

2-25-2024 Sunday Sermon Message  
Devotional of the Week: Psalm 91:1-16  
Text: Matthew 7:13-14  
Title: The **Narrow Gate and the Narrow Path That Leads to Life**

God gave the Israelites a very important warning when they received the Law:

**"And thou shalt not go aside from any of the words which I command thee this day, to the right hand, or to the left, to go after other gods to serve them.<sup>15</sup> But it shall come to pass, if thou wilt not hearken unto the voice of the LORD thy God, to observe to do all his commandments and his statutes which I command thee this day; that all these curses shall come upon thee, and overtake thee:" (28:14-15)**

God told them to walk in the narrow way according to God's word in order to be unto life. In other words, He warned them that if they strayed from sin or stray in order to follow anything that was not the truth, a curse would come upon them.

Jesus, who appeared to the Israelites in human flesh, told them to enter through the narrow gate that leads to life, and not to go by the wide gate and the broad road that leads to destruction. He also said that few seek the strait gate and the narrow path that leads to life.

Jesus, the God who was in the beginning as the Word, told us to enter through the strait gate and said that few people would find the strait gate, and the strait gate was Jesus Himself at that time. Jesus said that He is "the **gate of the sheep**" (John 10:7). At that time, there were very few people looking for Jesus,

who was the strait gate, above his disciples and a few others.

Jesus said that he was the only way, the truth, and the life, and that no one would come to the life-giving Father except through him. In today's world, God's word is the only truth and can give life. Now, most of the nations and nations of the world do not believe in Jesus Christ, who is the truth, and they are divided into left and right outside the truth, and they are divided into conservative and progressive groups, and they are on the way to destruction. Even the churches are divided into conservatives and progressives, following their own denominations and traditions rather than the one and only word of truth, turning away from the word of truth, entering through the broad gate, walking on the broad road, and leading the way to destruction.

It has become an age to follow false stories instead of following sound doctrine in the word of truth. Apostle Paul gave a warning message to Pastor Timothy:

**"I charge thee therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom;<sup>2</sup> Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all long suffering and doctrine.<sup>3</sup> For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears;<sup>4</sup> And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables.<sup>5</sup> But watch thou in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry."(2 Timothy 4:1-5)**

Now is the time of the end when God's churches have fallen away from God's Word, which is the truth, and have apostatized. They are following the world instead of walking in the Word of God, which is the only way to give life. Just as the Israelites had to enter the last tribulation because they did not believe in the Lord Jesus Christ, the only gate of the sheep, the apostate churches of God will also suffer greatly under the antichrist who will appear in the future.

Most of the Lord's servants have also walked in the broad way, and they are not able to meet the Lord on the day of the rapture, but are forced to meet the day of the Lord's coming as the Judge, as a trap:

**"But and if that evil servant shall say in his heart, My lord delayeth his coming;<sup>49</sup> And shall begin to smite his fellow servants, and to eat and drink with the drunken;<sup>50</sup> The lord of that servant shall come in a day when he looketh not for him, and in an hour that he is not aware of,<sup>51</sup> And shall cut him asunder, and appoint him his portion with the hypocrites: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth."** ( Matthew 24:48-51)

Now is the time in narrow way to stand firm in the Word of God, and like King David, step by step to the place where the Word illuminates, to be washed by the Word and live a pure life:

**"Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? by taking heed thereto according to thy word....Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee....I will delight myself in thy statutes: I will not forget thy word....This is my comfort in my**

**affliction: for thy word hath quickened me.... Before I was afflicted I went astray: but now have I kept thy word....The proud have forged a lie against me: but I will keep thy precepts with my whole heart....How sweet are thy words unto my taste! yea, sweeter than honey to my mouth!.... Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path....The entrance of thy words giveth light; it giveth understanding unto the simple..... Order my steps in thy word: and let not any iniquity have dominion over me....Thy word is very pure: therefore thy servant loveth it.....Mine eyes prevent the night watches, that I might meditate in thy word....Let my cry come near before thee, O LORD: give me understanding according to thy word.....My tongue shall speak of thy word: for all thy commandments are righteousness."**(Ps.119:9,11,16,38,50,67, 69,103, 105,130,133,140,148,169,172)

Jesus said that when the final age of apostasy comes, people will not be able to enter through the strait gate:

**"Strive to enter in through the strait gate. For I say to you, many will try to enter in, but they will not be able to enter. And once the master of the house shall arise and shut the door, and ye shall stand outside, and shall begin to knock at the door, saying: Lord, Lord, open the door to us. And he will answer you and say, 'I do not know whence ye came. And you will begin to say, 'We have eaten and drunk in your presence, and you have taught in our streets. But he said, 'I say to you, I do not know whence ye came. Depart from me, all you who practice lawlessness.'I will say.**(Luke 13:24-27)

Now is the time to believe in and receive the Lord Jesus Christ, the only strait gate and the way of truth, and walk in the narrow way of truth, the way of life, and live in the hope of meeting the Lord Jesus Christ, the great God and blessed hope, in glory on the day of the rapture when He appears.

Amen! Hallelujah!