

Luke 6:46

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And why call ye me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say?

Analysis

Jesus challenges superficial discipleship: 'Why call ye me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say?' The repeated 'Lord, Lord' (Greek 'kyrie kyrie,' κύριε κύριε) indicates verbal acknowledgment of Jesus' authority without corresponding obedience. True lordship requires submission and obedience, not merely verbal recognition. Calling Jesus 'Lord' while disobeying contradicts itself—genuine faith produces obedience. This warning exposes the danger of orthodoxy without orthopraxy, profession without practice, lip service without life transformation.

Historical Context

Jewish use of 'lord' (adon) ranged from polite address to acknowledging divine authority. Calling Jesus 'Lord' could be merely respectful or could acknowledge His messianic authority. Jesus insists that genuine recognition of His lordship produces obedience. This theme appears throughout Scripture—true faith works (James 2:14-26), genuine love obeys (John 14:15), real disciples bear fruit (John 15:8). Jesus' later parable of two builders (Luke 6:47-49) illustrates this principle—hearing without doing produces catastrophic collapse when storms come.

Related Passages

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

Study Questions

1. How does calling Jesus 'Lord' without obeying Him expose the difference between verbal profession and genuine faith?
2. What does Jesus' question teach about the necessity of obedience as evidence of authentic discipleship?

Interlinear Text

Tί	δέ	με	καλεῖτε	κύριε	κύριε	καὶ	οὐ	ποιεῖτε
why	And	me	call ye	Lord	Lord	and	not	do
G5101	G1161	G3165	G2564	G2962	G2962	G2532	G3756	G4160

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Additional Cross-References

Malachi 1:6 (References Lord): A son honoureth his father, and a servant his master: if then I be a father, where is mine honour? and if I be a master, where is my fear? saith the LORD of hosts unto you, O priests, that despise my name. And ye say, Wherein have we despised thy name?

Galatians 6:7 (Parallel theme): Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.

Matthew 25:44 (References Lord): Then shall they also answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungred, or athirst, or a stranger, or naked, or sick, or in prison, and did not minister unto thee?

Matthew 25:24 (References Lord): Then he which had received the one talent came and said, Lord, I knew thee that thou art an hard man, reaping where thou hast not sown, and gathering where thou hast not strawed:

Matthew 25:11 (References Lord): Afterward came also the other virgins, saying, Lord, Lord, open to us.

