

~~~~~WHO'S MINISTRY IS IT ?~~~~~

Acts 19: 13-20

Then certain of the vagabond Jews, exorcists, took upon them to call over them which had evil spirits the name of the Lord Jesus, saying, We adjure you by Jesus whom Paul preached. Vs 14. And there were seven sons of one Sceva, a Jew, and chief of the priests, which did so. Vs 15. And the evil spirit answered and said, Jesus I know, and Paul I know; but who are you? Vs 16. And the man in whom the evil spirit was leaped on them, and overcame them, and prevailed against them, so that they fled out of that house naked and wounded. Vs 17. And this was known to all the Jews and Greeks also dwelling at Ephesus; and fear fell on them all, and the name of the Lord Jesus was magnified. Vs 18. And many that believed came, and confessed, and showed their deeds. Vs 19. Many of them also which used curious arts brought their books together, and burned them before all men: and they counted the price of them, and found it fifty thousand pieces of silver. Vs 20. So mightily grew the word of God and prevailed.

Luke is writing this and he says “ *then certain of the vagabond Jews*”. Now we have to back up beyond this verse to see what Luke is speaking about here. Let’s go back to Acts chapter 19 verse 8 I want to input this to set the context of what Luke is saying in the 13th verse. “ *and he went into the synagogue, and spoke boldly for the space of three months* “ now this is Paul doing this “*disputing and persuading the things concerning the kingdom of God*” Vs 9 “ *But when divers were hardened*” that means different ones of them were hardened, they were stiff-necked and they didn’t want to hear the truth anymore. Do you understand what I’m saying? We will face this same situation in our life. People don’t want to hear the truth anymore. Jesus said “ *men don’t like light*”. What do they like? Darkness, they like their ignorance that they stay in. So that’s what we have to learn that we are going to deal with. I had a man call me one night, he had a friend he was talking to and he was sharing the scriptures with him. He called to get some scripture to help witness to this man he was speaking with. He said “ *what if he don’t want to hear this*”. My return was; “ *they are sitting there listening aren’t they? They are asking questions aren’t they?*” There is a time for it. But they will come to a place when you can do nothing else with them. When you come to that place, and God took me there with a brother of mine. One of my brothers, in the natural, and I know

God sent me to minister to him and I did off and on for several years. It came to a place one day where I just made a statement and I asked him a question, why was he driving 85 mph in a 55 mph zone and why are you up on the bumper of the person in front of us. I asked “do you put breaks on this car very often?” He said, “yes”. I said, “I know why”. He got very angry. A few minutes later he got on the interstate and he had the pedal flat on the floor and the car had a 170,000 miles on it and I said “you know we may not make it to where we are going, we may not have a wreck, but the car may not make it the way you’re running it, you should take care of it.” He just screamed at me, and when he screamed at me the Lord spoke to me and said; “You’ve gone as far as you can go now.” So I never said another word, I just let him go. We went on to his home, because we were there on vacation, and the next morning when we got up he went on to work and he never even spoke to me. He was still angry because I had questioned him in what he was doing. I didn’t say he was bad, I just question him in what he was doing. There was no justifiable reason for him to be driving like that. He had told me it was his right to do what he wanted. But God had spoke to me and told me I had gone as far as I could with him. So the next morning my wife and I got up and left, and continued our vacation at another location we had intended to go later. God told me I couldn’t do any more with him, because he wouldn’t hear what I say. If we come to a place where we become hardened, stiff-necked or unteachable, God will not force it on you. Do you realize that? God will not make you take this. You want the truth, you got it. You don’t, fine. But we have to listen to what God says, and when He says “that’s enough”. Then I have to leave it alone. Do you agree? You see it’s not about what I want to do, it’s not that I want someone to read the word, it’s not about me wanting someone to come to church, it’s what does God want in your life. If God says “let them go”, then what are you supposed to do.

Paul turned some over in the scriptures, Hymenaeus and Alexander, to the buffeting of the flesh. Did he not? It says “*turned them over to satan* “. Do you think that was some devil with a pitchfork and horns on his head? He turned them over to their own thinking. If you want to go there, go ahead.

Vs 9: “*they were hardened and believed not*” so when people become hardened and want to argue against you in truth; what does that tell you? As in this verse we are speaking about it says “after they were hardened, then what, (and believed not). The only way people argue and fuss about the

word of God is because they don't believe it. If you believe in the word of God, why would you want to argue about it? It's only the doubt and unbelief that causes you to argue the truth of God. It's only doubt and unbelief. Back into the verse again, “ *but spoke evil of the way before the multitude*”. Evil of what way? The way of God. Today when you speak the truth of God you'll have people, not worldly people mind you, worldly people could care less what you talk about, but it's church folk that will speak evil of you. A lot of church folk are unbelievers, if they were believers, why would the fuss with God. That is why there is so much confusion. I have heard of “ great meetings they have after church, the so called business meetings” where the people's real nature comes out in them. We can all come in and restrain ourselves for a few minutes and sit down and act civil to one another can't we. That is what happens in churches. They come in and restrain themselves because of a religious obligation they feel. But see God is not concerned with a few minutes on Sunday morning, or Thursdays, Wednesday or any other day. He is concerned with your TOTAL lifestyle. That's all it's about. JUST YOUR TOTAL LIFE. If I come in on Sunday morning and I act civil to everybody for an hour or two while we are here, and then I go out and act like I really am; what does that say about me? I'm a non-believer. If I believed what I am living right now then I have got to live it. There is no choice about it. It's either YOU ARE or YOU ARE NOT. Are you in the kingdom or are you not? That's all, it's real simple isn't it. “ *but they spoke evil of the way before the multitude*”. Everybody who comes against God's word, always needs the support of the **multitude**. Why? Because they don't believe what they really think they do. They are trusting in the strength of the multitude. They think this is a democratic society. Well guess what, America is democratic. But God is not an American, is He? He's not worried about rules and regulations that man has put up. God has got His own way, and that is what He is dealing with. Continuing now in verse 9: “*he departed from them, and separated the disciples, disputing daily in the school of one Tyrannus.*” So in disputing he was discussing scripture.

Verse 10: “*and this continued by the space of two years; so that all they that dwelt in Asia heard the word of the Lord Jesus, both Jews and Greeks.*” So it's not wrong for them to hear the word is it? I was sharing with a lady last night and I said in all the churches I was ever in, whenever God gave a truth out, they would go (shh!!). Don't say that out until we put our approval on it. Don't dare put it out in public, because we may decide we don't agree

with that. Well guess who's in charge! God is, he can say anything He wants to and in any time He wants to. Can He not?

Verse 11: “*and God brought special miracles by the hands of Paul:*” Verse 12: “*So that from his body were brought unto the sick handkerchiefs or aprons, and the diseases departed from them, and the evil spirits went out of them.*” If you think in those aprons or those napkins they carried there was some supernatural powers you missed the point of it. They had faith in this man called “Paul” who was a new testament type of Christ. He was the man walking out the plan that God had set before us, and we are supposed to be doing this same thing. They were trusting in the man, again guess what? That's religion. You don't trust in the man. You trust in that Spirit of God that is in that man or woman. It's not anything to do with the MAN. It's not about Paul, but they were trusting in him.

Verse 13: “*Then certain of the vagabond Jews, exorcists*”(what do you think that is – exorcists? They were playing with magic, they were playing with the evil side of things)(and what kind of Jews were they? Vagabonds. What do you think of when you hear the word “vagabond? It's someone that travels about and is never settled. God wants us to realize that there are people that do not care about the truth of God enough that they will set there roots down. In Psalms it says,“*I was like a tree planted by the waters.*” A tree sets down and it doesn't move does it? It has it's place. I'm not picking on Evangelists, because there are Evangelists. I don't have a problem with that. I'm speaking of vagabond Jews. “*Then certain of the vagabond Jews, exorcists,*” that is speaking of people playing with things they really don't understand. There are a lot of people that play with the word of God, but they are only doing it for one thing. What is it? Man's money. That is what it is about. Men's wallets (money). That is their God and that is what they are doing it for. There are a whole lot of people that travel the country who say they preach the word of God and the money factor is what it is all about. If you don't put the dollar sign out there, they won't come. That is the truth I could name names, but I won't. I could name a whole bunch of them. They are prostitutes that's what they are. “*took upon them to call over them which had evil spirits the name of the Lord Jesus, saying, we adjure you by Jesus whom Paul preaches*”. There are a whole lot of people who are preaching, teaching, running all kinds of ministries and I mean it can be singing, dancing, and I don't care what else. There is ministry doing this stuff. People are calling it ministry. God says “ unless I set it, it is not”. If God doesn't set the ministry, guess what it is? It's a vagabond ministry. It

is not GOD CALLED. Do you know how many out here are not called to do on the positive side? Would anyone want to guess at the number, the figure? These are people that are doing things, like vagabond Jews. The vagabond Jews had never got themselves settled in any one place because they were always running around. Guess what they do? They say “ Oh, that looks pretty good, I’ll bet I could do that”. So they jump in the system and run. When I first started in church, there was a group of men and all these young men could think about was, “ man I need me a bus, I need me a bus, I mean I gotta have me a bus to travel.” Well you know I’ve never found a bus anywhere in this book for a ministry. What was there ministry about? They wanted to have a bus so they could run around with their name on the side of that bus and say “ this is ours “. It was not rooted and grounded in the Spirit of God. I know that there are people out there that God has doing different things, but if it’s in God you will be able to discern that. You’ll be able to discern it. There is a whole bunch that’s doing things that they shouldn’t be doing. This verse says “ *we adjure you by the Jesus whom Paul preaches* “. If you have a true intimate relationship with God, and you don’t get **yourself** involved in this thing, you’ll be amazed what can happen. You’ll be totally amazed. It’s not what you can accomplish. It’s what you can do that God has instructed you to do.

Example: If someone hired me and he instructed me to clean the kitchen up. Now he’s the boss and the boss doesn’t have to tell the hired person all the reasoning. He just tells me to go do the job. He hires me and has instructed me to clean the kitchen. The instructions are: He wants me to wash every pot, pan, dish, spoon, fork and knife in the place. I am now on the job and I walk into the kitchen and I say to myself “ man this kitchen floor is dirty, I need to clean this floor.” Then I get down and I scrub, wax and buff it and it’s like a mirror it is just beautiful. Sounds great, I did a good thing didn’t I, but it wasn’t the thing I was told to do. The boss had a plan, and we’re going to let him be like God. You see God has a plan. The boss had said” I want you to clean everything up”, for a specific reason. He didn’t have to tell me the reason, he’s boss. God doesn’t have to tell us every reason. He has this plan and I don’t have a clue what He’s going to do, and that is where most people are. They are working for God, but they don’t have a clue what God is doing. Now the boss comes back and he walks in and says, “ What have you been doing?” Because he told me what to do, and what did he expect me to do? THE DISHES. You see he had a plan for all those dishes that I wasn’t aware of. All I did was blow his plan up. Guess what. He was planning on feeding four hundred people and we haven’t got a clean

plate in the house. What's he going to do, feed them off the floor? Everyone wants to say, "see I did a good thing didn't I?" But I was not obedient. I didn't do what he asked me to do. That's what God is trying to show us that we've got to have this intimate relationship.

They didn't know Jesus. They knew the Jesus that Paul preached about. When we take something that casual, and just think I can use the power of God to do what someone else did. Guess what! We're going to mess up a whole lot of things. That is what the "church" is doing. We've got to learn this intimate relationship with God. When we do, now go back to when this man hired me, if I had an intimate relationship with my employer and knew his thought processes I would have understood what he had in mind. I would have known, "hey, I've got to do these dishes because he's got a bunch of people to feed"; and if I had been intimate and had known him (and not just someone Paul preached about) if I had known this person and his plans (and God has revealed by His Spirit what He's got for us). If we listen to the Spirit of God and not run off in self, guess what I won't be messing up God's plan. I won't be getting myself in trouble. I will be doing what God said as **I have an intimate relationship**. I know what is going on. My wife and I have an intimate relationship (I'll keep it out of the gutter), because we have relationship everyday. We talk about things. So she knows what I'm thinking about and I know what she's thinking about. We work together as a team much better, because we have that relationship. I don't say " well I'm gonna do what I think that woman is gonna do" because that's what those vagabond Jews were doing. You see they had no intimate relationship. So they didn't know what the plan really was did they? That's why they got in trouble.

Now look what happens. Verse 14 "*and there were seven sons of one Sceva a Jew and chief of the priests,* (so these were sons of a religious priest) (Sceva means: mind reader (wonder what side of the fence that's on?) It's surely not the God mind. We're not supposed to be reading minds. That's not what it's about. So this priest hatched out seven little ones just like him didn't he? He just had the robes that's all.

Verse 15: "*And the evil spirit answered and said,*" (see they called Jesus' name over these people but they didn't have any relationship, look what this spirit said to them. I think it was funny) "*Jesus I know, and Paul I know; but who are you?*" Huh? Right there I'd say you were in trouble. There are a lot of people that get in that problem. "*But who are you?*"? What's this question really asking? What is this question really asking you? **WHO**

ARE YOU REALLY? Are you just a flesh person? Just a human, or are you really a Son of God? I don't think those seven sons knew who they were. Do you? Because the word says "*I give you power over all the power of the enemy and you shall walk on serpents and scorpions and nothing by any means shall hurt you*". That tells me that those boys didn't know who their father was. They thought Sceva the mind reader was their father; but yet I know who my Father is, and those spirits have no power over me. None whatsoever. You see right here is where it's at, until you find out who you are those spirits will lie to you, they will deceive you, and guess what else they'll do to you. (Verse 16)

Verse 16: "*And the man in whom the evil spirit was leaped on them, and overcame them, and prevailed against them, so that they fled out of the house naked and wounded.*" You want to be exposed? Go out there and jump in something you aren't supposed to be in. God will expose you. He's not speaking about some naked man, He's not speaking about stripping your clothes off ; what He's doing is He will strip off the veil of humanity that you have wrapped around, what you are calling ministry. He will strip it, I promise you. You will be revealed. Did He say "*everything done in darkness will be revealed?*" It will be revealed. So if we want things to happen in our lives, and be exposed in this negative context, then we won't have the intimate relationship, we'll just try and play with it. We must have an intimate relationship with God.

Verse 17: "*And this was known to **who** " all the Jews and Greeks" that means it is everyone. Everyone knew that these seven sons were stripped naked and fled out of the house. I don't know what you would feel about it, I'm not a very shy person, but I wouldn't want to be stripped naked in front of a bunch of people. Would you? What do you think that made those people feel like? Isaiah chapter four says "*in that day seven women will take hold of one man*" that is the Christ, "*but let us wear our own apparel and eat our own food*". We are supposed to be wearing the righteousness of Christ, true? We are to be eating the word of God, His bread. Right? That is what church is doing. Seven women, same as the seven churches in the book of Revelation. The churches only want this for one reason if you read the rest of Isaiah chapter four, verse one and two it says "*only let us be called by your name to take away our reproach* (or our shame, or our disgust). Just let us be call Christian, so we can be thought to be a good person. Is that what it is about? Is it about people looking at you saying you are a " good person"? They are supposed to look at you and see the Christ in*

you. That is all it's about. It is not about this flesh that's walking, **it's about the Spirit of God that is within YOU.** Back to this verse 17 “ *and this was known to all the Jews and Greeks also dwelling at Ephesus;* the word “ Ephesus”, means permitted. You get in a place of permissiveness, and this is where our society has come today, everything is permitted, in the church world especially. Anything just to get people in the door. Anything is permitted to go. Right? Well you know that is where you get in trouble. God has already set guidelines; true or false ? He has set the guidelines. I spoke with a girl from New York and she said “ well we've got try to live right”. I said “ no you have missed it when you try to do anything”. You've got to be what's in your heart. If you don't believe in your heart that you are holy and righteous, there is nothing you can do to live holy and righteous. You have to know you are holy and righteous in your heart because of what Jesus done on the cross two thousand years ago. It is not about what you do, it is what He has already done. We've got to come beyond this thinking process that I can make this flesh be acceptable to God. This flesh is not acceptable. Flesh and blood does not enter the Kingdom of God. It is only Spirit that enters in to the realm of Spirit. We must get out of this thinking that we can fluff and buff and make this thing look pretty, because it is not going to make it. That is not what it is about. We've got to come back to the place and understand this: Galatians 6: Verse 6, 7, and 8. “ *God is not mocked, man will reap what he sows.*” It is not speaking about the “man” in particular, it's speaking about humanity, all of humanity. Whatever I do, I will reap it. God is not mad at me, God is not punishing me, God set a law in effect, as surely as He set a law of gravity in the earth. If I hold a basket in my hand and drop it, there is nothing that can stop it. If I drop it in an open space, it will fall. God has set another law in effect, called the law of reaping and sowing. It is found in Gal. 6: as I have said “*God is not mocked, man will reap what he sows if he sows to the flesh he'll reap of that flesh corruption (or death) and if he sows spiritual things he'll reap the life of the ages*”. Now is God doing anything to me? If I go out and rob a bank and they throw me in prison; can I say God is punishing me? I can say it, but it wouldn't be true. The truth is, I've done something wrong and now I am reaping what I sowed. I did it to me, God is not punishing anyone. How can He punish anyone when Jesus went to the cross to pay for the sins of the **entire** world? Come on, now is God double minded? No, but people are. We think God is mad at us, because we don't have that intimate relationship like these seven Vagabond Jews. We don't know that our Father loves us. We are thinking what the natural shows us. If you treat someone bad in the natural, they will usually flog you won't they? So we think that our

Spiritual Father is just like this natural father. Sorry! That is not the same picture. If you have that intimate relationship with your father, do you think that I think my father is not going to forgive me for any mistake that I make? He weighs the thoughts and intents of my heart. If my heart is to serve Him, and yet I make a mistake, is God going to through me in some eternal hell that doesn't exist anyway? The only reason that someone can think that there is an eternal hell where God will punish you for eternity is because they don't have an intimate relationship with their God. They don't! I'm sorry that is the truth! If you know God, the book says God is who? **LOVE. GOD IS LOVE.** How can someone love and take something like a precious and innocent baby and torture him for eternity? There is nothing in the scripture that says a baby goes straight to heaven and nothing is to be dealt with, that is some of the "religious stuff" that is thrown in. Can God hurt that baby? People do! God can't hurt the baby, God loves him just as much as He loves you and I. We have got to get this thinking out of our head, that God is mad at you. God is not mad at you. He wants you to have this relationship that these people did not have. These seven vagabond Jews, I think they just represent the seven churches, because that is what the church is doing. They're speaking of a God that they have no relationship with. Guess what? That is just going to get them in trouble. They are going to get exposed. I promise you, they will be exposed. "*And fear fell on all them*" (on all, all who? Everybody that was around, the Jews and the Greeks, the religious folk and the worldly folk, they all seen it) "*and the name of the Lord Jesus was magnified*" (or glorified, or lifted up)

Verse 18: "*And many that believed came, and confessed*" What does that mean? Because they saw that God exposed these vagabond Jews, *these people who say they are Jews, but they do lie, but they are of the synagogue of satan* it says in Revelation. He exposed them. When he saw that God would expose these people; guess what happened? They start thinking, and oh watch out when you think. You are going to say "hey, wait a minute, maybe I've got something in my closet that I'd better get out. So what happened? All these people came out and confessed what they were doing. They really told of all this magic they were doing like all the other vagabond Jews were doing. They were playing in the soul realm. They weren't serious with God. Now let's look more into this verse. "*And many that believed came*" Whoa! Wait a minute. He didn't say worldly people. What did he say? *Many that believed.* Who is that? That is the church people today. When you realize that God is truly going to start to expose things in the earth today, you're going to get your house right. These were believers,

and when they saw that God exposed these “ vagabond Jews”, guess what? They said “ whoa, what about us, we better get things right”. “ *And they confessed and showed their deeds*” (or what they had been doing). That means they exposed what they had been doing.

Verse 19: “ *Many of them also which used curious arts*” (Guess what that is? That is all these books, with magic stuff and spells, curses and things like that. You see they brought all this stuff that they were hiding and doing in secret in their home, but they were believers. They were playing with horoscopes and the astrology, trying to figure out what God is going to do in their lives. Who do you have to ask to find out the answer? GOD. You don’t have to try and figure it out some other way. God has got all the answers. These people are just out for your money. Back into the verse: “*they brought their books together, and burned them before all*” (men, is an added word) “ *and they counted the price of them, and found it (to be what?) fifty thousand* (What does fifty mean? Jubilee. In the year of Jubilee everything is set free. When you quit playing with all this religious junk; when you quit trying to run around being a vagabond Jew, God can put you in a place where you are totally free. In the fiftieth year everyone was set free. Everything that was lost was restored to you. Everything you sold was restored. If you gave it away it was restored back to you. If you drank it away it was given back to you. If you gambled it away, God brought it back, that was the law. I’m telling you, right now God is restoring all things. It’s a restoration of all things. That was a Jewish culture. This happened every fifty years. Let’s say you owned a farm of a half a million acres, and you went on this big gambling binge and gambled it all away. You had owned this farm for twenty-five years. In twenty-five years it was coming back to you no matter what. If you had it forty-nine years and you sold it (“you wouldn’t get much out of it, because whoever bought it was only going to pay a small price for it because it would be restored to you”) the farm would be restored back to you. So it is a process, that when God exposes everything, people are going to start getting their lives changed. And the value they had placed on them brought them to Jubilee. The restoring of what it should be. When we get all these things out of our lives the curious arts, the magic, the astrology and many other things that religion has put in our minds. We can come to a place of Jubilee. The restoration of all things. The full manifestation of all this is coming about right here. This is a Spiritual book about Spiritual things, inspired by the Spirit of God, written by Spiritual men to Spiritual people and we have to read it by the Spirit of God and not by our intellect. It’s all about the mind. It’s the mind.

Why did He say “*put on the mind of Christ*”? So you can control a piece of dirt, come on! It’s about you having this intimate relationship with God. That is what it is about! How can I have a relationship with God when I’m in the flesh? The book says “*they that seek to please God cannot do it in the flesh, but it’s to be by the Spirit*”. We’ve got to get into the mind of Christ so we can have the Spirit of Christ so we can have that relationship. The flesh can’t stand in the presence of God. My flesh can’t any more than your flesh can. I have to come to the place where I have that relationship with my Father and you do too, and everything else is pushed away. No matter how valuable it is, fifty thousand pieces of silver doesn’t mean anything. It’s all there because you realize the value of God in your life verses all that other stuff. When you come to this place, it’s already paid for. God has set it in motion.

Verse 20: “*So mightily grew the word of God and prevailed.*” When I get everything else out of my way, what can happen with the word of God in my heart. It can come to maturity. That’s the third realm. The third day. The feast of Tabernacles. That’s maturity. Everything else has to go, because nothing goes into the Holy of Holies, but Spirit. It’s in you. It’s not a geographical location. I can’t go to Israel and walk into a building and think I’m going to meet God there. I meet God right in my heart. Right in my mind. The Holy of Holies is within you. You are the Tabernacle of God. He dwells within you, but you can’t come to the inner most part until you get rid of all that baggage. All that baggage has got to go. Now I have a few more verses that I feel that the Lord wants me to expound. Let’s look at Matthew chapter seven verses twenty-one through twenty three. This is about the first portion of this writing when I touched on the vagabond Jews doing their own thing. It’s about the people today (Christians) going out doing what they think is what God wants them to do verses hearing what the Spirit of God says.

Verse 21: “*Not everyone that says unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; (but everyone else says “ that’s someone else. Nobody takes responsibility for their own life they think they are all covered “ just because”) but he that does the will of my Father which is in heaven.*” Now, what are we going to do to enter the kingdom? THE WILL OF THE FATHER. You see it is not what I want to do, or even what I like to do. It’s not even about what I don’t like to do. It’s about whose will? The Fathers will. It’s not my will, it is God’s will.

Verse 22: “ *Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in your name?*” and in your name cast out devils? And in your name done many wonderful works? We’re talking about Pentecostal people that have walked all the way to the second day. They cast out devils, healed the sick, prophesying, and God says “ *depart from me you workers of iniquity.*” (iniquity is what God said those things they had just done, was). Prophesying, casting out devils and healing the sick. He called it iniquity. We know that those are not bad things are they? Again they were done by the vagabond Jews, not by ***SPIRIT LED*** Christians. You see if we are led by the Spirit of God it is not iniquity, but if we are led by the mind of ourselves, guess what it is? It’s iniquity.

Verse 23: “*And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, you that work iniquity.*” Now lets look at another passage, Luke chapter thirteen verse twenty-four; this is a parable that parallels with what I just spoke of in Matthew chapter twenty-three.

Verse 24:” *Strive to enter in at the strait gate: for many, I say unto you, will seek to enter in, and shall not be able.*” Which gate did he tell you to go into? The strait one. Matthew seven verses thirteen and fourteen says: “ *Enter you in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leads to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: Verse 14: Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leads unto life, and few there be that find it.*” Few, you see everybody is not going to find this gate because they really don’t want to go there. They prefer to go in this big, wide easy way, correct?

Let’s go back to Luke Chapter thirteen:

Verse 25: “ *When once the master of the house is risen up, and has shut to the door, and you begin to stand without, and to knock at the door, saying, Lord, Lord, open unto us; and he shall answer and say unto you, I know you not whence you are:*” Or where are you from. Are you from the Kingdom or not? That’s what He’s going to ask you.

Verse 26: “ *Then shall you begin to say, We have eaten and drunk in you presence, and you have taught in our streets.*”

Verse 27: “ *But he shall say, I tell you, I know you not whence you are; depart from me, all you workers of iniquity.*”

Verse 28: *“There shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth, when you shall see Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, and all the prophets, in the kingdom of God, and you yourselves thrust out.”*

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

They are coming from the four corners of the earth. I don't want to be one of them that are not sitting in the kingdom.

Verse 30: *“And, behold, there are last which shall be first, and there are first which shall be last.”*

Verse 31: *“The same day there came certain of the Pharisees, saying unto him, Get thee out, and depart hence: for Herod will kill thee.”*

Verse 32: *“And he said unto them, Go ye, and tell that fox, Behold, I cast out devils, and I do cures today and tomorrow, (What two days is that? Passover and Pentecost. Today and tomorrow. The first two days. And what day shall I be perfected? The third day. Well, if Jesus is going to be perfected on the third day; what day are you going to be perfected on? We are not talking about a twenty-four hour period of a day. We are talking about a realm of maturity to walk into. If Jesus was not resurrected until the third day then I'm not going to be resurrected until I come to maturity. Isaiah chapter twenty-eight, verse nine: “ *Whom shall he teach knowledge? and whom shall he make to understand doctrine? Them that are weaned from the milk, and drawn from the breasts.*” You see momma is the one that produces the milk. Right? She's the one that has the breasts to feed with. Female context, who are we talking about? The church. The church. In the first two realms of the church, dust and sand, the first two days, first day, second day. All it is, is milk. He says” I'm not even going to teach you doctrine, wisdom or knowledge until you come out of those first two realms. If you don't come to maturity I'm not going to teach you.” That is what Isaiah told us. You can't hear it until you get out of the dust and the sand. If you live in a dust storm that all you'll be focusing on is the dust storm. But on the third day I'll be perfected. Let's go back to Luke chapter thirteen.*

Verse 33: *“ Nevertheless I must walk today and tomorrow, (although it's all about the third day, he says don't worry I've still got to walk the first and second day. You can't stand and take a third step, what would happen? My feet can't move cause I can't take a third one until I have taken a first one and a second one. The problem with people coming to the understanding of God is they forget you have got to let everybody walk their own walk. I can come to maturity, but if I try to cut out your immaturity before it's time, I'm*

just messing you up. That is why you have to have the liberty to make mistakes. You've got to walk out and make those mistakes. You've got to take that first step and that second step, but there is a time when you put away childish things and grow into maturity. Then God will start to teach you, and He will be the one teaching you. That is why the covenant says “*you'll have no need for every man to teach his brother, say know the Lord, because every man from the least to the greatest shall know the Lord.*”

May the Lord bless you with the Spirit of Revelation and the love of Him, His Word, and His creation.

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