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LUKE 13 : 10 -35

KINGDOM NOW...BUT NOT YET

JOURNEY'S END NEARS, BUT THERE ARE STILL LESSONS TO BE LEARNT

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“NOW WHEN THE DAYS DREW NEAR FOR HIM TO BE TAKEN UP, JESUS SET OUT RESOLUTELY[1] TO GO TO JERUSALEM.”

LUKE 9: 61 (The NET Bible, 2019)

[1] LIT. “HE SET HIS FACE”

“THEN JESUS TRAVELLED THROUGHOUT TOWNS AND VILLAGES, TEACHING AND MAKING HIS WAY TOWARD JERUSALEM.”

LUKE 13: 22 (The NET Bible, 2019)

POINT #1 LUKE 13: 10 -21

THE FRUIT OF LOVE;

THE KINGDOM MADE MANIFEST

LUKE 13: 10 -17

HOW

IS

YOUR

VISION?

DO WE HAVE THE SAME PERSPECTIVE AS JESUS?
CAN WE SEE AS JESUS SEES?

CRIPPLED, MARGINALISED, OSTRASIZED, A CONDITION NOT INHERITED

A DEVOUT WOMAN WHO ATTENDED THE SYNAGOGUE REGULARLY.
A WOMAN WHO NEEDED A DIVINE DISPLAY OF KINGDOM POWER

“WHEN JESUS SAW HER, HE CALLED HER TO HIM AND SAID, ‘WOMAN, YOU ARE FREED FROM YOUR INFIRMITY.’ THEN HE PLACED HIS HANDS ON HER, AND IMMEDIATELY SHE STRAIGHTENED UP AND PRAISED GOD.”

LUKE 13: 12, 13 (The NET Bible, 2019)

THE POINT OF THIS PASSAGE

JESUS SAW THE WOMAN,

HE CALLED HER,

HE SPOKE TO HER,

HE TOUCHED HER

BUT NOTICE

THE WOMAN WAS *NOT*

ASKING FOR HELP!



OUR GOD IS AN INITIATIVE TAKING GOD

ONE WOMAN, DISABLED FOR 18 YEARS, TAKEN FOR GRANTED, OVERLOOKED,
SINGLED OUT BY JESUS, NOTICED BY MESSIAH,
TOUCHED BY THE POWER OF THE KINGDOM.
ONE WOMAN SET FREE TO PROCLAIM THE YEAR OF THE LORD'S FAVOUR (ISAIAH 4: 18, 19)

“THE GOOD SHEPHERD REACHES DOWN TO THE SHEEP THAT ARE SO CLEARLY UNABLE TO HELP THEMSELVES.”

ALISTAIR BEGG, 2001

THE MESSAGE OF THE KINGDOM

JESUS COMES

AT UNEXPECTED TIMES

TO UNEXPECTED PEOPLE,

AND

HE DOES UNEXPECTED

THINGS



WHAT/WHO DO WE SEE WHEN WE COME TO CHURCH?

DO WE SEE WHAT/WHO JESUS SEES?

DO WE SEE A DAUGHTER OF ABRAHAM WHO HAS BEEN KEPT BOUND FOR MANY YEARS?

LIFE IS NOT ABOUT BIG ACHIEVEMENTS, IT IS ABOUT SMALL ACTS OF LOVE

ONE WOMAN, DISABLED FOR 18 YEARS, TAKEN FOR GRANTED, OVERLOOKED,
SINGLED OUT BY JESUS,
NOTICED BY MESSIAH,
TOUCHED BY THE POWER OF THE KINGLDOM

‘LOVE MUST BE GUIDED BY THE LAW OF GOD
BUT
OUR ACTIONS MUST BE DRIVEN BY LOVE AND NOT BY THE LAW’

DR. MATTHEW JACOBY, 2020

POINT #2 LUKE 13: 22 -30

A DOOR CLOSED;

AN EXCLUSIVE FEAST (WITH SURPRISES)

“LORD,
WILL ONLY A FEW BE SAVED?”

LUKE 13: 23 (THE NET BIBLE, 2019)

THE POINT OF JESUS' REPLY

A PRESUMPTION OF SALVATION

BECAUSE OF PRIVILEGE

IS A DANGEROUS DELUSION

THE KINGDOM PARABLES

- IN THE PARABLE OF THE SOILS,

ONLY ONE OF THE 4 SOILS YIELDED BELIEVERS (LUKE 8: 1 -15)

- IN THE PARABLE OF THE SHEEP AND THE GOATS, THE GREAT FLOCK WILL BE DIVIDED & MANY WILL BE SENT TO ETERNAL PUNISHMENT (MATTHEW 25: 31 -46)

“EXERT EVERY EFFORT[1]
TO ENTER
THROUGH THE NARROW DOOR
BECAUSE
MANY, I TELL YOU,
WILL TRY TO ENTER
AND WILL NOT BE ABLE TO”

LUKE 13: 24 (THE NET BIBLE, 2019)

[1] Alt. Readings: “STRIVE” (NASB, ESV); “MAKE EVERY EFFORT” (NIV); “WORK HARD” (NLT)
Greek “STRUGGLE” literal translation “STRAIN EVERY NERVE TO ENTER”

THE POINT OF JESUS' REPLY

PRESUMPTION OF SALVATION

BECAUSE OF PRIVILEGE

IS A DANGEROUS DELUSION

"MANY…WILL SEEK TO ENTER AND WILL NOT BE ABLE"

THE NARROW DOOR

JESUS REPRESENTED

THE WAY OF SALVATION AS

“THE NARROW DOOR”






FREESTYLE

“STRIVE TO ENTER”

- ARE WE WILLING TO ASSUME A HUMBLE POSTURE & TO RID OURSELVES OF WHAT IS NECESSARY TO GO THROUGH THE GATE?

- ARE WE THEN WILLING TO CONTINUE TO WALK THE NARROW ROAD?

“ENTER THROUGH THE NARROW GATE BECAUSE THE GATE IS WIDE AND THE WAY IS SPACIOUS THAT LEADS TO DESTRUCTION,
AND THERE ARE MANY WHO ENTER THROUGH IT.
HOW NARROW IS THE GATE AND DIFFICULT THE WAY THAT LEADS TO LIFE,
AND THERE ARE FEW WHO FIND IT”

MATTHEW 7: 13, 14 (THE NET BIBLE, 2019)

‘WE ARE NOT SAVED BY EFFORT, BUT WE SHALL NOT BELIEVE WITHOUT EFFORT”

Maclaren, Alexander “The Epistles of St. Paul to the Colossians and Philemon, The Exposition Bible” as cited by R. Kent Hughes (2015) “Luke. That You May Know the Truth” Crossway.

THE OPEN DOOR WILL BE CLOSED

THE DOOR IS OPEN AT THIS VERY MOMENT.

BUT

THERE IS A TIME LIMIT ON THE OFFER OF SALVATION

AND JESUS MAKES IT VERY CLEAR.

“ONCE THE HEAD OF THE HOUSE GETS UP AND SHUTS THE DOOR, THEN YOU WILL STAND OUTSIDE AND START TO KNOCK ON THE DOOR AND BEG HIM, ‘LORD, LET US IN!’ ”

LUKE 13: 25 (THE NET BIBLE, 2019)

THE OPEN DOOR WILL BE CLOSED

THERE IS A FINALITY IN THE WORDS THAT JESUS USES

THE OPEN DOOR WILL BE SLAMMED SHUT BY EITHER DEATH OR OUR LORD'S RETURN.

“BUT HE WILL ANSWER YOU,
‘I DON’T KNOW WHERE YOU COME FROM.’
THEN YOU WILL BEGIN TO SAY,
‘ WE ATE IN YOUR PRESENCE, AND YOU
TAUGHT IN OUR STREETS.’
BUT HE WILL REPLY,
‘I DON’T KNOW WHERE YOU COME FROM!
GO AWAY FROM ME,
ALL YOU EVILDOERS!’ ”

LUKE 13: 26, 27 (THE NET BIBLE, 2019)

DO WE HAVE A PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS?

EATING AND DRINKING WITH CHRIST DOES NOT ESTABLISH RELATIONSHIP.

LISTENING TO THE PREACHING OF THE WORD AND PRACTICING REGULAR COMMUNION DOES NOT ESTABLISH RELATIONSHIP.

DO WE HAVE A PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS?

ENGAGING IN MINISTRY DOES NOT PROVE RELATIONSHIP.

BEING A PREACHER, SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER, MISSIONARY DOES NOT PROVE RELATIONSHIP.

‘MIGHTY WORKS DO NOT SAVE US, BUT ONLY VITAL UNION WITH CHRIST THROUGH REAL FAITH’

Charles H Spurgeon “The Metropolian Tabernacle Pulpit”, vol. 8, page 582, 1975.

HAS MY RELATIONSHIP WITH CHRIST AFFECTED MY BEHAVIOUR:

HAS MY RELATIONSHIP WITH CHRIST TURNED ME AWAY FROM EVIL?

DO I HAVE AN AUTHENTIC RIGHTEOUSNESS BECAUSE OF MY RELATIONSHIP WITH CHRIST?

THERE IS NO PLACE FOR ELITISM OR PRIDE IN THE KINGDOM OF GOD

THE DOOR OF SALVATION IS NARROW. UNLESS WE HUMBLE OURSELVES, WE WILL BE SHUT OUT OF GOD'S KINGDOM ON THE DAY OF JUDGEMENT.

"BUT INDEED, SOME ARE LAST WHO WILL BE FIRST, AND SOME ARE FIRST WHO WILL BE LAST." (LUKE 13:30, NET Bible 2019)

THE BURNING QUESTION:

ARE YOU (AM I) IN AN AUTHENTIC RELATIONSHIP WITH CHRIST JESUS?

DOES CHRIST KNOW ME?

THE BURNING QUESTION:

HAS MY RELATIONSHIP WITH CHRIST TURNED ME AWAY FROM EVIL?

DO I HAVE AN AUTHENTIC RIGHTEOUSNESS BECAUSE OF MY RELATIONSHIP WITH CHRIST?

A MATTER OF WHO WILL BE INVITED TO THE BANQUEST FEAST IN THE KINGDOM OF GOD

LUKE 13: 28 -30

“THERE WILL BE WEEPING AND GNASHING OF TEETH WHEN YOU SEE ABRAHAM, ISAAC, JACOB, AND ALL THE PROPHETS IN THE KINGDOM OF GOD BUT YOU YOURSELVES THROWN OUT.”

LUKE 13: 28 (THE NET BIBLE, 2019)

“THEN PEOPLE WILL COME FROM EAST AND WEST, AND FROM NORTH AND SOUTH, AND TAKE THEIR PLACES AT THE BANQUET TABLE IN THE KINGDOM OF GOD.”

LUKE 13: 29 (THE NET BIBLE, 2019)

A NOTE OF ENCOURAGEMENT FROM THIS TEXT:

THE GOOD NEWS OF SALVATION IS FOR ALL PEOPLE – JEWS & GENTILES.

THE NARROW DOOR DEMANDS HUMILITY & MORAL DETERMINATION

ONLY THOSE WHO ARE IN A RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD GO THROUGH THE DOOR (*see* JOHN 17:3)

A FURTHER ENCOURAGEMENT:

THE NARROWNESS OF THE KINGDOM ALSO MEANS THAT GOD'S KINGDOM IS BROADER THAN WE COULD EVER IMAGINE.

A FURTHER ENCOURAGEMENT:

THIS NARROW WAY IS SPIRITUAL,

NOT HEREDITARY.

IT IS A RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD THAT COMES BY FAITH BECAUSE IT MAKES MEN & WOMEN NEW FROM THE INSIDE OUT.

IT IS ALL BY GRACE.

THERE IS HOPE FOR ALL. THE NARROW WAY IS OPEN WIDE FOR ALL.

HAVE YOU ENTERED THROUGH

THE NARROW DOOR?

IF NOT,

“MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO ENTER THROUGH THE NARROW DOOR.”

IT IS NOT TOO LATE!

THERE ARE ONLY TWO KINDS OF PEOPLE IN THE END:

THOSE WHO SAY TO GOD, 'THY WILL BE DONE',

AND THOSE TO WHOM GOD SAYS, IN THE END, 'THY WILL BE DONE'.

C.S. LEWIS *"THE GREAT DIVORCE"* 1946

POINT #3 LUKE 13: 31 -35

THE CRY OF JESUS' HEART FOR HIS PEOPLE

“NEVERTHELESS I MUST GO ON MY WAY TODAY AND TOMORROW AND THE NEXT DAY, BECAUSE IT IS IMPOSSIBLE THAT A PROPHET SHOULD BE KILLED OUTSIDE JERUSALEM.”

LUKE 13: 33 (The NET Bible, 2019)

THE POINT OF THIS PASSAGE (1):

NO ONE CAN DISTRACT OR DELAY JESUS' DESTINY TO BE CRUCIFIED IN JERUSALEM.

HE WILL NOT BE FRIGHTENED BY THE THREATS OF HEROD'S POWER

“O JERUSALEM, JERUSALEM, YOU WHO KILL THE PROPHETS AND STONE THOSE WHO ARE SENT TO YOU!

HOW OFTEN I HAVE LONGED TO GATHER YOUR CHILDREN TOGETHER AS A HEN GATHERS HER CHICKS UNDER HER WINGS,
BUT YOU WOULD HAVE NONE OF IT!”

LUKE 13: 34 (THE NET BIBLE, 2019)

THE POINT OF THIS PASSAGE (2):

EVEN AS JESUS WEEPS OVER HIS BELOVED CITY,

HE REMINDS US ABOUT THE NARROW DOOR TO SALVATION.

PRIDE DESTROYS PEOPLE BY CONVINCING THEM THAT THEY DO NOT NEED A SAVIOUR.

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