

Greatness in the Kingdom



**HE HAS MADE US
A KINGDOM OF PRIESTS
FOR GOD HIS FATHER.**

**ALL GLORY AND POWER
TO HIM FOREVER AND
EVER! AMEN.**

REVELATION 1:6 | MEC | VERSE FOR 2012

**Kingdom
Character**
(Matt 5:1-12)

**Kingdom
Calling**
(Matt 5:13-16)

**Kingdom
Conduct**
(Matt 5:17-7:12)

**Kingdom
Choices**
(Matt 7:13-29)

The Choices of the Kingdom



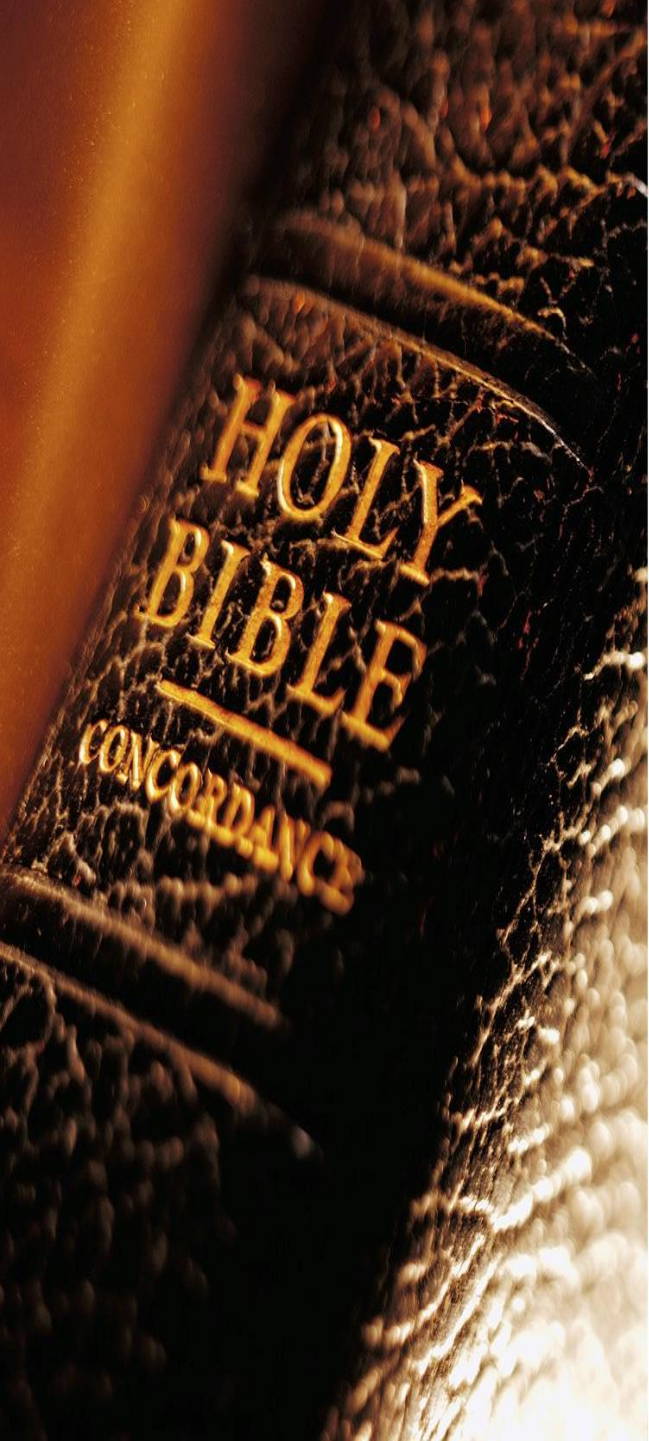
Moses

“Today I have given you the choice between life and death, between blessings and curses.”
(Deuteronomy 30:19)



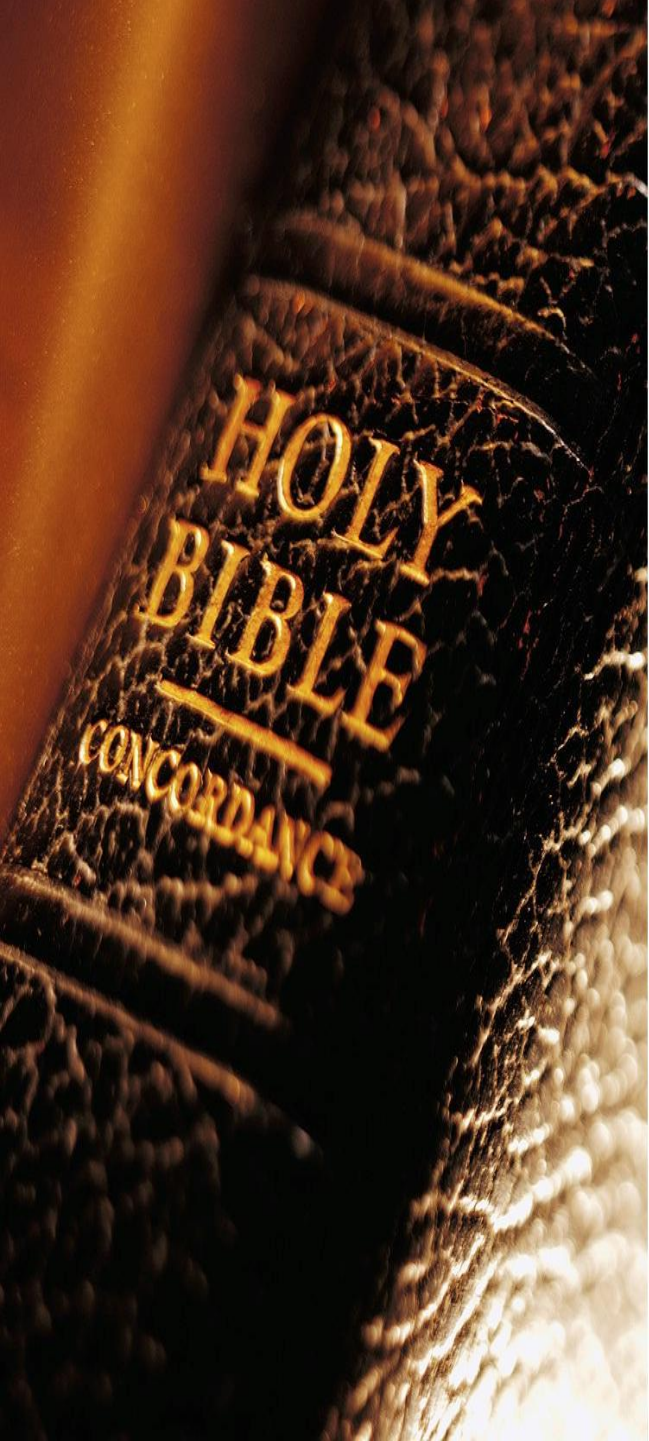
Joshua

“And if it is evil in your eyes to serve the Lord, then choose this day whom you will serve ...”
(Joshua 24:15)



Matthew 7:15-23

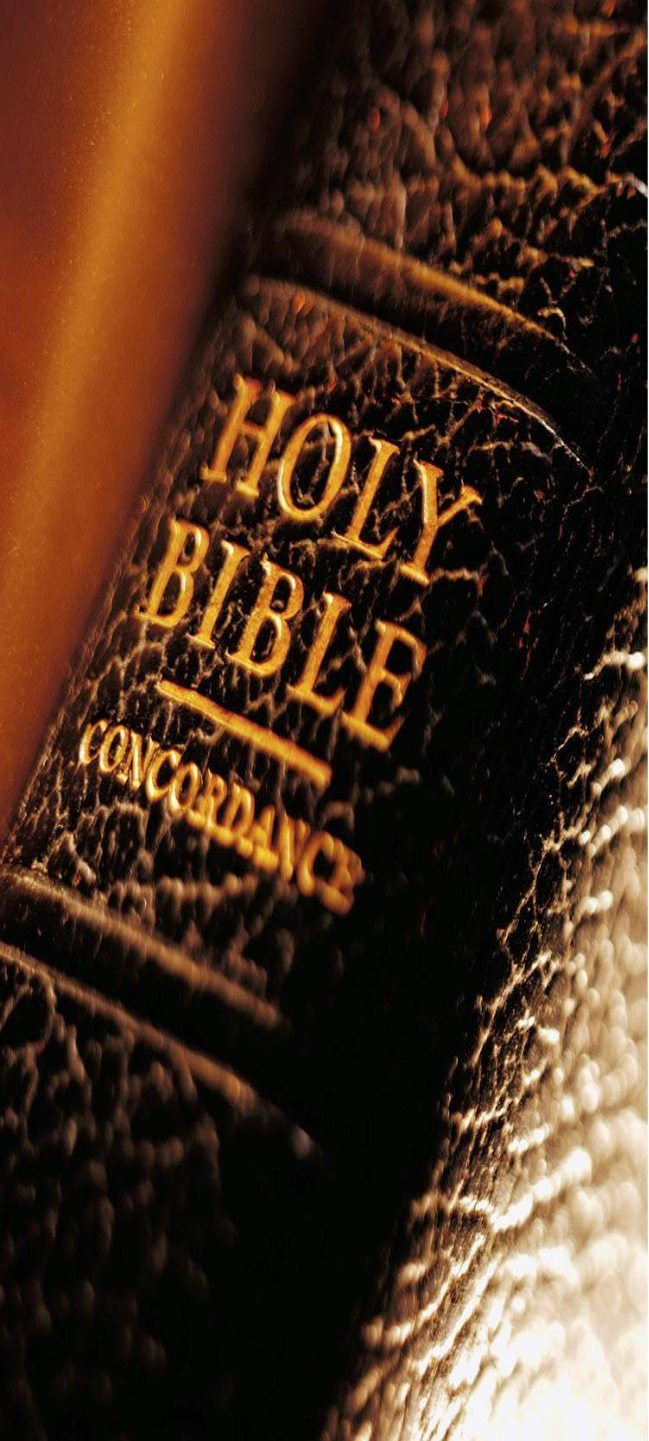
¹⁵ “Beware of false prophets who come disguised as harmless sheep but are really vicious wolves. ¹⁶ You can identify them by their fruit, that is, by the way they act. Can you pick grapes from thorn bushes, or figs from thistles? ¹⁷ A good tree produces good fruit, and a bad tree produces bad fruit.



Matthew 7:15-23

¹⁸ A good tree can't produce bad fruit, and a bad tree can't produce good fruit. ¹⁹ So every tree that does not produce good fruit is chopped down and thrown into the fire. ²⁰ Yes, just as you can identify a tree by its fruit, so you can identify people by their actions.

²¹ "Not everyone who calls out to me, 'Lord! Lord!' will enter the Kingdom of Heaven.



Matthew 7:15-23

Only those who actually do the will of my Father in heaven will enter.

²² On judgment day many will say to me, 'Lord! Lord! We prophesied in your name and cast out demons in your name and performed many miracles in your name.' ²³ But I will reply, 'I never knew you. Get away from me, you who break God's laws.'

The Choices of the Kingdom



Direction

(Matt 7:13-14)

2 gates

2 destinations

Plantation

(Matt 7:15-23)

2 trees

2 harvests

Foundation

(Matt 7:24-27)

2 architects

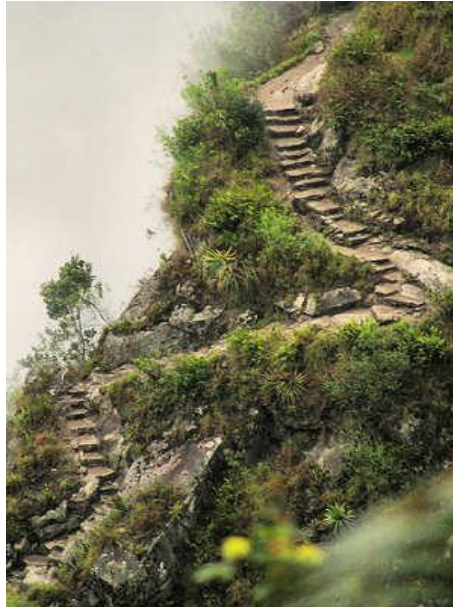
2 houses

Today's Choice Has Lasting Consequences

The Choices of the Kingdom



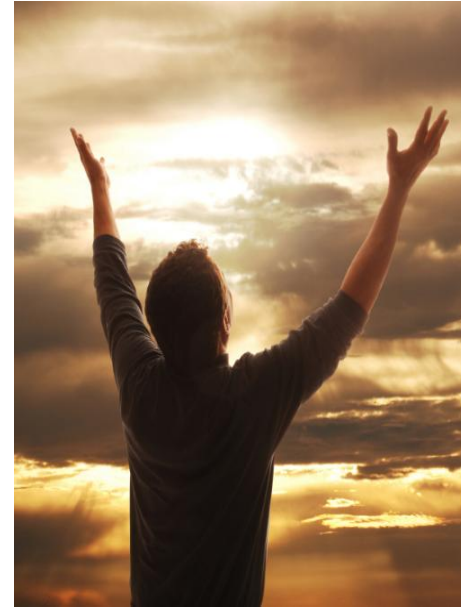
**Narrow
Gate**



**Difficult
Path**



**Lonely
Way**



**Leads to
Life**

Today's Choice Has Lasting Consequences

(Matt. 7:13-14)

The Choices of the Kingdom



**Wide
Gate**



**Easy
Path**



**Crowded
Way**



**Leads to
Destruction**

Today's Choice Has Lasting Consequences
(Matt. 7:13-14)

The Choices of the Kingdom



**Watch out for
False (Pseudo)
Prophets!**

(Matt. 7:15)

Many

(Matt. 24:11)

Misleading

(Matt. 24:24)

Magicians

(Mark 13:22)

Midst

(Acts 20:28, Matt. 24:10)

The Choices of the Kingdom

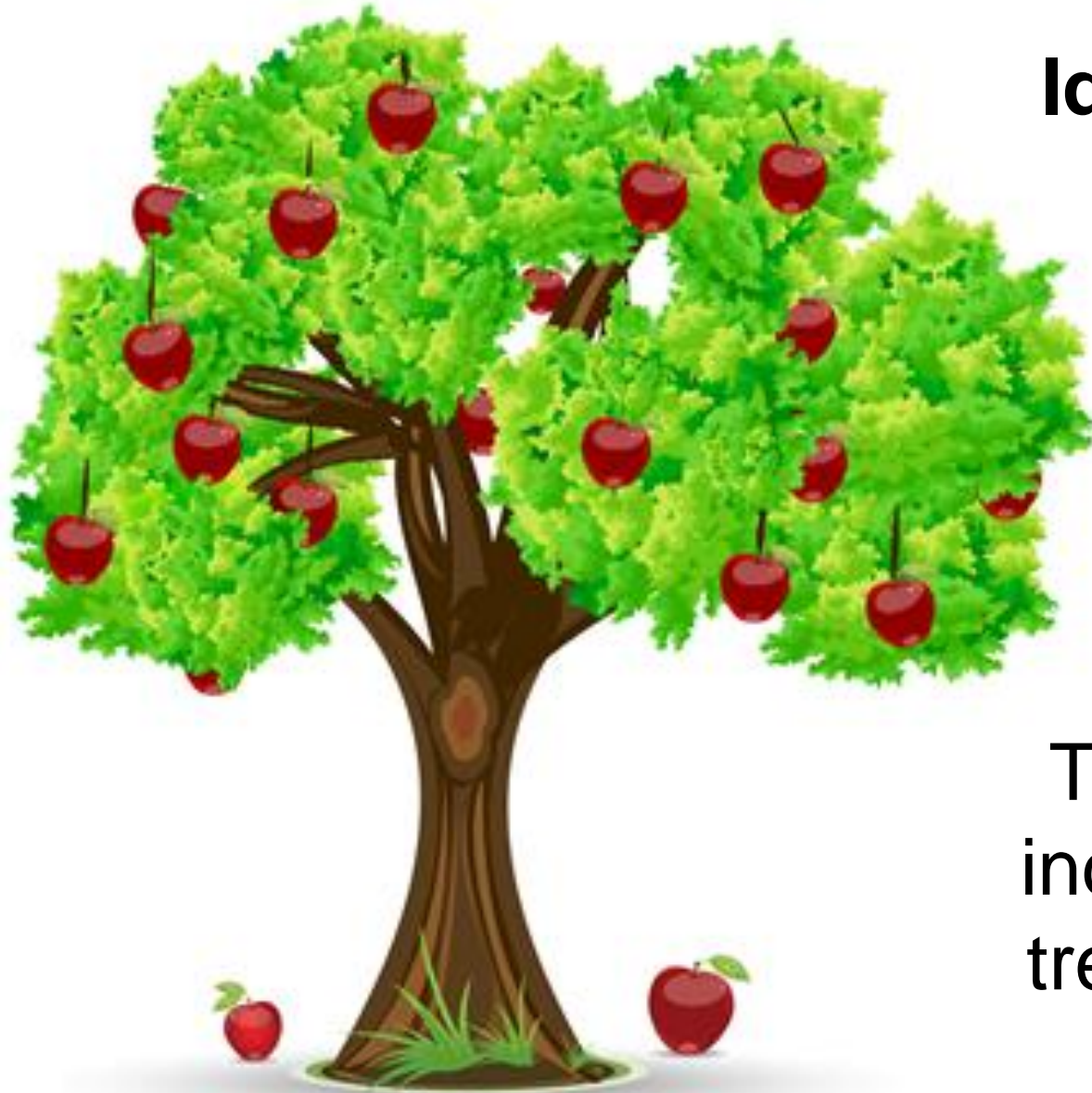


**Outwardly
Harmless
Sheep**
(Matt. 7:15)

**Difficult to
Identify**

**Inwardly
Vicious
Wolves**
(Matt. 7:15)

The Choices of the Kingdom



Identified by their

Fruit

(Matt. 7:16,20)

Fruit
grows
slowly!

The fruit produced
indicates the kind of
tree that is growing.

(Matt. 7:16)

The Choices of the Kingdom



Identified by their

Fruit

(Matt. 7:16,20)

righteousness

(Eph. 5:9, Phil. 1:11,
Jas. 3:18)

character

(Gal. 5:22)

repentance

(Matt. 3:8)

wisdom

(Jas. 3:18)

faith

(Rom. 1:13)

perseverance

(Luke 8:15)

thankfulness

(Heb. 13:15)

good works
& knowledge

of God

(Col. 1:10)

The Choices of the Kingdom

Believe



Broadcast

The mouth
speaks out
that which fills
the heart

(Matt. 12:34)



Behaviour

... to do
whatever
shameful things
their hearts
desired

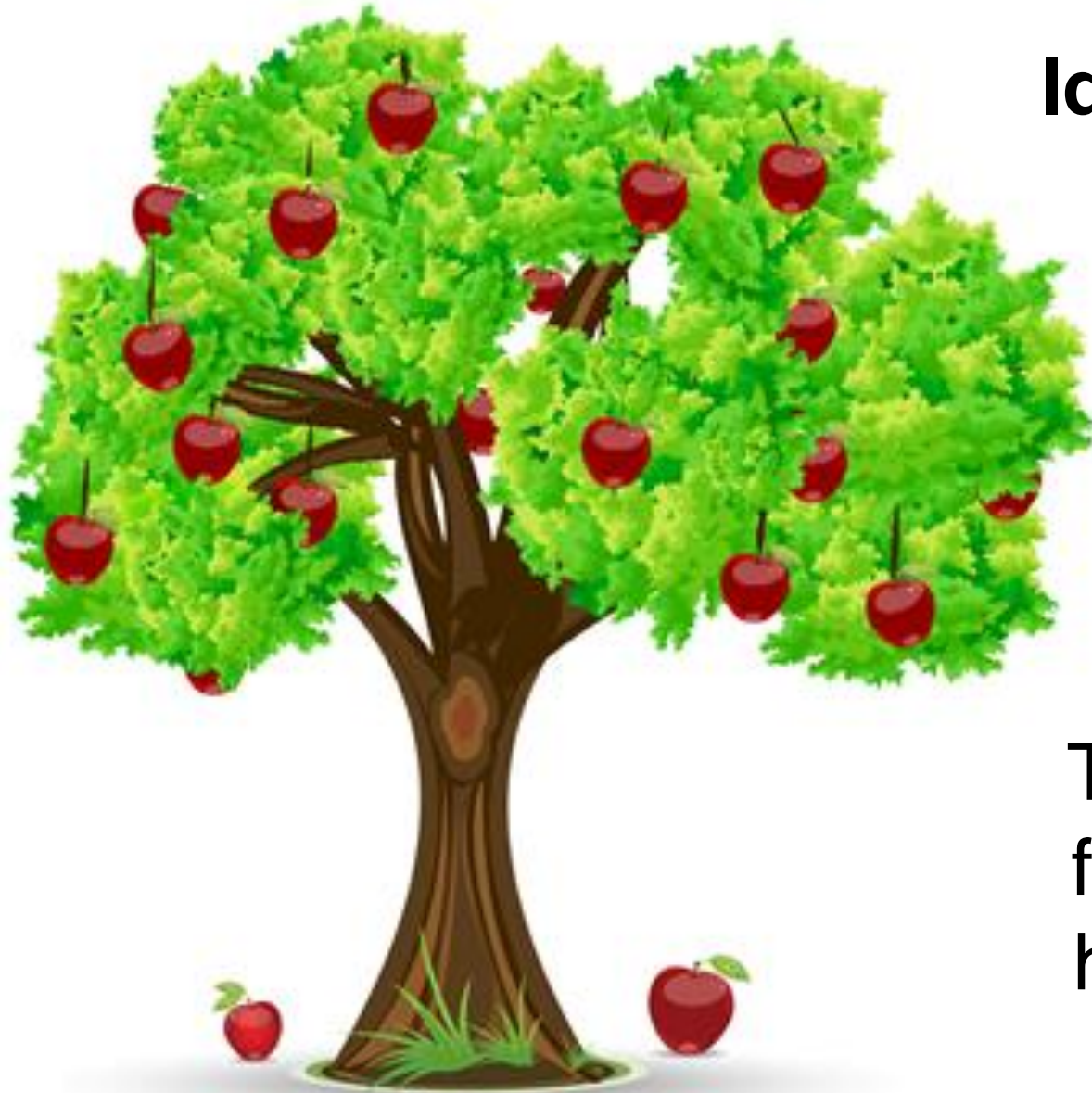
(Romans 1:24)

Identified by their

Fruit

(Matt. 7:16,20)

The Choices of the Kingdom



Identified by their

Fruit

(Matt. 7:16,20)

Good or **Bad**?

(Matt. 7:17-18)

The quality of the
fruit indicates the
health of the tree

(Matt. 7:17-18)

The Choices of the Kingdom

Identified by their

Fruit

(Matt. 7:16,20)



or



Wounds from a sincere friend are better
than many kisses from an enemy.

(Proverbs 27:6)

The Choices of the Kingdom



Identified by their

Fruit

(Matt. 7:16,20)

Those who remain in me,
and I in them, will produce
much fruit. (John 15:5)

The Character of the Kingdom



**poor in
spirit**
(Matt. 5:3)



**who
mourn**
(Matt. 5:4)



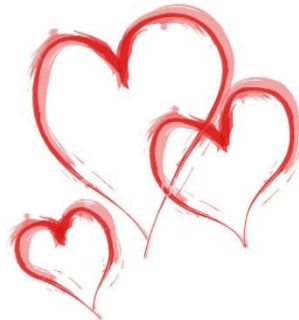
**the
meek**
(Matt. 5:5)



**hunger
& thirst**
(Matt. 5:6)



**show
mercy**
(Matt. 5:7)



**pure in
heart**
(Matt. 5:8)



**peace-
makers**
(Matt. 5:9)



persecuted
(Matt. 5:10)

The Choices of the Kingdom



“Lord, Lord”

(Matt. 7:21,22)

Words, Works and
Wonders

“In your name”

(Matt. 7:22)

Connection Counts!

“I never knew you”

(Matt. 7:23, Luke 10:20)

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