Questions for Gospel Harmony #33 – The Sermon on the Mount (Part 16)

Matthew 7.21-23; Luke 6.46/Matthew 7.24-27; Luke 6.47-49

1. What is the significance of the repetition: "Lord, lord"? What does it mean to "enter the kingdom of Heaven" and who will enter? What is "that day"? What will the people say they have done? What kind of works are these? What does it mean to have done these things "in your name"? (Matthew 7.22; Luke 6.46)

- 2. Explain the following phrases (Matthew 7.23):
 - I never knew you
 - Depart from me
 - You who practice lawlessness

3. What is the difference between the two "hearers" mentioned by Jesus? Explain the illustration of the two builders and how it describes those who do or do not do the things Jesus teaches. (Matthew 7.16-20; Luke 6.43-44)

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But why do you call Me 'Lord, Lord,' and not do the things which I say? Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven. Many will say to Me in that day, 'Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?' And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!'

"Therefore whoever come to me, hears these sayings of Mine, and does them, I will show him who he is like, I will liken him to a wise man who building a house, who dug deep and laid the foundation on the rock: and the rain descended, the floods came {and} arose, and the stream and the winds blew and beat vehemently on that house; and it did not fall, for it was founded on the rock. But everyone who hears these sayings of Mine, and does not do them, will be like a foolish man who built his house on earth without a foundation - on the sand: and the rain descended, the floods came, the stream beat vehemently, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it immediately fell. And great was its fall and ruin."