

“The Word That I Have Spoken”

“He that rejecteth me, and receiveth not my words, hath one that judgeth him: the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day” (John 12:48).

The above cited passage was the response given by the Lord to those who sought the praise of men over the praise of God. *“Nevertheless among the chief rulers also many believed on him; but because of the Pharisees they did not confess him, lest they should be put out of the synagogue: For they loved the praise of men more than the praise of God” (John 12:42-43).* What a tragedy to read where many believed Jesus but were unwilling to confess Him for fear of what others might think. They were willing to follow Him part of the way but not all of the way. And sadly, so it is for many today.

It is not enough just to believe in Him. One must be a *doer* of His Word (**cf. Mat. 7:21; Jam. 1:22ff**). Those who *reject* Christ and *receive* not His words include any and all who choose to leave out ALL or SOME of what His Word commands. A failure to do all that God’s Word teaches will result in eternal destruction (**cf. 2 The. 1:7-10; Rev. 22:18-19**). Sacred Script provides us with numerous examples of individuals who, like these chief rulers, believed but were unwilling to do all that God commanded, thus resulting in Divine punishment (**cf. Gen. 3:1ff; 19:1ff; Lev. 10:1ff; Num. 20:1ff; 1 Sam. 15:1ff; Acts 26:27ff**).

Hell will be filled with folks who believed in Jesus; that is, souls who walked with Him part of the way but not all of the way! And why didn’t they fully obey the One in whom they believed? Because if truth be told, they loved the praise of men more than they did the praise of God! Let’s seek the praise of God by doing ALL that His Word commands! And remember, His Word (not mans) will be the standard by which all will be judged in the last day!

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