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Matthew 7:13-14

Remember church, what a parable is?

A parable is a common word-picture which is used as an image or story to illustrate a deeper truth or lesson. It creates in the mind of the hearer a “mini-drama” of pictures painted by words that describes the reality of the illustration.

A parable shows a likeness between the image of an illustration and the object being illustrated. It defines the unknown by using the known. It helps the listener to discover the deeper meaning and underlying truth of what a common reality can represent. A parable can be a figure of speech or a comparison to better see an eternal, spiritual reality.

This Is a Parable That’s Often Missed for Being a Parable

Because this is a unique type of Parable because of where it is placed by Jesus. Here He gives it at the end of the Sermon on the Mount. So, applying what we know about a Parable’s purpose – The Sermon on the Mount is summed up or graphically presented or “**Brought to Life**” with this **Parabolic Illustration**.

Matt. 7:13-14

“Enter by the narrow gate; for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it. **14** Because narrow is the gate and difficult is the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it.

While on earth, Jesus revealed to us a remarkable trust in God the Father and in the World of the Holy Spirit. Jesus, most often practiced what I call “**Negative Church Growth Tactics**”. What’s that? - - Jesus “never, not once, ever” pushed someone into the Kingdom or tried to talk someone into Heaven.

John 10:27

My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and **they follow Me**.

The rich young ruler, the woman begging, the blind on the road, let the dead bury the dead, take up your cross...

He left the salvation issue to the Work of the Father and the Holy Spirit.

“Jesus Faithfully Preached the Gospel”

THE PARABLE OF THE TWO GATES & TWO WAYS

1.) Make sure you're on the right path v.13

MAKE SURE YOU'RE ON THE RIGHT PATH

1a.) Keep your eyes on heaven v.13a

Matt. 7:13

“Enter by the narrow gate;

This is one of Jesus' many “mandates” or “commands” regarding, NOT JUST entrance into the Kingdom, meaning Heaven - BUT entrance into His Kingdom, His Heaven.

There are only two (2) path's for a man to go down. One (1) is the way of the righteous and the Second (2) is the way of the ungodly.

Psa. 1:1-6

Blessed is the man Who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly, Nor stands in the path of sinners, Nor sits in the seat of the scornful; **2** But his delight is in the law of the LORD, And in His law he meditates day and night. **3** He shall be like a tree Planted by the rivers of water, That brings forth its fruit in its season, Whose leaf also shall not wither; And whatever he does shall prosper. **4** The ungodly are not so, But are like the chaff which the wind drives away. **5** Therefore the ungodly shall not stand in the judgment, Nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous. **6** For the LORD knows **the way of the righteous**, But the way of the ungodly shall perish.

It's been said that “*All roads lead to heaven*” – that is true. The Bible says that every human being must stand before God in the end and give an account for themselves in the Light of the Word of God. But read the fine print. Only one road allows you to stay in heaven.

John 14:6

Jesus said to him, “I am **the way**, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.

Enter grk: ei`se÷rcomai **eiserchomai** = to come into. to walk in as through a door or gate or an opening.

Narrow grk: steno/β **stenos**, *sten-os*´; from stenosis meaning to slip through or to pass narrowly by. To squeeze past or through a restriction or to pass through an opening in an obstacle.

The **Bible** is God's Road **Map** for Mankind

Enter in by coming on the way of **repentance**.

Acts 17:30

Truly, these times of ignorance God overlooked, but now commands all men everywhere to **repent**,

Enter in by coming on the way of **brokenness**.

Ps. 34:18

The LORD is near to those who have a **broken heart**, And saves such as have a contrite spirit.

Enter in by coming on the way of **faith**.

Hebrews 11:6

Without **faith** it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.

Enter in by coming on the way of **trust**.

Isaiah 12:2

Behold, God is my salvation, **I will trust** and not be afraid; "For YAH, the LORD, is my strength and song; **He also has become my salvation.**"

Enter in by coming on the way of **holiness**.

Heb. 12:14

Pursue peace with all people, and **holiness, without which no one will see the Lord:**

MAKE SURE YOU'RE ON THE RIGHT PATH

1b.) Stay away from strangers

v.13b

Jesus now tells us of the restrictive nature

for making it thru the narrow gate. there are competing avenues and opposing options, roads or ways that are before you - - *all the time*.

Matt. 7:13

"for (because) **wide** is the gate and **broad** is the way that leads to destruction,

wide grk: πλατυ/β **platus**, *plat-oos*; to be all encompassing. universally accommodating, to spread out far and wide. to be available.

"To love this world and to allow all that it offers"

" Grab All the Gusto - Look Out for # One. He who dies with the most toys wins, If it feels good do it. Live for every moment - Y.O.L.O."

Careless or Thoughtless Living

broad grk: ευjru/ρωροβ **euruchoros**, *yoo-roo'-kho-ros*; from ευjru/β **eurus** expansive, spacious, massive, without lines or dividers. (*like driving in rome or mexico city*)

Jesus is saying that the road leading to Hell is Massive-like Freeway

- Saint Bernard of Clairvaux

"the road to hell is paved with good intentions"

what I mean by "easy-ism's" is the invention of easy-believe-ism and the new concepts of heaven and hell and the lifestyles that relate to them.

leads grk: ajpaigw **apago**, *ap-ag'-o*; to take off or to carry someone away. To carry off to a destination, a sentence. to be taken away to an execution.

destruction grk: ajpwleia **apoleia**, *ap-o'-li-a*; absolute ruin or loss in the full meaning of physical, spiritual, eternally.

Rom. 16:17-18

Now I urge you, brethren, note those who cause divisions and offenses, contrary to the doctrine which you learned, and avoid them. 18 For those who are such do not serve our Lord Jesus Christ, but their own belly, and by smooth words and flattering speech deceive the hearts of the simple.

MAKE SURE YOU'RE ON THE RIGHT PATH

1c.) Don't do what everyone else is doing v.13

and there are **many** who go in by it'

many grk: polu/b **polus**, *pol-oos'*; the much, the many. The larger amount. The most, not the few or a few – the majority. = the plenteous

Jesus Christ is saying here in Matthew 7, that many more people wind up in Hell than those who make it to heaven.

Philippians 3:18-19

For **many** walk, of whom I have told you often, and now tell you even weeping, that they are the enemies of the cross of Christ: 19 whose end is destruction, whose god is their belly, and whose glory is in their shame—who set their mind on earthly things.

2 Pet. 2:1-2a

But there were also false prophets among the people, even as there will be false teachers among you, who will secretly bring in destructive heresies, even denying the Lord who bought them, and bring on themselves swift destruction. 2 And many will follow their destructive ways.

2 Peter 3:3-4

knowing this first: that scoffers will come in the last days, walking according to their own lusts, 4 and saying, "Where is the promise of His coming?"

Matthew 24:24

For false christs and false prophets will rise and show great signs and wonders to deceive, if possible, even the elect. 25 See, I have told you beforehand.

Acts 20:28

Therefore take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood. 29 For I know this, that after my departure savage wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock. 30 Also from among yourselves men will rise up, speaking perverse things, to draw away the disciples after themselves.

John 10:7-9

Then Jesus said to them again, "Most assuredly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. 8 All who ever came before Me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not hear them. 9 I am the door. If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture.

Can I Stress Something Tonight Among Us
That is a matter of life and death?
((Christian fellowship is an absolute must))

why? - - because the Christian life can be sometimes very lonely.

:13c there are **MANY** who go in by it. **14** Because narrow is the gate and difficult is the way which leads to life,
and there are **FEW** who find it.

Hebrews 10:24-25

And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, **25** not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching.

Come out from among the World(lings) and gather together with Other Christians – Who are Really Christian.

2 Corinthians 6:17a

Therefore “Come out from among them And be separate, says the Lord.

>>>> The Cross, The Christ, The
Call <<<<

End of Study

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