



Lesson 16: A Second Group Of Parables

The Strait Gate: Warned Against Herod (Luke 13:22-35)
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Luke 13:22-27

22 And he went on his way through cities and villages, teaching, and journeying on unto Jerusalem.

23 And one said unto him, **Lord, are they few that are saved?** And he said unto them,

24 **Strive** to enter in by the narrow door: for **many**, I say unto you, shall seek to enter in, and shall not be able.

25 When once the master of the house is risen up, and hath **shut to the door**, and ye begin to stand without, and to knock at the door, saying, **Lord, open to us;** and he shall answer and say to you, **I know you not whence ye are;**

26 **then shall ye** begin to say, *We did eat and drink in thy presence, and thou didst teach in our streets;*

27 and **he** shall say, *I tell you, I know not whence ye are; depart from me, all ye workers of iniquity.* **ASV**

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Luke 13:25, "*When once the master of the house is risen up, and **hath shut to the door**, and ye begin to stand without, and to knock at the door, saying, Lord, open to us; and he shall answer and say to you, **I know you not whence ye are***"

- The time for entrance is limited, when the limited time has passed, he can not enter, no matter how earnestly he may seek or strive. (cf. Genesis 7:13-24)
- cf. Five foolish virgins. Matthew 25:1-13.
- Though addressing Him as Lord, they had refused His invitation. Now they are too late.
- cf. Matthew 7:21-23; 2 Timothy 2:19

Note: Pleading avails nothing (cf. Matthew 25:31). The door would not be narrow if it opened to excuses.

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- Their argument: Familiarity – Lord we know who you are.
 - **Familiarity does not equal fellowship.**
 - Not enough to listen to His teaching.
 - Must act upon the teaching. Matthew 7:24ff
 - Some are "ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth." 2 Timothy 3:7
 - The gospel will change who you are. Romans 12:2; Titus 2:11ff; 1 Peter 4:1ff; cf. 1 Corinthians 6:9-11

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 - Presence does not equal fellowship.

Luke 13:27, "*and he shall say, I tell you, I know not whence ye are; depart from me, all ye workers of iniquity.*"

- Their problem: The Lord did not know them!
cf. Matthew 7:21-23; 2 Timothy 2:19; John 10:1-6

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Luke 13:28, "*There shall be the weeping and the gnashing of teeth, when ye shall see Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, and all the prophets, in the kingdom of God, and yourselves cast forth without.*"

- Familiar expression. cf. Matthew 8:12; 13:42, 50; 22:13; 24:51; 25:30; see also Revelation 18:19
- A grating or gnashing of the teeth.
 - The image is drawn from a person in a fit of envy, rage, pain, and so forth (Acts 7:54; Sept.: Prov. 19:12, spoken of the roar or growl of the lion).
(The Complete Word Study Dictionary)

Psalms 112

112 Praise ye Jehovah. Blessed is the man that feareth Jehovah, that delighteth greatly in his commandments.

2 His seed shall be mighty upon earth: the generation of the upright shall be blessed.

3 Wealth and riches are in his house; and his righteousness endureth for ever.

4 Unto the upright there ariseth light in the darkness: (He is) gracious, and merciful, and righteous.

5 Well is it with the man that dealeth graciously and leneth; He shall maintain his cause in judgment.

Psalms 112

6 For he shall never be moved; the righteous shall be had in everlasting remembrance.

7 He shall not be afraid of evil tidings: His heart is fixed, trusting in Jehovah.

8 His heart is established, he shall not be afraid, until he see (his desire) upon his adversaries.

9 He hath dispersed, he hath given to the needy; His righteousness endureth for ever: His horn shall be exalted with honor.

10 The wicked shall see it, and be grieved; He shall gnash with his teeth, and melt away: the desire of the wicked shall perish.

STANDING OUTSIDE (Hymn Lyrics)

Verse 1: Judgment is surely coming, Coming to you and me, We will be judged that morning For all eternity; Some will go into Heaven, Others will be denied; Will you be in that number Standing outside?

Verse 2: Standing outside while loved ones, Enter the pearly gate, Knowing that there forever, You will then separate; To be away from loved ones And by your God denied; O what an awful picture, Standing outside!

Verse 3: Can you not see the picture Of those who're lost in sin, Standing outside the portals, Without a hope to win? Souls crushed with deepest sorrow, Without a friend to guide? O what an awful picture, Standing outside!

Chorus: Standing outside the portals, Standing outside denied, Knowing that with the demons Ever you shall abide; Never to share the beauties, Waiting the sanctified, O what an awful picture, Standing outside!

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- *Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and the prophets were not members of the church, but they did occupy a place in the eternal kingdom. (cf. 2 Timothy 4:18; cf. Luke 16:22ff).*
- **These Jews would be cast forth without! Why?**
- **NOTE: Hebrews 11:39-40**

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Luke 13:29, *“And they shall come from the east and west, and from the north and south, and shall sit down in the kingdom of God.”*

- *Adding to the anguish: These who had great opportunity but despised it; others without such opportunity received it.*
 - *Prophesied. Isaiah 2:2ff; 49:6; Daniel 2:44ff; Joel 2:32; Acts 2:21*
 - *Fulfilled: Acts 9:15; 10:45; 11:1; 18; Romans 9:6; 11:25-26; 15:9-12; Acts 13:46-48; Galatians 3:5-9, 14ff*

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Luke 13:30, *“And behold, there are last who shall be first, and there are first who shall be last.”*

- *This was a familiar proverb of Jesus (Matthew 19:30; 20:8-16; Mark 9:35), to be interpreted by such passages as Matthew 21:31; Luke 14:9-14 and Romans 9:4, 30.*
- *The Jew who thought the Gentile had no hope at all, and that he himself was sure of salvation, would be surprised to find that his opinion was the very opposite of the real fact.*