Are You Sure You're Ready?

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Matthew 7:21-22, "Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophand in thy name done many wonderful works?"

Those that the Lord was referring to in this passage Lord and go to heaven. He pointed out that they were not as ready as they thought. Do we sometimes let our thinking get in the way of living for the Lord? In **2 Kings 5** we Elijah gave him counsel from God which was very different. Only when he obeyed the instructions from the Lord was he healed. Our thoughts are often no better than Naa-

place of God's instruction.

ideas in place of the doctrines of God. In fact they were already doing it when he walked here on earth. Look at how parents. In <u>Matthew 15:1-9</u> Jesus rebuked the Pharisees for their teaching on this. He called them hypocrites and esied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? that they worshipped in vain as they taught the commandments of men. They worshipped and thought they thought without doubt that they were ready to meet the to be hoped that at least some of them accepted the truth of what Jesus said. I hope they don't wait until the judg-

Here in America it would appear that so many have anything that we have done. see that Naaman thought one thing while the prophet come to the conclusion that if they go to some service on a service to God. What have we done in such a case? At such relatively few, have done some impressive things, at least a service was the Lord worshipped in spirit and in truth man's were. We think and try to figure out what we think as he said should be done? Or was everything planned little more than go to church and try to live by God's comis acceptable, but it may not be what the Lord wants us to out, practiced, and everything done according to a preconmands. Some people that I have heard did more boasting do. **Isaiah 55:8-9**, "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, ceived and approved plan? Did the Lord feel that we had of the bad things that they didn't do. Good for them if they neither are your ways my ways, saith the LORD. For as the a great service, or did we think that it was great? Through have been able to avoid sins that others have fallen into. heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher the years I have heard so many stories of ministers being. However good that we have lived we have nothing to brag than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts." We told that they must not say anything that would offend about when we stand before God.

had better be careful and never let out thinking take the people. Some that dared to call something a sin against God have been told to leave and not to return. Yet, those The Lord Jesus could see that man would put his own in control of such a congregation would never think that

Didn't Jesus himself say that there would be those at they got around the command to honor and help their the judgment that would speak of their works thinking that they proved their righteousness? Sure they had good works to boast of and could show that they had religion, but their hearts were not right in the sight of the Lord. He wants his people to love him and each other and to walk were close to God, but the Lord said they were in error. It is in faith with God. If we have anything to boast of it is that we have such a great savior who gave his life for us. Let us boast of him and what he has done for us all. Salvation ment day to find out and to admit that he spoke the truth. comes to us through faith in the Lord Jesus and never in

Considering good works, think about it, do we really Sunday morning then they have done some great religious have anything worthy of us boasting about? Some people, impressive to men, but not to God. Most of us have done

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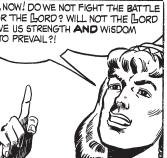


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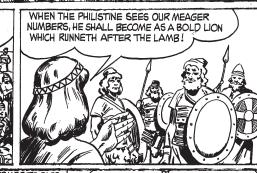
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