

The Narrow Way

Luke 13:20-30

Today's scriptures in Luke will be accompanied by similar scriptures in Matthew. Today's lesson has two truths that intertwine.

1. Jesus is the only door.
2. Worldly affections can hinder our walk.

I think it is safe to say we all here have made a decision for Christ.....

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1. What is this about?

When he says 'strive to enter', he's speaking of the end of ages. Hence, the last will be first, simply meaning the last believers will enter first, almost like a reverse cycle.

In addition, these verses are speaking directly to those Jews --- of that time. However as always, there are implications for today.

Romans 15:4-6 NKJV

⁴For whatever things were written before were written for our learning, that we through the patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope. ⁵Now may the God of patience and comfort grant you to be like-minded toward one another, according to Christ Jesus, ⁶that you may with one mind and one mouth glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.'

2. Who would those people be today?

Let's look in Matthew as well.

Matthew 7:13-14, Matthew 7:21-23 Matthew 19:16-26

Okay, we have several things going on here.

3. What stands out to you?

Again, the obvious lesson here is that there will be a lot of people expecting to go to heaven who do not have a ticket for entrance. They will say 'we've done works', etc.....

The other lesson here is that many have much trust in themselves, money, possessions, own understanding...

Proverbs 3:5-6 NKJV

⁵Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding. ⁶In all your ways acknowledge Him and He shall direct your paths.

4. Why is it so hard to have complete trust in God and God alone?

5. Name one thing or person you put more trust in than you should?

6. How do you model trust and faith in God to others? How do you fall short?

Next week Luke 14:15-33