

The King's People Trust and Obey Matthew 12:38-50

Thesis: All who are truly members of Jesus' family trust in Him completely and obey the will of the Father.

I. Evident Unbelief and the Resultant Judgment (38-42)

- A. Unbelief seen in demand for "sign" (38-40)
 - 1. No one forces Jesus' hand (39-40)
 - 2. Jesus points to His death and resurrection (39-40)
- B. Judgment pronounced through Old Testament examples (41-42)
 - 1. The people of Nineveh repent (41)
 - 2. Jesus is greater than Jonah! (41)
 - 3. The Queen of Sheba listened to Solomon (42)
 - 4. Jesus is greater than Solomon! (42)

II. Graphic Picture of the Peril of Rejecting Christ (43-45)

- A. Demon is cast out and wanders in the wilderness
- B. Demon returns when the person has not turned to Jesus
- C. Last state is worse than the first
- D. This is a picture of all who reject Jesus

III. Jesus' True Family is Recognized by Obedience (46-50)

- A. Jesus earthly family comes to visit
- B. Key question: Who is Jesus' true family?
- C. Answer: Those who do the will of God!