

WHO AM I? & WHY AM I HERE?

August 20th, 2017

I. Matt 16:13-18

A. IDENTITY TESTS:

1. LORDSHIP - SUBMISSION - Voice of the Enemy
 - a) Provide, Protect or Promote yourself
2. POPULARITY - _____ - Voice of Humanity

B. Matt 16:13-18 -

1. V13 - "Who do men say that I, the Son of Man, am?"
2. Men - People, popular opinion
 - a) What is popular is not always right; what is right is not always popular.
 - b) Duane Vanderklerk - *"If you don't want any criticism, all you have to do is say nothing, do nothing and be nothing."*
3. V15 - Who do you say that I am?
 - a) Sometimes we don't know who we are because we are asking the wrong people.
 - b) What we consume is what we become!
4. V17 - Blessed are you Simon Bar-Jonah
 - a) We are blessed because we listen to and agree with what My Father says.
 - (1) Matt 16:23 23 But He turned and said to Peter, "Get behind Me, Satan! You are an offense to Me, for you are not mindful of the things of God, but the things of men."
 - (2) 1 Thess 2:4 NLT 4 For we speak as messengers approved by God to be entrusted with the Good News. Our purpose is to please God, not people. He alone examines the motives of our hearts.
5. **Heavenly Father's affirmation vs. World's approval**
 - a) Gal 1:10 ESV 10 For am I now seeking the approval of man, or of God? Or am I trying to please man? If I were still trying to please man, I would not be a servant of Christ.
6. Mark 15:15 15 So Pilate, wanting to gratify the crowd, released Barabbas to them; and he delivered Jesus, after he had scourged Him, to be crucified.
7. Acts 5:29 29 But Peter and the other apostles answered and said: "We ought to obey God rather than men.

