

## The Continual Need for Renewal—Matthew 22:23-40; 23:37

Matthew—Jesus' Qualifications? KING of KINGS

Jesus was *legally* qualified through His genealogy, *prophetically* qualified through the fulfillment of prophecy, *divinely* qualified through Father's own words at baptism and transfiguration, *spiritually* qualified through perfect resistance to Satan's temptations, *theologically* qualified through teachings, qualified in power...

But Jesus came as a humble suffering servant King to forgive sinners, atone for and redeem people, the King of Heaven rejected by His own people.

Read: Matthew 22:23-33

Focus: **verse 22:29**. You are \_\_\_\_\_ or (wrong):

–not knowing \_\_\_\_\_

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Two Errors—

–**Should know Scriptures.**

–**Should know power of God**

Questions: Are you mistaken? Are you wrong?

Do you know Him, the One?

Do you know the Scriptures?—In it, doing it, hearing it, constant practice?

Matthew 7:24 Hear these words of mine and does them...wise man

Hebrews 5:14 Solid food is for the mature, for those who have their powers of discernment trained by constant practice to distinguish good from evil.

Do you know the power of God?—Beyond yourself, living by Him?

Jesus, most powerful One (suffering, at just the right time)—KNEW GOD.

How does Jesus show what knowing God looks like?

1. His knowledge of God's Word—Matthew 5:17

2. Power of God:

A. His \_\_\_\_\_ life—Hebrews 5:7

B. His \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_

Sin: "soul's disease, blinding the mind, hardening the heart, disordering the will, stealing strength," from *Knowing Sin*

(As a redeemed woman, do you want God to get the glory in ALL of your life? No matter what?)

Read: Matthew 22:34-40

Lived out Matthew 22:37—Holding NOTHING back but complete love (all heart, all soul, all mind), and also loving others by what you wish for yourself—seeking their greatest good—Kingdom living

Read: Matthew 23:37

Matthew 8:2 "if you are willing (*please be willing*), you can make me clean...I am willing."

Jesus' prayer "O My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me, nevertheless, not as I will, but as You will" (Matthew 26:39). Jesus was willing. Disciples in Matthew 26:41—"watch and pray that you don't enter temptation—spirit is willing, flesh is weak." Interconnectedness—watch, pray, spiritual willingness.

Greatest Love—Greatest Power

Glorify God—surrendering yourself to God, whose power is perfected in weakness (2 Corinthians 12:9)

Not mistaken but correct/right/sure—

Know Scripture & Know Power of God—\_\_\_\_\_

Jesus is willing—am I?

*Make me willing.*

Jesus, "I am willing."

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