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MATTHEW **The KING has Come**

“Being Good Isn’t Good Enough” (Matthew 12:43-50, pew Bible page 818)

Even the esteemed teacher R.C. Sproul admits that this paragraph is interpretively difficult. He and others warn against forming a “Theology of Demons” over this one passage. That being said, there is an important warning here, followed by a great blessing.

- I. The Danger of Moral Reformation (vv. 43-45)
 - A. The process (vv. 43-44)
 1. A real change is made.
 2. The house “swept and put in order”
 - B. The problem (v. 45)
 1. The house is left “empty.”
 2. The situation ends up being worse than ever.
 - C. A passage: a passage that “fleshes out” the principle (2 Peter 2:20-22)

II. The Gift of a Forever Family (vv. 46-49)

A. Not based in biology (v. 46)

- Jesus had (half) siblings and a biological mom.
1. Four brothers and at least two sisters (Mark 6:3, Matthew 13:55-56)
 2. His brothers did not believe until after the Resurrection. (Mark 3:21, John 7:5, Acts 1:14)

B. But based in belief (vv. 49-50)

1. A faithful family
2. A following family
3. A forever family

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