

**DO YOU OBEY THE LORD YOU SAY YOU FOLLOW?**  
**An eternal warning for those who profess but do not do obey**  
**Matthew 21:28-32**

- I. A STORY THAT EXPOSES RELIGIOUS HYPOCRITES: Jesus reveals that repentance, not empty words, results in the obedience of true faith (28-31a)**
- A. The immediate context:** Jesus has trapped the religious leaders who attempted to trap and discredit Him (23-27)
  
  - B.** Jesus call upon the religious leaders to think about a simple story of fruitless profession vs repentance that results in obedience (28-30)
  
  - C.** Repentance reviewed (Matt 3 and misc. passages)
  
  - D.** Jesus thus asks the leaders who did the fathers will? Their answer exposes their own hypocrisy (31a)
- II. A STINGING CONDEMNATION THAT REVEALS THEIR DESTINY: Jesus reveals through their own words that these religious fruitless professors will not enter eternal life but repentant sinners who thus obey will (31b)**
- III. A SOBERING EXPLANATION THAT REVEALS THE HEART OF THE RELIGIOUS WHO ARE ON THE WAY TO HELL: Jesus explains that they are hell bound because they didn't believe His Word and thus repent, even after seeing sinners repent and believe (32)**
- A.** Jesus explains why they are on the way to hell: They did not believe John's call for repentance preparing the way for Him but the tax gatherers and harlots did (32a)
  
  - B.** They were so hardened they did not even believe Johns words after seeing sinners respond (32)