

**Does The Lord Really Mean It?**  
**Matthew 7:21-23**

**A lot of folk seem to think Lord does not always mean what He says.**

Jesus shows consequences are sure -- good or bad.

"Lord, look at all the work I did for you," - "I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!"  
Our eternity depends on accepting the Lord means what He says.

**He Meant What He Said to Adam and Eve:**

God gave Adam & Eve Garden of Eden **Gen 2:16-17**

They accepted Satan, ate of tree of knowledge of good & evil. **Gen 3:4-5**

Did God really mean it? **Gen 3:22-23**

Why were they driven from the Garden & God's presence? **Isa 59:1-2**

Sin separated Adam & Eve from God, and it will do the same for us.

**He Meant What He Said to Nadab and Abihu:**

God instituted a system of worship for Israel **Lev 1:7; 6:13; 16:12**

After all, fire is fire, so what difference can it make? **Lev 10:1-2**

Because God had commanded fire from altar, it was not a small thing.

When the two sons of Aaron went too far, they were punished with sudden death by fire from Jehovah

**God Meant What He Said to Naaman:**

Naaman was commander of Syrian army, great and honorable man, but he had leprosy **2Kgs 5**

Israelite captive told her mistress Elisha in Israel could cure Naaman

When Naaman came, Elisha sent word by his servant

He became angry and started for home - After dipping 7 times in Jordan his leprosy was gone, as God said

You see, the power was not in the water, but in God.

God didn't exercise His power to cure Naaman until he obeyed

**God Meant What He Said to Israel**

Consider Exodus, Serpents, Passover, Captivities, Destruction

**God Still Means What He Says Today:**

God means what He says about the necessity of obedience.

Saved by faith **Eph 2:8; Rom 5:1**, to some "faith alone" saves **Jas 2:20,24**

Faith that saves is "faith working through love." **Gal 5:6; Rom 6:16-18**

The truth is we must purify our souls "in obeying the truth" **1Pet 1:22**

God meant what he said about baptism:

The necessity of baptism for salvation. **Mk 16:16**

Many Like Naaman **Acts 2:38,41; 22:16; Rom 6:3; Gal 3:26-27**

God means what he says about Church: **Mt 16:18; Eph 1:22-23; 4:4; Col 1:18**

World cries, "Join church of your choice," God's word is ignored.

Jesus built one church, church is one body of which He is Head.

Lord adds saved to that one church: **Acts 2:47**

God means what he says about worship: **Jhn 4:24**

God's Word is that truth **Jhn 17:17**, thus God defines worship.

Meet 1st day of week for Lord's Supper **Acts 20:7; 1Cor 11:23-26; 16:1-2**

Also pray together and study His Word **Acts 2:42; Eph 5:19**

Those using mechanical instrument ignore lesson of Nadab & Abihu!

God said use fire from altar, ruled out fire from any other source.

God authorized sing in worship, rules out any other kind of music.

God means what he says about the judgment: **Eccl 12:13-14**

Most don't like to think about judgment **Heb 9:27**

Jesus describes judgment **Mt 25:31-46; Rom 14:10-12; Rev 20:12-15**

**Understand God means what He has said**

Accept the teaching of His Word, obey the gospel and be saved.

Then serve and work faithfully in that one church which Jesus built.

As surely as "God is" **Heb 11:6**, must accept & mold lives by that Word

There is no other way to become a child of God, a Christian.

There is no other way to please God of heaven & thereby be saved.

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