



RELATIONAL KNOWING

Matthew 7



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- **John 6:40** **For my Father’s will is that everyone who looks to the Son and believes in him shall have eternal life, and I will raise them up at the last day.”**

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- Focused on what they did, not what the Lord did for them.
- Miracles/Signs/Wonders: not the purpose of discipleship/Christianity
- Using God vs. Serving God



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- They refused to belong to Christ.
- Promoting self rather than bearing witness to Christ.
- “Depart from me ...”

Conclusion

- **God wants us in relationship / union / communion with Him**
- **Our relationship cannot be just “lip-service” – must lead to belief that is evidenced by decisive action.**
- **Our wellbeing is in “His presence” – in union with Him.**

◦ 1The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want. 2He makes me lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside quiet waters. 3He restores my soul; He guides me in the paths of righteousness For His name's sake. **4 Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I fear no evil, for You are with me;** Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me. 5You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; You have anointed my head with oil; My cup overflows. 6 Surely goodness and loving kindness will follow me all the days of my life, **And I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever. (Psalm 23)**