A Warning of Self-Deception Matthew 7:21-23 May 15, 2011

Introduction and Meaning of the Passage: Not everyone who thinks they are a Christian, serving the Lord will go to Heaven...We must be careful of self-deception...

- I. <u>The Self-Deceived are Described by What They Said.</u>
- A. They Called Jesus Lord...
- B. Their Profession was consistent and public...

Lesson: Not everyone who makes a profession of faith is going to heaven...there are tares among the wheat...

- C. Calling Jesus Lord by the Holy Spirit is more than simply saying the words... I Corinthians 12:3
- II. <u>The Self-Deceived are Described by What They Did...</u>
- A. They Prophesied... and Christ does not condemn their doctrine...
- B. They Exercised Real Gifts...
- C. Spiritual Gifts are not a certain sign of A Genuine work of Grace... I Corinthians 13:1-2 cf. II Corinthians 13:5

Observation:

Lesson: Learn the urgency that we all examine ourselves...

III. The Self-Deceived are Described by What They Did Not Do...

A. They did not do the Will of God...

1. The will of God sometimes is a reference to God's sovereign control of all things... Ephesians 1:11; Romans 9:19;James 1:18In this sense all men always do the will of God...

2. The Will of God is also used in reference to God's requirements and commands to all men... Matthew 6:10 cf. Mark 3:35; John 7:17...

B. The Will of God begins with "obeying the Gospel..." John 6:28 Lesson:

C. There is an ongoing definite fruition... Romans 6:1ff Lesson: Forgiven sinners are changed sinners... II Corinthians 5:17

IV. The Self-Deceived are Described by What is Spoken to them...

A. What will be said... "Depart from me...

B. When it is said... "On that Day..." John 6:39; Mark 13:32; II Timothy 4:8; II Thessalonians 1:6-10... Observation:

C. Who it is That Says it... "I..." The Lord Jesus, cf. John 5:22, 27 Application: