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# RE- FLECTING GOD

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Matthew 21:23-32

I have been guilty of thinking that my righteousness derived from my beliefs and that it was evidenced by my form of worship. Jesus said, "Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven" (Matt. 7:21).

Abraham believed God and it was credited to him as righteousness (Gal. 3:6). Abraham didn't always do the right thing. Yet when God spoke Abraham responded obediently. Obedience to God is the key to righteousness.

I will confess that I have not always wanted to do things God's way. Now, however, I have lived long enough to have done both. I have done things my way and God's way. I have found that doing things God's way always turns out better. Sometimes I have dragged my feet, delaying obedience to God. I am learning that the sooner I do things God's way the more quickly I begin to reap the benefits and blessings. What matters, then, is obedience.