



GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH
AT CASTLEWOODS

ORDER OF WORSHIP
July 2nd, 2023

MORNING WORSHIP

Thomas Winn — Elder/Pastor

The Prelude Prepare your heart for worship

The Call to Worship Chris Kimbrell

Hymn "Christ of All My Hopes"

The Prayer of Confession and Praise Cody Wallace

Hymn "Worthy of Worship"

Hymn "Joy to the World"

The Reading of the Word — *Numbers 22:1-41* Hal Pritchard

Hymn "I Will Glory in My Redeemer"

The Sermon — *"True or False Disciples, Pt. II" (Matthew 7:21-23)* Pastor Winn

A Time of Reflection Upon the Word Preached

Hymn "We Have Heard the Joyful Sound"

The Benediction Hal Pritchard

The Postlude

AFTERNOON WORSHIP

The Prelude Prepare your heart for worship

Hymn "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

Hymn "Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross"

The Observance of The Lord's Supper

Hymn "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

The Benediction

The Postlude



COMMENTARY

A.W. Pink

If we look at the more immediate context we shall be increasingly impressed with the appropriateness of this solemn peroration. Our Lord had just uttered warning against the false prophets, who are to be recognized by the "fruits" which they bear, or in other words by the "converts" which they make, the disciples they draw after them. It is the antinomian beguilers who are there more especially in view, as is clear from our Lord's words "which come to you in sheep's clothing," thereby concealing their real character. In like manner their adherents assume a sanctimonious pose and employ the most pious language, carrying a Bible with them wherever they go and being able to quote it freely. They refer to the Redeemer in most reverent terms, being particular to accord Him His title of "Lord." Nevertheless, when weighed in the balances they are found wanting, for they are lacking in vital godliness. Their hearts are not renewed, their wills are not surrendered to God, their conduct corresponds not with their high pretensions. It is the juxtaposition of Matthew 7:19, and 7:20, which enables us clearly to perceive the scope of the latter. Though the Savior had said in verse 16 "Ye shall know them by their fruits," He repeats this identifying mark of these deceivers of souls in verse 20, and then immediately adds "Not everyone that saith unto Me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom." The intimate connection then between these two sections of His Address is too plain to miss: the converts made by the false prophets are big talkers but little doers. They claim to be devoutly attached to Christ but their claim is invalid, being unsupported by the evidence which is necessary to give it credibility. Their fine talk is not corroborated by a Christian walk, and therefore it is insufficient to obtain for them an entrance into His kingdom. If the blind follow the blind both fall into the ditch. It takes something more than "sheep's clothing" to make one a servant of Christ, and something more than lip service is needed before He will own anyone as a true disciple of His. It is empty and windy professors

whom He here exposes. "Not everyone 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." Let us consider first the application of these words to those who were immediately addressed. Many of the Jews were so impressed by the miracles wrought by Christ that they were disposed to be His disciples while ignorant of and in fact strongly opposed to His doctrine concerning salvation and the requirements of the kingdom of God. "When He was in Jerusalem at the Passover in the feast day, many believed in His name, when they saw the miracles which He did. But Jesus did not commit Himself unto them" (John 2:23, 24). Nicodemus expressed the attitude of some of the more influential when he said "Rabbi, we know that Thou art a teacher come from God: for no man can do these miracles that Thou doest, except God be with him" (John 3:2). But so far from allowing Nicodemus to entertain the idea that an acknowledgment of Him as a "teacher sent from God" would secure for him the blessings He came to bestow, He told him frankly that except he were born again he could neither see nor enter the kingdom of God. While the verses before us were addressed first and locally to the Jews of Christ's day, yet it is obvious that they have a far wider application, that they belong to the Gentiles of our day. There was nothing provincial in the teaching of Christ: it was designed for all nations and for all generations, and by it all men will yet be judged (John 12:48). This declaration of Christ's then is full of important instruction to all in every country and every age, wherever the Gospel is presented to the examination and reception of men. It was true at the beginning, it is just as true today, and will continue so long as the world lasts, that some, yea, many, will go no farther than a mere lip profession, and consequently will be excluded from the kingdom: and that only those who really perform the Divine will shall enter into the enjoyment of the blessings of Christianity.



RESPONSIBILITIES

Today's Nursery Volunteers

July 2nd
<i>Morning</i> Allyson Leach & Bethany Wallace
<i>Evening/Afternoon</i> Bridgette Kimbrell & Mary Price
<i>Wednesday - July 5th</i> Laurie Price & Katherine Ranck

Today's Sound Operator - Daniel Ranck



ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE LORD'S SUPPER

Today we will observe the Lord's Supper during our afternoon service.

FELLOWSHIP MEAL

Today we will have our fellowship meal immediately following the morning service.

NEIGHBORHOOD OUTREACH

Today we will be going into the Castlewoods neighborhood to share information about GBC, and invite people to visit with us, if they do not have a church home. Please pray for this ministry, that God would bless our efforts and bring glory to His name, in saving sinners and adding to His Church. A nursery will be provided for our children.

FAMILY CAMP

Family Camp this year is July 3-7. Much truth has been taught during this years, as we have been going through the 1689 Baptist Confession of Faith. Please pray for traveling mercies as we arrive Monday, July 3rd and return Friday, July 7th. We have 12 adults and 17 young people attending from our church. Please pray for God's Spirit to move, souls to be saved, and for the sanctification of His Saints.

