

The question: Is Christ your King? creates enmity and division. Do you serve the One True God?

**Main Point: The Bible is filled to overflowing with examples. Mankind divides into those who serve God and those rebel against Him. Consider the Following Examples:**

- **Genesis 4: Cain & Abel:** sacrifice was required to worship Yahweh. God had no regard for Cain's offering of the fruit of the ground. V7, "If you do well," is a response to God's word in genuine faith and obedience.
- **Exodus 32: The Golden Calf:** V26, Moses called for those to come with him if they obeyed Yahweh and His word. The men brought judgement to those who had sinned and worshipped the golden calf.
- **Leviticus 10: Nadab and Abihu:** V1, the only worship acceptable to God is what He has instructed. God is holy. Loyalty to Him is greater than family. Moses commanded Aaron to stay in the Tent of Meeting instead of mourning because they were set apart for worship to Yahweh, V7.
- **Numbers 16: Korah Rises Against Moses:** Korah complained against Moses and were judged for spurning (treating with contempt) Yahweh and challenging Moses and Aaron.
- **Deuteronomy 28: Blessings and Curses:** Loyalty to Yahweh brings blessings, V3-13. Disobedience to Yahweh brings curses, V16-68. **The requirement:** To listen to Yahweh and keep all His commandments, V15.
- **Joshua 24: Choose this Day:** Joshua reminds Israel of God's faithfulness to them. Joshua commands them to fear Yahweh, V14. They must choose who they will serve, V15.
- **Judges 2: Israel Turned from Yahweh:** V1-2, Israel made covenants with other peoples (1:27-36) instead of removing them from the lands. The nations would be thorns to them as a judgement against them, V3.
- **Judges 3: Israel Served Baal and the Asheroth:** V7, they did evil in Yahweh's sight.
- **Judges 17: They Did What was Right in Their Own Eyes:** V6, they didn't serve Yahweh as their king and lived wickedly. See also the end of the time of judges, Judg. 21:25.
- **Ruth 1: Ruth & Orpah:** Ruth clung to Naomi because she (Naomi and Ruth) was a worshipper of Yahweh, V16-17. Orpah left Naomi and went back to Moab.
- **1 Samuel 15: Saul, Israel's King, Disobeyed Yahweh:** Saul did not obey the Lord by destroying Amalek. Saul was to be the servant of Yahweh, instead he disobeyed Him, V9.
- **2 Sam. 6: Michal Rejected God's King:** V20-21, Michal despised David as he worshipped Yahweh. She remained barren until her death, instead of bearing a king's son, V23.
- **1 Kings 18: Yahweh in Carmel:** Baal vs. Yahweh. Ahab worshipped Baal. Elijah stood for Yahweh. V36-40, God judged Ahab and the prophets (all 850) who worshipped false gods.
- **2 Kings 22: Josiah Finds the Law of God:** Josiah is read the Law of God and turns the country from idol worship back to Yahweh. 2 Kings 23:25, no one acted as Josiah did to turn to Yahweh with all his heart, soul, and might.
- **1 Chron. 16: Calls to Serve Yahweh:** V8-12, commands to: give thanks, call, make Him known, sing, muse, boast, inquire, seek, and remember the faithfulness of Yahweh.
- **2 Chron. 13: A Battle for Judah:** Abijah has kept God's commands, Jeroboam had not. He had a chance to repent and decided to reject Yahweh and God judged Jeroboam.

- **Matthew 9:33-35: Is Christ Your King?** V33 are those who saw the power of Jesus and believed in Him. V34 are those who attributed the works of Christ as a work of Satan.
  - **The dividing line is clear in Matthew 12:22-30:** A person who is not with Jesus is against Him, and he who does not gather with Christ, scatters.
  - **The choice is clear:** Humble yourself to the King of kings, or face judgement for your sin.

### Further Discussion and Application

Read the parable of the wedding feast in Matthew 22:1-14. What does God do that the king did? Who are the slaves? What was their message? We are God's slaves; what is our message? V4, what are the blessings of the kingdom of God? In this case, the king was throwing a feast. What does God offer? What was the price for attending this king's feast? What is the cost for us to come to Christ? Who paid the price? How do we come into this feast?

The parable continues that the king's slaves were beaten and killed. Then there appears a man at the feast not wearing wedding clothes. He had entered into the feast but not with proper attire, not following the instructions of the king. Why does worship of God have to be the prescribed method God gives? Why can't we come to the Lord with our own righteous standard? Why does Jesus distinguish between the called and chosen, V14? What message goes out to all? What is required to be a follower of Christ? What will faith in Christ cause you to do?

Example after example is given to us to demonstrate those who trust and believe in God and those who reject God. In the examples above, what are the responses to those who rejected God? What characteristics did they display? What did those faithful to Yahweh endure in order to bring God glory and obey Him?

There are examples of shepherds and kings and even widows and orphans demonstrating faith in God. Judgement also comes to those who are wicked and even upon children whose parents have rejected God. What should we do in our lives to set our hearts and affections solely on the Lord in order to please Him and honor Him? What motivates us to keep His commandments?