

First Church of God
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Sermon Outline
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“What Is Lordship?”
Matthew 7:21-23; 12:50

²¹ “Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only he 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 perform many miracles?’ ²³ Then I will tell them plainly, ‘I never knew you. Away from me, you evildoers!’”
(Verse 50)...For whoever does the will of my Father in heaven is my brother and sister and mother.”

INTRODUCTION

“The greatest challenge facing the church today is to reassert the Lordship of Christ.”
—Chuck Colson

George Gallup Sr. —Poll

The Gallup Poll revealed that there is ‘little’ difference **between those** who go to church and **those** who do not.

GALLUP POLL

Out of all the “**church members**” in America...

- 10%** Cannot be found.
- 20%** Never attend church.
- 25%** Never pray.
- 30%** Never read the Bible.
- 40%** Never give to the church.
- 50%** Never attend the Sunday evening service.
- 60%** Never give to world missions.
- 75%** Never assume a ministry in the church.
- 95%** Never attend a midweek service.

95% Never have won one person to Christ.

yet

100% Think they will go to heaven!

Key: This style of Christian Living brings about **NO** change in our culture or society!

Matthew 7:21...words of Jesus — “Not everyone who says to me ‘Lord, Lord’ will enter the Kingdom of Heaven, but only he **does** the will of my Father who is in heaven.”

WHAT IS LORDSHIP?
—Five Things Jesus Teaches
Us About Lordship—

I. Lordship is **accepting the sovereignty of God.**

“one who possesses and exercises supreme authority over an individual or group...an acknowledged leader...a controlling influence.”

Matthew 8:2...“A man with Leprosy came and knelt before him and said, “Lord, if you are willing, you can make me clean.”

Key: Many great men/women settled this issue of Lordship **before** they became **effective** in their life for good.

II. Lordship is placing God **first in your life.**

Matthew 22:36 – 40 ...

³⁶“Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?” (Luke 7:30; 20:25; 11:45)

³⁷ Jesus replied: “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind,” ³⁸ This is the first and greatest commandment. ³⁹ And the second is like it:

“Love your neighbor as yourself.” ⁴⁰ All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments

Key: Lordship is placing God first in **every** area of your life.

III. Lordship is accepting **responsibility and accountability**

Matthew 25:14 – 30 ... ¹⁴ “Again, it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted his property to them. ¹⁵ To one he gave five talents of money, to another two talents, and to another one talent, each according to his ability. Then he went on his journey. ¹⁶ The man who had received the five talents went at once and put his money to work and gained five more. ¹⁷ So also, the one with the two talents gained two more. ¹⁸ But the man who had received the one talent went off, dug a hole in the ground and hid his master’s money.

¹⁹ “after a long time the master of those servants returned and settled accounts with them. ²⁰ The man who had received the five talents brought the other five. ‘Master,’ he said, ‘you entrusted me with five talents. See, I have gained five more.’

²¹ “His master replied, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master’s happiness!!’

²² “The man with the two talents also came. ‘Master,’ he said, ‘you entrusted me with two talents; see, I have gained two more.’

²³ “His master replied, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master’s happiness!’

²⁴ “then the man who had received the one talent came. ‘Master,’ he said, ‘I knew that you are a hard

man, harvesting where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered seed. ²⁵So I was afraid and went out and hid your talent in the ground. See, here is what belongs to you.'

²⁶His master replied, 'You wicked, lazy servant! So you knew that I harvest where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered seed? ²⁷Well then, you should have put my money on deposit with the bankers, so that when I returned I would have received it back with interest.

²⁸'Take the talent from him and give it to the one who has the ten talents. ²⁹ For everyone who has will be given more, and he will have an abundance. Whoever does not have, even what he has will be taken from him. ³⁰And throw that worthless servant outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

OBSERVATIONS ABOUT THE STORY OF TALENTS

1. God has entrusted **blessings** to us. (v. 14)
2. God's gifts are not **equally** given. (v. 15)
3. People respond differently to what God has **given** to them. (vs. 16 – 18)
4. All of us will be **accountable** for what we did with what God gave us. (v. 19)
5. All of us will be **rewarded** for how we develop God's blessings. (vs. 20 – 30)
6. Two different responses
 - A. **Two Men** looked at the master's expectations as a **blessing** .
 - B. **One man** looked at the master's expectations as a **burden** .

TWO LESSONS LEARNED

1. Our responsibility to God is **clear** .
Develop the gifts God has given us.
2. Our accountability is **certain** .

Someday we will give an account to God for what we have done with what He gave us!

IV. LORDSHIP IS DOING THE WILL OF GOD. Matthew 7:21-27...

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The Wise and Foolish Builders

²⁴ Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like wise man who built his house on the rock. ²⁵ The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock. ²⁶ But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand. ²⁷ The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against the house, and it fell with a great crash."

Believers Resolution:

- **Seek to know = Constantly learning**
- **Act to show = Lordship**

V. LORDSHIP IS PERSONAL OBEDIENCE. Regardless of the cost.

John 21:15-23...

¹⁵ When they had finished eating, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you truly love me more than these?"

"Yes, Lord," he said, "you know that I love you." (Mt 26:33,35; John 13:37)
Jesus said, "Feed my lambs,"

¹⁶ Again Jesus said, "Simon son of John, do you truly love me?"

He answered, "Yes, Lord, you know that I love you."

Jesus said, "Take care of my sheep."

(Acts 20:28; 1 Peter 5:2 – 3)

¹⁷ The third time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?"

Peter was hurt because Jesus asked him the third time, "Do you love me?" He said, "Lord, you know all things; you know that I love you."

Jesus said, "Feed my sheep. ¹⁸ I tell you the truth, when you were younger you dressed yourself and went where you wanted; but when you are old you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will dress you and lead you where you do not want to go."

¹⁹ Jesus said this to indicate the kind of death by which Peter would glorify God. Then he said to him, "Follow me!"

²⁰ Peter turned and saw that the disciple whom Jesus loved was following them. (This was the one who had leaned back against Jesus at the supper and had said, "Lord who is going to betray you?") ²¹ When Peter saw him he asked, "Lord, what about him?"

CONCLUSION;

Lordship Law # 1
God is either Lord of all or not Lord at all.