

The myths of religion: It doesn't matter what you believe

Matthew 7:21-27

Myth: Good works will get you into heaven (7:21-23)

The people are polite

The people are orthodox

The people are passionate

The people are active

The people are lost

They know the language but they don't know the Savior

Entrance into heaven comes through having a relationship with Jesus

Myth: It doesn't matter what you believe as long as you are sincere (7:24-27)

Outward appearances can be deceiving

The storms of life will reveal the stability of your foundation

	21-23	24-27
Myth	Good works are enough to get you into heaven	Sincerity is enough to get you into heaven
Outward appearance	Verbal profession of faith	Intellectual knowledge of God
Inward reality	No relationship with God	No obedience to the truth
God's evaluation	Lawless	Foolish
Result of actions	Cast out from God's presence	Disaster (natural consequences of choices)
Application to our lives	Do the will of God	Build your life upon the rock

Neither intellectual knowledge of Jesus nor a verbal profession can ever be a substitute for obedience. Those who truly hear the gospel and profess faith will always obey.