only from God. But this gift that He presents, His son Jesus Christ, must be received or accepted for the promises of God to apply to your life.

John 3:12, 14-17 NIV ¹² I have spoken to you of earthly things and you do not believe; how then will you believe if I speak of heavenly things? ¹⁴ Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, ¹⁵ that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him."

¹⁶ For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷ For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

SALVATION - Romans 10:9 ESV If you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

Acts 3:19 ESV Repent therefore, and turn back, that your sins may be blotted out

Matthew 4:17 ESV From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

Matthew 7:22 NIV Many will say to me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name and in your name drive out demons and in your name perform many miracles?'

Titus 3:5 NIV he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit,

Romans 11:6 NIV *And if by grace, then it cannot be based on works; if it were, grace would no longer be grace.*

Matthew 7:23 NIV *Then I will tell them plainly, 'I never knew you. Away from me, you evildoers!'*

BELIEF: It is possible to declare one's allegiance to Christ, to serve others supposedly in His name, and to do so without legitimately trusting in Christ for salvation. Jesus indicated that the first and foremost "work" demanded by God is belief in His Son. With this belief we should develop a relationship with Him through the Word and prayer. A sincere belief in Jesus the Messiah, and acceptance of Him as Savior, will yield repentance of sin and the desire to obey the commandments of God. This kind of enduring trust and faith in the Lord Jesus leads to holiness and good works that glorifies the Father. Our faith, accompanied by action, is a powerful witness to the presence of the Holy Spirit. Especially to the nonbeliever.

Mark 12:30-31 NIV *Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.' ³¹ The second is this: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no commandment greater than these."*

ENCOURAGING REMARKS: Humanity is quickly approaching the end of history as we know it. The day of judgement is at hand, and God will assess our actions and determine our eternal destiny. Everyone who has accepted Jesus as Lord and Savior will make choices that align with God's will and subsequently give Him the glory, for He alone is worthy. He is loving and merciful, offering hope to those who have faith and actively seek to live righteously.

Philippians 2:12-13 NIV *¹² Therefore, my dear friends, as you have always obeyed – not only in my presence, but now much more in my absence – continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling, ¹³ for it is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfill his good purpose.*