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**This morning, the Lord Jesus warned us to "Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves"**

They look like sheep, carry Bibles like sheep, and gather with the sheep in the church of the Lord Jesus Christ, but they are NOT SHEEP, they are Satan's disciples, ravening wolves.

The Lord likened them to corrupt trees that bring forth poisonous fruit. You partake of their fruit, and your soul is not led toward the strait gate, which is Christ, but away from Christ and the narrow way, which leads to life. Corrupt trees, false prophets CANNOT bring forth good fruit; that which is good for the believer's soul!

In the Lord's teaching about false prophets and false teachers the Lord warned us to BEWARE of being deceived and led away from Christ by wolves in sheep's clothing, or by eating their poisonous fruit!

But here in Matthew 7:21-23, the Lord warns us about one of the worst forms of deception, and that is being "self-deceived".

Once again, I take you back to Matthew 5:20: "Except YOUR righteousness shall exceed the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, ye shall in NO CASE enter into the Kingdom of heaven"

Don't be misled by false prophets, false teachers, or this evening, in our current text, don't deceive yourself.

**Matthew 7:21-23**

First, it is absolutely right to call Jesus Lord! Jesus IS Lord! But it is NOT enough to SIMPLY CALL Jesus Lord! Lip service means nothing to our Lord. Therefore:

Understand the Words of Christ here that NOT EVERYONE that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the Kingdom of Heaven.

MANY will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord!

In what day? The judgment of the great day! In that day, those who "LOVED Jesus and LOVED the world"; and who LOVED the broad way, which led them to destruction will be shouting LORD! LORD!

Jesus will profess to them; I never had any intimacy with you; I do not know you!

Beloved, there are MANY who call Jesus Lord, but who WILL NOT and DO NOT humbly submit to Him as Lord! There are many who call Jesus Lord, who DO NOT obey His Word and commands.

Jesus, in Luke 6:46: "And why call ye me Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say?". (Verse 21 Read again).  
John 14:15, 21-24

Remember this morning we were warned about being deceived by false prophets, this evening, the Lord Jesus is warning us against deceiving ourselves! James 1:22-27

There are MANY in the world who profess faith in Christ, but who have NO spiritual life and no true grace within and no true faith in Christ!

Matthew 25:1-12, Luke 13:23-30

It's not enough to SAY to Jesus, Lord, Lord! A lantern without oil will do you no good, and a profession of faith in Christ is NO GOOD if you have no grace, and no true faith from Christ!

**(Verse 22-23): Read:**

SPEAKING without Charity, I am worthless noise!

KNOWING or KNOWLEDGE without Charity, I am nothing!

DOING without Charity, profits me nothing!

Lord, Lord, I did so much for you! I preached, cast out devils, did MANY wonderful works in thy Name!

John 2:23-25, Matthew 25:37-40

The left hand didn't know what the right hand was doing. All was done for the honor and glory of Christ and the Kingdom of heaven!

**"I never knew you"**

I never had any fellowship or communion with you; I never had any intimacy with you, I never had any love or affection for you.

O that our beloved lost sinners would hear these words and act upon them in repentance and faith in Christ! 2 Timothy 2:19

DEPART from your iniquities and sins before you hear the Lord Jesus command you: Depart from me, ye that work iniquity, (ye that practice of iniquity). Psalm 5:5

Beware of being deceived by false prophets, which come to you disguised in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves!

Ye shall know them by their fruits!

Tonight: Beware that you do not deceive yourselves.