

“YOU HAVE A CHOICE”

“YOU HAVE A CHOICE” DEU. 30: 15- 20

BLESSING /CURSING

LISTEN / IGNORE

SERVE GOD / DRAWN AWAY BY FLESHLY DESIRES

OBEY / DISOBEY

GATE TO THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN IS NARROW.

MATTHEW 7: 13-27 NKJV

THE NARROW WAY

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. 14 BECAUSE NARROW IS THE GATE AND DIFFICULT IS THE WAY WHICH LEADS TO LIFE, AND THERE ARE FEW WHO FIND IT. YOU WILL KNOW THEM BY THEIR FRUITS 15 “BEWARE OF FALSE PROPHETS, WHO COME TO YOU IN SHEEP’S CLOTHING, BUT INWARDLY THEY ARE RAVENOUS WOLVES. 16

YOU WILL KNOW THEM BY THEIR FRUITS.

DO MEN GATHER GRAPES FROM THORN BUSHES OR FIGS FROM THISTLES? 17 EVEN SO, EVERY GOOD TREE BEARS GOOD FRUIT, BUT A BAD TREE BEARS BAD FRUIT. 18 A GOOD TREE CANNOT BEAR BAD FRUIT, NOR CAN A BAD TREE BEAR GOOD FRUIT. 19 EVERY TREE THAT DOES NOT BEAR GOOD FRUIT IS CUT DOWN AND THROWN INTO THE FIRE. 20 THEREFORE BY THEIR FRUITS YOU WILL KNOW THEM.

I NEVER KNEW YOU

21 “NOT EVERYONE WHO SAYS TO ME, ‘LORD, LORD,’ SHALL ENTER THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN, BUT HE WHO DOES THE WILL OF MY FATHER IN HEAVEN. 22 MANY WILL SAY TO ME IN THAT DAY, ‘LORD, LORD, HAVE WE NOT PROPHESED IN YOUR NAME, CAST OUT DEMONS IN YOUR NAME, AND DONE MANY WONDERS IN YOUR NAME?’ 23 AND THEN I WILL DECLARE TO THEM, ‘I NEVER KNEW YOU; DEPART FROM ME, YOU WHO PRACTICE LAWLESSNESS!’

BUILD ON THE ROCK

24 “THEREFORE WHOEVER HEARS THESE SAYINGS OF MINE, AND DOES THEM, I WILL LIKEN HIM TO A WISE MAN WHO BUILT HIS HOUSE ON THE ROCK: 25 AND THE RAIN DESCENDED, THE FLOODS CAME, AND THE WINDS BLEW AND BEAT ON THAT HOUSE; AND IT DID NOT FALL, FOR IT WAS FOUNDED ON THE ROCK. 26 “BUT EVERYONE WHO HEARS THESE SAYINGS OF MINE, AND DOES NOT DO THEM, WILL BE LIKE A FOOLISH MAN WHO BUILT HIS HOUSE ON THE SAND: 27 AND THE RAIN DESCENDED, THE FLOODS CAME, AND THE WINDS BLEW AND BEAT ON THAT HOUSE; AND IT FELL. AND GREAT WAS ITS FALL.”

I. “DUEL” REALITIES - THE KINGDOM OF “HEAVEN” & “EARTH”

2 GATES - NARROW AND WIDE VS 13

2 WAYS - BROAD AND DIFFICULT VS 13

2 DESTINATIONS - ETERNAL LIFE - DESTRUCTION

2 CROWDS - MANY AND FEW VS 13-14

2 ANIMALS - SHEEP AND WOLVES VS 15

2 FRUITS - GOOD AND BAD VS. 16

2 TREES - GOOD TREE AND CORRUPT VS 18

2 BEHAVIORS - SAYERS AND DOERS VS 21

2 BUILDERS - WISE AND FOOLISH VS. 24

2 FOUNDATIONS - ROCK AND SAND VS 25

2 HOUSES - ONE STOOD AND ONE FELL VS 27

1. “2 GATES” - NARROW & WIDE

WE WERE BORN SPIRITUALLY DEAD

SALVATION - BORN AGAIN - CHRIST SAYS THAT ONE MUST CHOOSE TO ENTER THE

NARROW GATE (ONLY THROUGH CHRIST)

(LUKE 13: 24-25, 28) NKJV

24 "STRIVE TO ENTER THROUGH THE NARROW GATE, FOR MANY, WILL SEEK TO ENTER AND WILL NOT BE ABLE. 25 WHEN ONCE THE MASTER OF THE HOUSE HAS RISEN UP AND SHUT THE DOOR, AND YOU BEGIN TO STAND OUTSIDE AND KNOCK AT THE DOOR, SAYING, 'LORD, LORD, OPEN FOR US,' AND HE WILL ANSWER AND SAY TO YOU, 'I DO NOT KNOW YOU, WHERE YOU ARE FROM,' VS 28 THERE WILL BE WEEPING AND GNASHING OF TEETH FOR WHEN YOU SEE ABRAHAM, ISAAC, JACOB AND ALL THE PROPHETS IN THE KINGDOM OF GOD, BUT YOU WILL BE THROWN OUT.

DON'T PLAY WITH SIN

LIVE A LIFE OF SANCTIFICATION

SALVATION

FOR BY GRACE YOU HAVE BEEN SAVED. AND THAT NOT OF YOURSELF. IT'S A GIFT OF GOD, NOT OF WORKS LEST ANYONE CAN BOAST. BUT HE ALSO HAS GIFTED US TO LIVE A SANCTIFIED LIFE. SANCTIFICATION SET APART - DEATH TO THE FLESH STRIPPED OF EVERYTHING OF THE FLESH JESUS BOUGHT US A SWORD MY LIFE WILL BE FREE FROM EVERYTHING THAT DOES NOT CONNECT ME TO GOD

SANCTIFICATION IS - BEING MADE ONE WITH CHRIST

HEBREWS 3:14 NLT - UNBELIEVING HEART

MAKE SURE THAT YOUR OWN HEARTS ARE NOT EVIL AND UNBELIEVING, TURNING YOU AWAY FROM THE LIVING GOD. YOU MUST WARN EACH OTHER EVERY DAY, WHILE IT IS STILL TODAY. SO THAT NONE OF YOU WILL BE DECEIVED BY SIN AND HARDENED AGAINST GOD. IF WE ARE FAITHFUL TO THE END, TRUSTING GOD JUST AS WHEN WE FIRST BELIEVED, WE WILL SHARE TO ALL THAT BELONGS TO CHRIST.

HOW CAN WE BE FAITHFUL TO THE END?

TO THE BELIEVER, BECAUSE OF CHRIST WE HAVE VICTORY OVER THREE ARENAS IN OUR LIVES:

1. VICTORY OVER THE FLESH

ROMANS 6:14 SIN SHALL NOT HAVE DOMINION OVER YOU VS 18 SAYS, BEING MADE FREE FROM SIN YOU BECAME THE SERVANT OF RIGHTEOUSNESS.

2. VICTORY OVER THE WORLD

JOHN 15:19, WE ARE IN THIS WORLD BUT WE ARE NOT OF THIS WORLD.

3. VICTORY OVER THE DEVIL

COL 2:15, AND HAVING SPOILED PRINCIPALITIES AND POWERS, HE (JESUS) MADE A SHOW OF OPENLY, TRIUMPHING OVER THEM IN IT.

2. “2 WAYS” - BROAD IS THE WAY TO DESTRUCTION / AND WITH DIFFICULTY IS THE WAY THAT LEADS TO LIFE.

MATTHEW 11:12

NKJV

12 AND FROM THE DAYS OF JOHN THE BAPTIST UNTIL NOW THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN SUFFERS VIOLENCE, AND THE VIOLENT TAKE IT BY FORCE.

NIV.

“THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN HAS BEEN SUBJECT TO VIOLENCE, AND VIOLENT PEOPLE HAVE BEEN RAIDING IT”

CEV

VIOLENT PEOPLE HAVE BEEN TRYING TO TAKE OVER THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN BY FORCE”

HOW DO VIOLENT TAKE IT BY FORCE? ANSWER IT!

APOSTLE PAUL’S PERSECUTIONS.

HE TELLS US OF HIS TRIALS HE FACED AND HE ANSWERED EACH ONE.

2 COR. 4:8 & 9, (WE ARE TROUBLED ON EVERY SIDE...) PAUL ANSWERED, (YET NOT DISTRESSED) (WE ARE PERPLEXED) HIS ANSWER, (BUT NOT IN DESPAIR) (PERSECUTED) HE ANSWERS, (BUT NOT FORSAKEN) (CAST DOWN) HE ANSWERS, (BUT NOT DESTROYED)

3. “2 DESTINATIONS” - ETERNAL LIFE & DESTRUCTION / BEING SAVED & PERISHING

JEREMIAH 29:13 NKJV

13 AND YOU WILL SEEK ME AND FIND ME, WHEN YOU SEARCH FOR ME WITH ALL YOUR HEART.

2 COR 2:15 NLT “ OUR LIVES ARE A CHRIST-LIKE FRAGRANCE RISING UP TO GOD. BUT THIS FRAGRANCE IS PERCEIVED DIFFERENTLY BY THOSE WHO ARE BEING SAVED AND BY THOSE WHO ARE PERISHING. 16 TO THOSE WHO ARE PERISHING, WE ARE A DREADFUL SMELL OF DEATH AND DOOM. BUT TO THOSE WHO ARE BEING SAVED, WE ARE A LIFE-GIVING PERFUME. AND WHO IS ADEQUATE FOR SUCH A TASK AS THIS?

4. LORD PREPARE ME TO BE A SANCTUARY, PURE AND HOLY, TRIED AND TRUE.

IT IS YOU LORD, WHO CAME TO SAVE THE HEART AND SOUL OF EVERY MAN. AND IT'S YOU, LORD, WHO KNOWS MY WEAKNESS AND YOU GIVE ME STRENGTH WITH THINE OWN HANDS