

## **07/21/11 - No Hardship Cases Allowed**

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Matthew 7:7-23

Once, a couple took a trip to Canada. On their return, they were shocked to find out that, because of their marriage, the wife's student visa had been rescinded and she had no documentation that would permit her to reenter their country.

They pleaded with the immigration authorities, but learned that the law is inflexible and that ignorance was not a justifiable excuse. They also learned that the assumption that she, being married to an American citizen, would automatically be guaranteed access.

Yes, they were finally permitted to enter the country under a special 30-day "hardship" classification that required them to appear at the immigration office and start the process of a green card application. Without that, she would be removed from the country.

In the kingdom of God, there are no "hardship" permissions or arguments that guarantee access. The stamped visa simply says, "He who does the will of my Father who is in heaven." I'm not always sure what that will is, but for my own soul's sake, it is certainly worth finding out.