

Which ROAD are you on?

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Main Scripture: Matthew 7: 13 - 23

Supporting Scripture: Galatians 3: 27; John 10:1- 12; Romans 6:3-4; Colossians 2: 10 - 12; 1 Peter 3: 21; Revelation 20: 11- 15; Revelations 21: 8

Notes:

We are no ordinary people because of that this morning. There is no other name given under heaven whereby we must be saved. Behold God has become our salvation and it was given that we should call his name Jesus because He will save his people from our sin. There is one thing we know man does not have an answer for and that is the sin condition. We can't escape from it save the name of the Lord Jesus.

What a precious thing like the grace of God that has appeared to us. There is no greater gift. It is what God has given us so we may be redeemed from the darkness we have plunged into.

John the Baptist was preaching the message of repentance because the kingdom of heaven was coming. John the Baptist preached repentance and those who heard were baptized...they were immersed in water believing as John preached that they should believe in the one coming after him. When he comes he will baptize us with fire and the Holy Ghost.

This Jesus came to be baptized of John and John pointed him out. That's the one he was talking about would baptize us with the holy ghost and with fire. He said I must decrease but He (Christ Jesus) must increase because he has the power to forgive sins.

All came out to see John and they wanted to know if he was the Messiah but he said no the Holy one will be made known. We have to show the fruit of repentance he told us to be content with the wages and many other things that weren't heard of. If John made such an impact on the nation of Israel, how much more the message of Jesus. Jesus came preaching repentance because the kingdom of heaven is at hand.

The question is this morning: Which road are you journeying on?

Jesus allows us to know that the wide gate, the broadway takes no effort. Every man that is born is born in sin. Sin is in our DNA. We have inherited it. It doesn't matter if you are born to parents in the church, we are all born in sin. Every man on the broad way is driven by his fleshly desire. He may know God he may have a knowledge of God but if he doesn't surrender he is on the path to destruction.

The bible tells us when we look at those who are called to this great kingdom. Those who have surrendered their life, the bible tells us clearly that any man who wants to enter the straight gate must be born again. This birth is done through the spirit through the name of the Lord. When the bible tells us we must be born again we have to listen to what Jesus has to say and not necessarily what the preacher has to say but what the word of God says. We must read the words of Jesus and subject ourselves to his word. There is a spirit that is sweeping across the nation that folks believe there is a way to see Jesus outside of the way the Lord commanded.

John 10:1- 12

There is a single door and the shepherd takes care of those who enter through the door. Those shepherds back then, would fence a place where he keeps the sheep safe. The shepherd spends the night lying down where the door is so that wolves can't come in to the sheep without passing the shepherd. Jesus is that shepherd who keeps us safe. The Lord knows who belongs to him. We can sit like we are on the narrow way but the shepherd knows those who belong to him.

You can have many shepherds watering their sheep all from different flocks and when the shepherd is ready to move on it doesn't matter how many sheep are there when the shepherd says come they will follow. The only quality a sheep has is that they know the master's voice. They can be stubborn to search out the pasture. There was a sheep just eating pasture and kept eating her way over the cliff and all the other sheep followed the other sheep over the cliff. In the morning the shepherd saw about 40 of them all dead over the cliff. Jesus says when he calls his sheep by name they will follow because they know his voice. What is the voice of God? We want to hear the voice of God but we don't want to observe what the scripture says. If you reject the words of God? how will he speak beyond his own words. If you don't know what the Lord requires of us when the stranger comes we will listen. But Jesus did come with a sound good message but with a message that will stir us up. There were those who were looking to kill him simply by what he said. It wasn't a feel good message, it was one for us to know that to inherit life it will cost us something. "They won't follow a stranger because they don't know his voice."

Jesus said he is the gate for the sheep. You want to go in and find peace and safety you will have to pass through him. He condemned the religious order of the day calling them thieves and robbers. Salvation is with Jesus!

Peter preached after being crucified and resurrected and ascended to heaven and told them to tarry in Jerusalem. The sheep heard and so 120 believers waited for the power that would come on high and they were all filled with the holy ghost and they magnified God. This experience was noised abroad and many sought out what was happening. They thought they were drunk but they were not drunk they were filled with the Holy ghost and so Peter preached Jesus to them. When they recognized their only hope was in Jesus and they killed him they asked what shall we do? Peter said repent and be baptized - that is how you are identified with him and become a new creation in him. In Galatians it said all who are united with Christ are united in Baptism like putting on new clothes.

Romans 6:3-4 - Baptism in the name of Jesus is right!

Colossians 2: 10 - 12 - You have to be buried before you are resurrected. Baptism is how we are identified with Jesus Christ. You can't be sprinkled, you have to be immersed calling on the name of Jesus. There was no other baptism given.

John said he was the word made flesh and he spoke to us... at the name of Jesus every knee will bow.

1 Peter 3: 21

He was resurrected from the dead through the power in his name. Because he is resurrected you have power over sin if you believe in him. There are so many lies but I have come to tell you that broad is the way that leads to destruction.

If any man will come after Jesus must deny himself. Those who believe in Jesus are living a life of self denial. No man that puts his hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom. You can't serve two masters; you will either love one and hate the other. Those who are ready to lose their lives for Christ are on the narrow.

Revelation 20: 11- 15 - There was one throne and one sitting on it. Only one God. No room for three living spirits who never disagree. There was one on the throne. We see some things in this world and we don't understand. We see a race to go to space... the spirit in man is against God and the same spirit who after the flood of Noah and the Nimrod generation who did not want to hearken to God's authority said lets make a name for ourselves. They didn't want God's judgement so they made an escape for themselves. The nature of man knows the day of judgment is coming. You can feel it and see it and those who are rebelling against the name of the Lord are trying to find an escape but John saw the earth and sky running from his presence but they can't hide from God. There are folks who want their bodies to be burned because they don't believe in a resurrection. But John saw the dead being judged before God. - the Sea gave up his dead - so the folks who were buried in the sea or had their ashes scattered in the seas. God took note and all of them came back to be judged according to his deed. What we have now is some soft preaching to make us feel like we are sailing on cloud 9. When I was younger you would search out your soul after the message was preached. Now we have folks preaching who are ok to have you sin in sin. No you must repent of it. Hell is real. Anyone who refuses to taste Jesus - John said they were thrown into the lake - that's the result of the Broadway... you have a smooth sail all the way to a lake of fire.

What will you do when you stand before him? Will there be an excuse?

Revelation 21: 1- 6 - This is the end result of those who suffered. John said he saw a new heaven and a new earth and God will be with his people and wipe away all tears from your eyes. After the suffering and the persecution and being looked on with scorn and contempt there is a new heaven and a new earth. After refusing to be numbered with the transgressors and hearken to the doctrine of devils. After being ridiculed and being mocked - John saw a new city prepared for those who suffered. Those who believed the gospel of Jesus will have a new heaven and a new earth. I would rather suffer for Jesus and not be removed from the simplicity of the gospel of Jesus Christ. I rather Jesus than houses and land and having ambition in this world and going to a grave of fire. You can keep the pleasures of this world. Let the world pass away but those who love him and keep his command (doesn't matter if they kill us) we know for sure that there is a day of resurrection we are not afraid of death because it has no power over the blood washed one. When you think of the message of Jesus it is life more abundantly. He didn't die to keep us quiet, it was blood that flowed from his body. This message must be revealed and must be preached as it is revealed we can't attach our opinions to it anything else will be burned.

Mathew 7: 14 - only those who are searching for truth will find it.

Revelations 21: 8 -

The man who will receive this gift knows there is something more to life than doing nothing and following the course of this world. There is a thirst on the inside. Your mind says there is a better job so you got a better job but you feel the same way. You go on a vacation but as you come back you feel the same old feeling but what you need is the power to break the fleshly desire. We have too many people in the assembly who are led by the flesh and not by the spirit and the end result is death but the spirit gives life. But Jesus gives those who are thirsty freely from the fountain of life. You don't need to give a gift or sow no seed; it's free. Freely received and freely given. If you thirst, talk to Jesus, believe in what he has to say.

Jesus will write on your heart his laws and he will seal you with the gift of the holy ghost. He who overcomes the pride of life and the lust in the world because they fight against God, they will inherit all things and God will be his God and you his son. The name Jesus comes to empower us. We who were far off are reconciled to him by the name Jesus.

Is your name written there? Are you ready for the return of the lord? Fearful? those who quench the spirit knowing the right thing and wont do it are you ready?

Abominable - there are laws against what the scripture teaches and no one wants to say you're in sin it is wrong - not those who want to lord themselves over others but those who have a heart for people.

Idolaters- love themselves and pleasure more than God. It is evident in our social media platforms everything is about an individual and proving how much better our lives are.

Liars - All liars - every one of them will have their part in the lake - you're dead dead- stiff stone dead. No hope.

Are you ready? You see folks who cancel on church don't want to show up in church because they have other activities more important than church. This book has actions for those - I am not talking about lazy people but those who work - When God says he will take care of us he will take care of us. When we leave the house of God to look for bread and reject the word of God you will find no success.

Matthew 7: 21

We get so church'd out with the culture of different assemblies so we believe the culture of the assembly but not the word of God. Lots of people say Lord Lord or Jesus Jesus will enter the kingdom... So if you're in church, calling on the name of the Lord is to have the intention to be in the presence of the Lord. But only those who will do the will of the Lord will enter. Believe in Jesus whatever he says, do it. Remember what Mary says, whatever he said to do, do it. Only those who do the will of the father will enter. On judgement day many will say Lord Lord...

Do you remember the 70 Jesus sent out to heal the sick and they came back happy that the demons were subjected to them but Jesus said don't rejoice over that rejoice because your name is written in the lambs book of life. Brothers and sisters when you go to an assembly and they promote deliverance over the name of God you are in the wrong church. I believe in healing and in deliverance in the name of Jesus and I believe we have authority in the name of Jesus but none of these things stand above the word of God. When you see preachers promoting healing above the word of God they give a lying spirit. Jesus didn't make much of these miracles but he had boldness to preach the word of God.

Look at Noah who built the ark and preached to come into the ark but then never had the privilege to lock the door. God locked the door. Some may have helped him build the ark but didn't believe it. When the rain fell and the fountains of the deep opened they beat on that door but God locked it. Only Noah was saved.

Which road are you on this morning? Is your name written down?

There are folks who are almost persuaded - they soon come but never ready.

There is a story of the lady who was preached to and she believed but was never ready and got sick and felt the water was too cold to be baptized but on her deathbed she felt hell's fire. There are those who think that one foot is in and one foot is out but the truth is both feet are out. The unseen eye is looking down beholding the evil in this world.

Which road are you on? Time clock is striking the hour.