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119 Sermon: Narrow Path

Brothers and sisters, I want to tell you something that many do not want to hear. I want to speak to you today about the narrow path—the path that leads to life. Yeshua Himself warned us in Matthew 7, "Enter by the narrow gate. For the gate is wide and the way is easy that leads to destruction, and those who enter by it are many. But the gate is narrow and the way is hard that leads to life, and those who find it are few." Do you understand what that means? Do you grasp the weight of His words? He is not speaking to pagans. He is not speaking to those who openly reject God.

He is speaking to those who claim to follow Him! And He is telling us that most people are on the road to destruction—even those who think they are saved!
Let that sink in...

Yeshua said, "Few will find it." Few. That means not everyone who claims to believe in Him will enter His kingdom. That means not everyone who wears tassels, who eats clean, who keeps the feasts will be saved. That should shake us.

And so, I must ask you: Are you on the narrow path? There are many who think they are walking in truth simply because they follow the commandments. But I tell you the truth—there will be those who keep the Torah, who keep the Sabbath, who eat clean, and yet they will be cast away. How do I know? Because Yeshua Himself said so. Matthew 7 "Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. On that day many will say to me, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many mighty works in your name?' And then will I declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from me, you workers of lawlessness.'" This is one of the most terrifying passages in Scripture.

Who are these people? They are not atheists. They are not people who openly reject God. No—these are people who thought they were serving Him!

They called Him "Lord"! They did works in His name! And yet, He says to them, “I never knew you.” Do you see? You can be religious and still be lost. You can know about Yeshua and not know Him. You can study the commandments and still be a worker of lawlessness. How many people today are deceived? How many think they are saved simply because they attend a congregation? Because they listen to good teachings? Because they study Hebrew? But they have never truly been born again.

The narrow path is not a casual walk. It is not an easy journey. It is a path of sacrifice. It is a path of death to self. It is a path of obedience. Yeshua said, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me." (Luke 9:23) That means you do not live for yourself anymore. Your dreams, your desires, your comforts—they die. And in their place, you live for Him.

But today, we have made salvation about a prayer. About a simple confession. About believing the right doctrine. But listen to me—if your life has not changed, if you do not walk in obedience, if you do not seek holiness, you are not on the narrow path. Do not deceive yourself. The Apostle John warned us: "Whoever says ‘I know Him’ but does not keep His commandments is a liar, and the truth is not in him." (1 John 2:4) The narrow path is a life of obedience. It is walking as Yeshua walked. It is loving what He loves and hating what He hates. It is pursuing holiness. Not just with your words. Not just on Shabbat. Not just when others are watching. But every moment of every day.

The narrow path will cost you everything. Yeshua said, "Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple." (Luke 14:27)

Are you willing to lose your reputation? Are you willing to lose relationships? Are you willing to suffer for righteousness? Many people want the blessings of Yahweh, but they do not want the cost. They want eternal life, but they do not want to die to self. They want forgiveness, but they do not want to forsake their sin. They want the crown, but they do not want the cross. But there is no other way. "If anyone does not renounce all that he has, he cannot be my disciple." (Luke 14)

If Yeshua is not your everything, then He is nothing to you. Paul gave us a warning that we must not ignore: "Examine yourselves, to see whether you are in the faith. Test yourselves." (2 Corinthians 13) Do you truly belong to Him? Or have you created a false version of faith that requires no obedience, no sacrifice, no transformation? Are you on the narrow path, or instead are you still walking in the ways of the world? Do you hate your sin? Do you tremble at His Word? Do you hunger for righteousness?

Or instead do you make excuses for your compromise? Do you justify your sins? Do you love the things of the world more than the things of God?

Do not be deceived—many who think they are saved will be lost.If you are hearing this today and you are convicted, do not harden your heart. Repent. Turn away from your sin. Stop playing games with God. Stop living in compromise.

Hebrews 3 - "Today, if you hear His voice, do not harden your hearts."

Fall on your face before Him. Cry out for mercy. Ask Him to change you, to cleanse you, to give you a new heart. And then rise up and follow Him. Walk in obedience. Walk in holiness. Walk in the fear of Yahweh.

The narrow path is not for the lazy. It is not for the half-hearted. It is not for those who love the world. It is for those who are willing to lose everything for the sake of the Kingdom.

Will you be among the few who find it? Or will you be like the many who thought they were saved, only to hear on that day, “Depart from Me”? The choice is before you. Choose this day whom you will serve.

We pray you have been blessed by this teaching.

Remember, continue to test everything. Shalom! For more on this and other teachings, please visit us at www.testeverything.net

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