

“Narrow Gate”

Matthew 7:1-14

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This morning/afternoon, we'd like to see the title of “Narrow Gate” in the book of Matthew 7:1-14.

Q1. In verse 1, “Judge not, that you be not judged,” any judgment? Or what a type of judge does Jesus talk about?

Q2. In verse 7, “Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you,” what are you asking? Anything? Or else?

Q3. In verse 13, ““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,” what is the narrow gate?

(Background)

Matthew 5:1-2 (The Sermon on the Mount to His disciples or mature Christians) “And seeing the multitudes, He went up on a mountain, and when He was seated His disciples came to Him. ²Then He opened His mouth and taught them, saying:” Luke 9:23 “Then He said to *them* all, “If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me.” (his cross : Matthew 11:29-30 “Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰ For My yoke *is* easy and My burden is light.”)

Judge (1) criticize; accuse : (2) measure; discern ; examine;

Gate ~ door ; way ~ path

⁷ “Judge not, that you be not judged. ²For with what judgment you judge, you will be judged; and with the measure you use, it will be measured back to you.

³ And why do you look at the speck [mote] in your brother's eye, but do not consider the plank [beam] in your own eye?

⁴ Or how can you say to your brother, ‘Let me remove the speck from your eye’; and look, a plank *is* in your own eye?

⁵ Hypocrite! First remove the plank from your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother's eye.

⁶ “Do not give what is holy to the dogs; nor cast your pearls

1.2= Q1 = Judge (hypocritical/carnal judge) ~ criticize; accuse; * James 4:11-12; Matthew 5:22 (standard to judge) WISC vs Spirit (intent vs motive/heart (e.g. repent+forgive) *Hebrews 4:12 (GW/God) ; Psalm 139:23-24; Matthew 15:14; 1 Corinthians 11:31=> carnal judgment vs spiritual discernment

3= other's speck vs own beam (we can't see clearly; double standards – higher standard to others vs lower standard to own) * 2 Samuel 12:1-10 (5)

5= First remove the plank from your own eye (Self-Examination); remove the speck from your brother's eye. (correct; exhort; rebuke)

before swine, lest they trample them under their feet, and turn and tear you in pieces.

⁷“Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. ⁸For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened.

⁹Or what man is there among you who, if his son asks for bread, will give him a stone? ¹⁰Or if he asks for a fish, will he give him a serpent? ¹¹If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask Him! ¹²Therefore, whatever you want men to do to you, do also to them, for this is the Law and the Prophets.

¹³“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. ¹⁴Because narrow *is* the gate and difficult *is* the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it.

6= dogs; swine *2 Peter 2:22 = tear you in pieces (limited life & talents – wisdom) * John 8:58-59 vs 2 Timothy 4:2

7.8=Q2 = ASK (to His disciples, not to anybody) *Mark 11:24; John 16:24 != prosperity gospel (e.g. Mercedes Benz) => things not contrary to God or things for God, the Kingdom of God, His Righteousness

9-11. the lesser (the earthly Father, being evil ‘as filled with faults as we are’) vs the greater (the heavenly Father)

12= the Golden Rule (positive sentence != negative to other religions); the Law and the Prophets *Matthew 37-40

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WISC = Will, Intent, Sense, Conscience => soul

(James 4:11-12) “Do not speak evil of one another, brethren. He who speaks evil of a brother and judges his brother, speaks evil of the law and judges the law. But if you judge the law, you are not a doer of the law but a judge. ¹²There is one Lawgiver, who is able to save and to destroy. Who are you to judge another?”

(Matthew 5:22) But I say to you that whoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment. And whoever says to his brother, ‘Raca!’ shall be in danger of the council. But whoever says, ‘You fool!’ shall be in danger of hell fire.

(Hebrews 4:12) For the word of God *is* living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

(Psalm 139:23-24) Search me, O God, and know my heart;

Try me, and know my anxieties;

²⁴ And see if *there is any wicked way* in me,

And lead me in the way everlasting.

(Matthew 15:14) Let them alone. They are blind leaders of the blind. And if the blind leads the blind, both will fall into a ditch.”

(1 Corinthians 11:31) “For if we would judge ourselves, we would not be judged.”

=>carnal judgment vs spiritual discernment

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¹Then the LORD sent Nathan to David. And he came to him, and said to him: “There were two men in one city, one rich and the other poor. ²The rich *man* had exceedingly many flocks and herds. ³But the poor *man* had nothing, except one little ewe lamb which he had bought and nourished; and it grew up together with him and with his children. It ate of his own food and drank from his own cup and lay in his bosom; and it was like a daughter to him. ⁴And a traveler came to the rich man, who refused to take from his own flock and from his own herd to prepare one for the wayfaring man who had come to him; but he took the poor man’s lamb and prepared it for the man who had come to him.”

⁵So David’s anger was greatly aroused against the man, and he said to Nathan, “*As the LORD lives, the man who has done this shall surely die!*” ⁶And he shall restore fourfold for the lamb, because he did this thing and because he had no pity.”

⁷Then Nathan said to David, “You *are* the man! Thus says the LORD God of Israel: ‘I anointed you king over Israel, and I delivered you from the hand of Saul. ⁸I gave you your master’s house and your master’s wives into your keeping, and gave you the house of Israel and Judah. And if *that had been* too little, I also would have given you much more!’ ⁹Why have you despised the commandment of the LORD, to do evil in His sight? You have killed Uriah the Hittite with the sword; you have taken his wife *to be* your wife, and have killed him with the sword of the people of Ammon. ¹⁰Now therefore, the sword shall never depart from your house, because you have despised Me, and have taken the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be your wife.’”

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(2 Peter 2:22) “But it has happened to them according to the true proverb: “A dog returns to his own vomit,” and, “a sow, having washed, to her wallowing in the mire.”

(John 8:58-59) “Jesus said to them, “Most assuredly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I AM.”⁵⁹ Then they took up stones to throw at Him; but Jesus hid Himself and went out of the temple, going through the midst of them, and so passed by.”

(2 Timothy 4:2) Preach the word! Be ready in season *and* out of season. Convince, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching.

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(Mark 11:24) Therefore I say to you, whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive *them*, and you will have *them*.

(John 16:24) Until now you have asked nothing in My name. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full.

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*Matthew 22:37-40

(Matthew 22:37-40)³⁷ Jesus said to him, ““You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.”³⁸ This is *the* first and great commandment.³⁹ And *the* second *is* like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’⁴⁰ On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.”

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(John 10:7-9)⁷ 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.

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