

The Gospel of Matthew

The confidence of the self-deceived (v. 21)

They approach the Lord reverently – “Lord, Lord”

They assume that they are ok

They are not wolves in sheep clothing, they genuinely believe they are saved

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The claim of the self-deceived (v. 22)

They believe the truth of who Jesus is – “Lord, Lord”

They performed astounding religious works

They are religiously zealous and fervent

They think Jesus has made a grave mistake

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The condemnation of the self-deceived (v. 23)

Jesus is the final judge

Jesus condemns them because He never knew them

- “I never knew you” - Matthew 25:1-13, Luke 13:24-27
- “Depart from me”
- “practice lawlessness” – 1 John 3:4-10

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The cause of the self-deceived

False basis of assurance

No true self examination

No relationship with Christ

A focus on external works instead of internal heart change

