

Matthew 7:23

And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!'

You go to a restaurant and sit down and talk to the waitress, giving her your food order. Maybe you even joke with her a little bit to. She then brings your food to you and you thank her. Does that mean you now have a relationship with her?

You go to the doctor's because you are not feeling well. You talk to doctor telling the him what hurts. In the end the doctor gives you a prescription, or even goes as far as operating on you. Does that mean you now have a relationship with the doctor?

You need money, so you go to the bank to get a loan. You discuss your needs to the banker and they give you the loan so that you can pay your bills off, or buy a new home or car. You thank the banker for helping you get the loan. Does that mean you have a relationship with the banker?

Time to eat your dinner so you stop and give thanks to God for your meal. Does that mean you have a relationship with God? Wait, didn't you do the same with the waitress and spoke more to her than God?

You are sick and you pray to God to heal you and you even tell your friends and they say that they will pray for you. After a while you get better. Does that mean you have a relationship with God? Wait, didn't you do the same with the doctor?

You are in need financially so you pray to God for help. Soon some money happens to just come along. You say thank you God, then go on your merry way not talking to God again, until you need Him for something else. Does that mean you have a relationship with God? Wait, didn't you do the same with the banker?

† **Isaiah 43:10 (NLT)** *"But you are my witnesses, O Israel!" says the LORD. "You are my servant. You have been chosen to know me, believe in me, and understand that I alone am God. There is no other God—there never has been, and there never will be.*

† **Jeremiah 31:34** *No more shall every man teach his neighbor, and every man his brother, saying, 'Know the LORD,' for they all shall know Me, from the least of them to the greatest of them, says the LORD. For I will forgive their iniquity, and their sin I will remember no more."*