Matthew 7:21-23 **Kingdom Worthy**

21 "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. 22 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?' 23 "And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!' NKJV

Facts Revealed:

Few will enter the Kingdom of Heaven [Matthew 7:21]

- Not everyone who says to Me, "Lord, Lord," shall enter the Kingdom of Heaven.
 - ♦ Only he who does the will of My Father in Heaven
 - ♦ This picture is perfectly described perfectly in: [Matthew 25:31-46]
 - ♦ At the Judgment Seat of Christ, when He separates the sheep from the goats, the hypocrites will stand before Him in their own righteousness, and claim many great works they have done in the name of Jesus.
 - ♦ Since they will have no covering of the blood of Jesus due to their confidence in their own works, their sins remain uncovered, and they will be set on the left with the wicked.
 - ♦ Those who do the will of The Father in Heaven will be set on the right.
 - ❖ Those on the right will be invited into the Kingdom with the words, "Come you blessed of My Father, inherit the Kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world."
 - ❖ They will be given the reason, they did the will of the Father.
 - ♦ Those on the left will be told, "Depart from Me you cursed, into everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels."
 - ❖ They will be given the reason, they did not do the will of the Father.
 - ♦ No matter what the hypocrites did in the name of Jesus, they will learn that Jesus never knew them, and they will be sent away. [Matthew 7:22-23]
 - ❖ The clue to the fact that they are hypocrites, is the phrase, "you who practice lawlessness." [Matthew 7:23]
 - ♦ This agrees to the teaching of the Wide, and Narrow Gates, and reaffirms the concept that only a few will be saved, the remnant. [Matthew 7:13-14, Luke 13:23-24]
 - ♦ Like John the Baptist said, we must bear fruit worthy of repentance. [Matthew 3:7-12]
 - ♦ We must demonstrate by our lives, that we belong to Christ and love Him. [1 John 2:3-6]
 - ♦ Jesus said, "If you love Me, keep My Commandments." [John 14:15]
 - ♦ Jesus said, "If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word." [John 14:23]