

BIBLICAL FOUNDATION SESSION 4: NARROW OR WIDE GATE? CHOOSE WISELY!

BIBLE VERSE: _____

³ Jesus answered and said to him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God.”

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¹³ “Enter through the narrow gate; for the gate is wide and the way is broad that leads to destruction, and there are many who enter through it. ¹⁴ For the gate is small and the way is narrow that leads to life, and there are few who find it.

NARROW	WIDE
<i>Jesus tells us to enter it</i>	<i>Jesus tells us to avoid it</i>
<i>Small, narrow</i>	<i>Wide, broad</i>
<i>Few find it</i>	<i>Many entered through</i>
<i>Leads to life</i>	<i>Leads to destruction</i>

BIBLE VERSE: _____

⁹ I am the door; if anyone enters through Me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture. ¹⁰ The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.

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¹¹ And He said, "A man had two sons. ¹² The younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the estate that falls to me.' So he divided his wealth between them. ¹³ And not many days later, the younger son gathered everything together and went on a journey into a distant country, and there he squandered his estate with loose living.

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¹⁴ Now when he had spent everything, a severe famine occurred in that country, and he began to be impoverished. ¹⁵ So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, and he sent him into his fields to feed swine.

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¹⁷ But when he came to his senses, he said, 'How many of my father's hired men have more than enough bread, but I am dying here with hunger! ¹⁸ I will get up and go to my father, and will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven, and in your sight;

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¹⁹ I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me as one of your hired men.”²⁰ So he got up and came to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion for him, and ran and embraced him and kissed him.

CONFESSION

Greek word HOMOLOGEO:

HOMOU (together) + LEGO (speak to a conclusion)

Means “to speak the same,” “to agree,” “to concede”

Agreeing with God that we have sinned against Him

REPENTANCE

Greek word METANOIA: META (after) + NOEO (to know)

literally means “the after-knowledge” or “the changing of the mind consequent to the after knowledge of sin”

A turning away from sin towards God brought about by a change of heart

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⁹ And He also told this parable to some people who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and viewed others with contempt: ¹⁰ “Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector.

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11 The Pharisee stood and was praying this to himself: 'God, I thank You that I am not like other people: swindlers, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. 12 I fast twice a week; I pay tithes of all that I get.'

SELF-RIGHTEOUSNESS

“A term that has come to designate moral living as a way of salvation; or as a ground for neglecting the redemptive work of Jesus Christ...”

(International Standard Bible Encyclopedia)

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21 “Not everyone who says to Me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father who is in heaven will enter.

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22 Many will say to Me on that day, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in Your name, and in Your name cast out demons, and in Your name perform many miracles?’²³ And then I will declare to them, ‘I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness.’

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24 “Strive to enter through the narrow door; for many, I tell you, will seek to enter and will not be able. 25 Once the head of the house gets up and shuts the door, and you begin to stand outside and knock on the door, saying, ‘Lord, open up to us!’ then He will answer and say to you, ‘I do not know where you are from.’

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13 But the tax collector, standing some distance away, was even unwilling to lift up his eyes to heaven, but was beating his breast, saying, ‘God, be merciful to me, the sinner!’ 14 I tell you, this man went to his house justified rather than the other; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but he who humbles himself will be exalted.”

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8 Zaccheus stopped and said to the Lord, “Behold, Lord, half of my possessions I will give to the poor, and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will give back four times as much.” 9 And Jesus said to him, “Today salvation has come to this house ... 10 For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost.

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⁵ Thomas said to Him, “Lord, we do not know where You are going, how do we know the way?” ⁶ Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me.

NARROW	WIDE
<i>Faith in Jesus</i>	<i>Faith in self</i>
<i>Humility</i>	<i>Pride</i>
<i>Confession</i>	<i>Self-indulgence, self-righteousness</i>
<i>Repentance</i>	<i>Leads to destruction</i>
<i>Result: Salvation</i>	<i>Result: Destruction</i>

MEMORY VERSE

1 John 5:11-12 – ¹¹ And the testimony is this, that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. ¹² He who has the Son has the life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have the life.
