

Mt 7:14 Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it.

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HAVE YOU COME ONE ON ONE WITH THE LORD?

HAVE WE SHUT THE DOOR? Part I

Mat 23:13 But woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye shut up the kingdom of heaven against men: for ye neither go in yourselves, neither suffer ye them that are entering to go in.

Christ was talking to the religious leaders of the day when he told them they shut up the kingdom of heaven against men. Could we be doing the same thing here today?

“doeth the will of my Father”

Mat 7:21 Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that **doeth the will of my Father** which is in heaven.

Mat 7:22 Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works?

Mat 7:23 And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.

Mat 7:24 Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock:

Mat 7:25 And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not: for it was founded upon a rock.

Mat 7:26 And every one that heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them not, shall be likened unto a foolish man, which built his house upon the sand:

Mat 7:27 And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell: and great was the fall of it.

Mat 23:15 Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye compass sea and land to make one proselyte, and when he is made, ye make him twofold more the child of hell than yourselves.

If we take the position of easy believe ism (believe with the mind and not the heart - doing little or nothing for the Lord) and convince people they are saved without being drawn by the Father, convicted by the spirit, born again, confessing (repenting) our sins and turning away from the former old person we were in sin, then are we not shutting the door to the kingdom of heaven? If we convince a person they are saved when they are not it leaves a wide opportunity for them going through life thinking they are alright. Many could stand before the great white throne of judgment thinking they have done right.

Mat 23:24 Ye blind guides, which strain at a gnat, and swallow a camel.

The 24th chapter of Matthew principally tells of the coming of the Lord. The disciples ask Christ about His return. The first statement He made was not to be deceived. The previous chapter Matthew 23 has the word Woe in it 8 times, addresses the religious leaders of the day, hypocrites is mentioned 7 times, and scribes and Pharisees is mentioned at least 7 times. It seems to me it is clear the so called religious leaders of the day can and do lead people astray.

We shout from the roof top no works for salvation. We cannot work for salvation but those that have a contrite spirit, good heart, seeking God, called by the Father, and born again will be obedient, want to follow Christ, keep His Words or commandments, abiding in Him and will produce fruit. You know the seed of the fruit tree is in the fruit. When we see none of these in a person what are we to think?

1 John 2:4 He that saith, I know him, and keepeth not his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him.

1 John 2:5 But whoso keepeth his word, in him verily is the love of God perfected: hereby know we that we are in him.

1 John 2:6 He that saith he abideth in him ought himself also so to walk, even as he walked.

1 John 4:20 If a man say, I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar: for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen?

1 John 4:21 And this commandment have we from him, That he who loveth God love his brother also.

1 John 5:1 Whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ is born of God: and every one that loveth him that begat loveth him also that is begotten of him.

HAVE WE SHUT THE DOOR TO THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN?

DO WE HAVE A CHURCH CENTERED CHURCH RATHER THAN CHRIST CENTERED?

HAVE WE A PROGRESSIVE CHURCH TAKING OUR WAYS FROM THE MODERN PROGRESSIVE SCHOOLS?

DO WE OPERATE OUR LOCAL CHURCH ON BUSINESS PRINCIPLES RATHER THAN SPIRITUAL PRINCIPLES?

DO WE BAPTIZE SO YOUNG IT APPEARS WE ARE CHANGING TO INFANT BAPTISM RATHER THAN ADULTS?

DO WE SEND MISSIONARIES TO FOREIGN SOIL TO TEACH THEM OUR MODERN PROGRESSIVE WAYS?

DO WE USE WORLDLY INCENTIVES TO ATTRACT PEOPLE TO THE HOUSE OF GOD OR DO WE RELY ON THE SPIRIT OF GOD?

DO WE CALL PASTORS BASED ON POPULARITY OR BASED ON CONVICTION OF THE SPIRIT OF GOD?

HAVE WE LOST OUR FIRST LOVE OF GOD?

DID WE EVER HAVE A FIRST LOVE OR WERE WE ENTICED, PUSHED, SHOVED, PEER PRESSURE OR JOINED THE CHURCH AS A RESULT OF A MEMBERSHIP DRIVE?

DO WE USE THE VERSION OF THE BIBLE THAT IS POPULAR?

PASTORS

Jer 2:8 The priests said not, Where is the LORD? and they that handle the law knew me not: the **pastors** also transgressed against me, and the prophets prophesied by Baal, and walked after things that do not profit.

Jer 10:21 For the **pastors** are become brutish, and have not sought the LORD: therefore they shall not prosper, and all their flocks shall be scattered.

Jer 12:10 Many **pastors** have destroyed my vineyard, they have trodden my portion under foot, they have made my pleasant portion a desolate wilderness.

Jer 22:22 The wind shall eat up all thy **pastors**, and thy lovers shall go into captivity: surely then shalt thou be ashamed and confounded for all thy wickedness.

Jer 23:1 Woe be unto the **pastors** that destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! saith the LORD.

Jer 23:2 Therefore thus saith the LORD God of Israel against the **pastors** that feed my people; Ye have scattered my flock, and driven them away, and have not visited them: behold, I will visit upon you the evil of your doings, saith the LORD.

“...I will give you pastors according to mine heart...”

Jer 3:15 And I will give you **pastors** according to mine heart, which shall feed you with knowledge and understanding.

During the time of Jeremiah God told this prophet not to pray for his people.

Jer 7:16 Therefore pray not thou for this people, neither lift up cry nor prayer for them, neither make intercession to me: for I will not hear thee.

Jer 11:14 Therefore pray not thou for this people, neither lift up a cry or prayer for them: for I will not hear them in the time that they cry unto me for their trouble.

Jer 6:17 Also I set watchmen over you, saying, Hearken to the sound of the trumpet. But they said, We will not hearken.

Jer 5:31 The prophets prophesy falsely, and the priests bear rule by their means; and my people love to

have it so: and what will ye do in the end thereof?

Jer 15:1 Then said the LORD unto me, Though Moses and Samuel stood before me, yet my mind could not be toward this people: cast them out of my sight, and let them go forth.

Jer 15:2 And it shall come to pass, if they say unto thee, Whither shall we go forth? then thou shalt tell them, Thus saith the LORD; Such as are for death, to death; and such as are for the sword, to the sword; and such as are for the famine, to the famine; and such as are for the captivity, to the captivity.

Jer 23:1 Woe be unto the **pastors** that destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! saith the LORD.

It is a good thing to be called of God to be a pastor and to see after the flock, but it is an awesome responsibility. You will be held accountable whether it be good or bad.

Jer 13:15 Hear ye, and give ear; be not proud: for the LORD hath spoken.

DO WE TEACH AND PREACH – BORN AGAIN- SPIRITUAL REBIRTH – CONTRITE SPIRIT – REPENTANCE – CONFESSION – SUBMISSION – OBEDIENCE – KEEP HIS WORD – ABIDE IN HIM – HUMILITY – FAITH WITHOUT PROOF?

An old time preacher said “GOD SAID WHAT HE MEANT AND MEANT WHAT HE SAID”. Enough said. It appears we just plain do not believe the Bible. So many things are so simple yet we make a federal case of it and the end results for the most part we do not keep it.

PURPOSE OF THIS PUBLICATION: To make an awareness that we are living in the last days of the last days. The coming of Jesus Christ, the son of the living God is at the doors.

Seeketh Findeth Mt 7:8

Drawn by the father Jn 6:44, Jn 4:23

Believe upon the Son Jn 3:16

Repent and Confess Lk 13:5, 1Jn 4:15

Mat 15:13 But he answered and said, Every plant, which my heavenly Father hath not planted, shall be rooted up

Ps 34:18 The LORD is nigh unto them that are of a broken heart; and saveth such as be of a contrite spirit.

John 3:3 Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.

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