

Luke 6:46-49 NKJV

46 "But why do you call Me 'Lord, Lord,' and not do the things which I say? 47 Whoever comes to Me, and hears My sayings and does them, I will show you whom he is like: 48 He is like a man building a house, who dug deep and laid the foundation on the rock. And when the flood arose, the stream beat vehemently against that house, and could not shake it, for it was founded on the rock. 49 But he who heard and did nothing is like a man who built a house on the earth without a foundation, against which the stream beat vehemently; and immediately it fell. And the ruin of that house was great."

Prayer:

As we pick up from where we left off last week we find Jesus, after healing all who had sought to touch Him, *'lifted up His eyes toward His disciples, and said...'* and Jesus began to unfold truth to the multitudes who clamored after Him.

Jesus began to teach.

You have heard of the Sermon on the Mount. Welcome to the Sermon on the Plain. Jesus' teaching here parallels Matthew's Sermon on the Mount [recorded in Matthew 5-7] in general structure, sequence, and thought. However, in line with one of the Gospel of Luke's primary purposes of presenting Jesus as not only the Jewish Deliverer but the Savior to the entire world, Luke omits much material of particular interest to the Jews.

So, instead of the 3 chapter long Sermon on the Mount we have a ½ chapter Sermon on the Plain.

I have chosen to jump ahead this morning and handle the last portion of this chapter in order to lay a framework that will help us as we prepare to approach the content found earlier in the chapter.

The title of this morning's message is **'Come, Hear, Do.'**

Simply put, this is what Jesus asks of us through these verses:

Come to Him

Hear what He has to say

Do what He has instructed us to do

Jesus has just shared a number of deep and valuable truths with His disciples:

- The Beatitudes: blessings and woes
- Love Your Enemies
- Do Not Judge
- A Tree Is Known by Its Fruit

Over the next few weeks we are going to be covering these truths in depth.

I want us to notice who it is Jesus is speaking directly to as He teaches on the plain: verse 20 '***Then He lifted up His eyes toward His disciples and said...***'

Jesus was speaking to the disciples. Remember, the crowd, the multitude, and His disciples had gathered there to hear and be healed. And they all were healed as power went out from Him and touched them. Now it was time for them to hear and Jesus was ready to teach.

The word 'disciple' means one that is taught, a learner, a pupil.

Question: are you a disciple of Jesus Christ?

The great commission in Matthew 28 commands us to '*Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."* Amen.

Jesus was speaking to those who wouldn't be satisfied only to receive a healing touch for their body but teaching as well for their spirit!

*While the touch is important, the teach is as well!

This is one of the great weaknesses of the modern church: to receive believers joyfully and allow them to languish without properly assisting them in their growth through discipleship into maturity.

[Plug for this September's renewed emphasis on foundation classes and small groups to provide opportunity for increased discipleship].

*I think my two favorite classes in grade school were recess and lunch. In recess I got to run and play dodge-ball; and of course at

lunch I got to eat and talk with my friends, and if I ate really fast I could go back outside and play more dodge-ball.

Well, recess is over, and that's not necessarily a bad thing. It's time to settle in for some valuable instruction because school isn't all about recess and lunch. So Jesus begins to instruct them.

- The Beatitudes: blessings and woes
- Love Your Enemies
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I find it interesting that Jesus, after sharing with His disciples on the plain, immediately begins to prod them in such a manner as this, when He goes right after the heart of the matter and asks in verse 46

"But why do you call Me 'Lord, Lord,' and not do the things which I say?"

Jesus knows us well don't you think? He loves us and He knows us.

John 2:23-25

23 Now when He was in Jerusalem at the Passover, during the feast, many believed in His name when they saw the signs which He did. 24 But Jesus did not commit Himself to them, because He knew all men, 25 and had no need that anyone should testify of man, for He knew what was in man.

It might be kind of like *'You all like recess and lunch time don't you? Well, it's time to get down to some serious business as well!'*

So Jesus says *'don't just give me lip service and call me master and not learn and apply what I am teaching you. Don't just be content to be touched; be taught as well. And don't be content to be taught but then follow through with what I have shared with you!'*

The word used here for 'lord' is the Greek word ***kurios*** which means *he to whom a person or thing belongs, about which he has power of deciding; master, the possessor and disposer of a thing the owner; one who has control of the person, the sovereign, prince, chief, a title of honor expressive of respect and reverence, with which servants greet their master.*

I asked you earlier if you were a disciple of Jesus Christ. I have another question for you: is Jesus Christ your Lord?

It's a good question to ask yourself! Remember, Jesus knows!

Do you belong to Jesus?

Does Jesus have the power of deciding in your life?

Is Jesus your master and the possessor and disposer of your life?

Does He have control of you?

Is Jesus your sovereign prince and chief?

Do you as a servant have respect and reverence to Jesus as your master?

This is what Jesus came and died for. Jesus gave His life for you and He asks that you give your life to Him including doing what He says!

Jesus didn't just come to be a part of our life, occupying a little space reserved for a convenient moment and time. He is our life. Lord!

That is why He said in verse 47 *'Whoever comes to Me, and hears My sayings and does them...'*

He not only wants us to come to Him and to hear Him but to do what He says!

And if you do 'I will show you whom he is like: 48 He is like a man building a house, who dug deep and laid the foundation on the rock. And when the flood arose, the stream beat vehemently against that house, and could not shake it, for it was founded on the rock.'

Your foundation will be solid! You will have something to stand on when the storms of life come calling. And they will come calling!

**Pastor Jeffrey Johnson said 'There are really only three places a Christian finds himself in: in the midst of a storm, just coming out of a storm, or just heading into a storm!'*

But I want to remind you that whatever storms you are going through, you are going through!

**Mark Lowrey's favorite verse is 'and it came to pass.' Not to stay!*

John 16:32-33 NKJV

32 Indeed the hour is coming, yes, has now come, that you will be scattered, each to his own, and will leave Me alone. And yet I am not alone, because the Father is with Me. 33 These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world."

When the flood of cares arise and the streams of hardship beat violently against you and yours, you will stand when you come to Jesus, hear what He has to say, and apply His truth to your life!

Come hear do!

It's quite possible to come and not hear.

In Matthew 13, Jesus quoted the prophet Isaiah when He said *'Hearing you will hear and shall not understand, and seeing you will see and not perceive; for the hearts of this people have grown dull. Their ears are hard of hearing, and their eyes they have closed.'*

What might cause your heart to grow dull and be desensitized to where you are coming but not hearing?

It's very possible to come and to hear and not to do.

John 6:60-69 NKJV

60 Therefore many of His disciples, when they heard this, said, "This is a hard saying; who can understand it?"

66 From that time many of His disciples went back and walked with Him no more. 67 Then Jesus said to the twelve, "Do you also want to go away?" 68 But Simon Peter answered Him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. 69 Also we have come to believe and know that You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."

'Where else would you go? You alone have the words of eternal life!'

- Have you come to Jesus?
- Are you hearing what he has to say to you?
- Will you do what He tells you to do?
- Are you His disciple?
- Is He your Lord?

'When all has been said and done concerning Christianity, there will have been much more said than done.'