

A Word on Heresy from D.M. Lloyd-Jones

“Not everyone that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the Kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven.”

– Matthew 7:21 –

This is New Testament Christianity. Scripture speaks about holiness without which no man shall see the Lord. 'Blessed are the pure in heart, for they' — and nobody else — 'shall see God'.

But a very subtle danger arises at this point, and I have no doubt the Apostle had it in mind when he wrote the very words we are considering. There are people who will argue, 'But wait a minute; are you not preaching the law to us? . . . Surely you are forgetting the gospel! You have been referring to the original kingdom, and the original law that God held before mankind; but now the Lord Jesus Christ has come, and we are confronted by something quite new; we are no longer confronted by the demands of the law and the tremendous holiness of God. It is just a matter of believing on the Lord Jesus Christ, and we shall be saved'. Now that is their argument, but I am bound to say that IT IS ONE OF THE MOST SUBTLE, DANGEROUS HERESIES that can ever be offered to men and women. And yet IT CHARACTERIZES A GREAT DEAL OF MODERN EVANGELISM . . . 'God is made unto us wisdom and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption!' There is the whole process. And the truth is, that if you are in it at all, you are in it at every point . . . The God who justifies goes on with the process. And unless we are giving evidence of being in

the process . . . there is but one conclusion to draw — we have never been in the kingdom at all . . .

— From D.M. Lloyd-Jones, *Will The Unholy Be Saved?*

The above quote is from a review article by Iain H. Murray on R.T. Kendall's, *Once Saved, Always Saved* (Hodder and Stoughton, 1983, p. 162), pp. 13-15, Matthew 7:21 (See also, *Darkness And Light, An Exposition of Ephesians, 4:17-5:17*, by D. Martyn Lloyd-Jones, pp. 346-353, Matthew 5:8; Hebrews 12:14)

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