MATTHEW 7

13 Enter ye in at the **strait** gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat:

14 Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it.

15 Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves.

**strait** 4728 stenos {sten-os'} narrow,

*Last service I said I would try to bring out 3 things about* ***pernicious*** *ways*.

II PETER 2:

1 But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction.

2 And many shall follow their **pernicious** ways; by reason of whom the way of truth shall be evil spoken of.

**pernicious** 684 apoleia {ap-o'-li-a} destroying, utter destruction

*I mentioned three attributes or fruit that cause this to come about.*

1. Emotions
2. Intellect
3. Signs, false prophets

(Sometimes a combination of one or more)

*Regardless of how many religions there are in the world God only recognizes two.*

MATTHEW 13:

24 Another parable put he forth unto them, saying, The kingdom of heaven is likened unto a man which sowed good seed in his field:

25 But while men slept, his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat, and went his way.

MATTHEW 13:

37 He answered and said unto them, He that soweth the good seed is the Son of man;

38 The field is the world; the good seed are the children of the kingdom; but the tares are the children of the wicked one;

39 The enemy that sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the world; and the reapers are the angels.

40 As therefore the tares are gathered and burned in the fire; so shall it be in the end of this world.

*The way to destruction is always because of the leadership of a man or deceivers male and female.*

JOHN 10:

9 I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture.

10 The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.

MATTHEW 10:

17 But beware of men: for they will deliver you up to the councils, and they will scourge you in their synagogues;

COLOSSIANS 2:

8 Beware lest any man **spoil** you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ.

**spoil** 4812 » sulagogeo {soo-lag-ogue-eh'-o} to carry one off as a captive (and slave); to lead away

PROVERBS 16

25 There is a way that seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death.

*There is a strait gate that is only entered by faith and there are three things that every person will do in order to enter that gate.*

ROMANS 10

17 So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

*You must be hearing the Word of God not a tradition or opinion or interpretation of the word or not just a philosophy or story.*

*When you have heard the truth, read it in scripture then you do three things.*

MATTHEW 7

7 **Ask**, and it shall be given you; **seek**, and ye shall find; **knock**, and it shall be opened unto you:

8 For every one that asketh **receiveth**; and he that seeketh **findeth**; and to him that knocketh it shall be **opened**.

I JOHN 5:

13 These things have I written unto you that believe on **the name of the Son of God;** that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God.

14 And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us:

15 And if we know that he hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him.

ACTS 17:

27 That they should seek the Lord, if haply they might feel after him, and find him, though he be not far from every one of us:

REVELATION 3:

8 I know thy works: behold, I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it: for thou hast a little strength, and hast kept my word, and hast not denied my name.

*The Name of Jesus is not just a name to quote but it is the source of Authority often translated as power.*

*Power or Authority. 1849 exousia {ex-oo-see'-ah} physical and mental power; the ability or strength with which one is endued, which he either possesses or exercises the power of authority (influence) and of right*

JOHN 16:

23 And in that day ye shall ask me nothing. Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in my name, he will give it you.

24 Hitherto have ye asked nothing in my name: ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full.

25 These things have I spoken unto you in proverbs: but the time cometh, when I shall no more speak unto you in proverbs, but I shall shew you plainly of the Father.

26 At that day ye shall ask in my name: and I say not unto you, that I will pray the Father for you

II CORINTHIANS 13:

10 Therefore I write these things being absent, lest being present I should use sharpness, according to the **power** which the Lord hath given me to edification, and not to destruction.

*Emotion can be deceptive when in Pentecost we would say and hear things like feel the power yet there was no authority just truly a feeling. Things were said it is good to feel the presence of the Lord.*

ACTS 17:

28 For in him we live, and move, and have our being; as certain also of your own poets have said, For we are also his offspring

*God is not in the unbeliever, but they cannot get away from the presence of God. Christ the Son of God is different, the unbeliever does not live, move and have their being in Christ but the believer does and also has Christ within them. Two are three are gathered in His Name He is there. Jesus said come. Unto me, you cannot come unto the Father except through Christ.*

COLOSSIANS 1

27 To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory:

JEREMIAH 23

24 Can any hide himself in secret places that I shall not see him? saith the LORD. Do not I fill heaven and earth? saith the LORD.

PSALM 139:

7 Whither shall I go from thy spirit? or whither shall I flee from thy presence?

8 If I ascend up into heaven, thou art there: if I make my bed in hell, behold, thou art there.

*Our human or carnal minds cannot comprehend that the presence of God is everywhere it is not just knowing all things there is not a place he is not present.*

*God knows the evil that is committed but as he tells us in scripture about two or three witnesses, he always has witnesses.*

GENESIS 18

20 And the LORD said, Because the cry of Sodom and Gomorrah is great, and because their sin is very grievous;

21 I will go down now, and see whether they have done altogether according to the cry of it, which is come unto me; and if not, I will know.

22 And the men turned their faces from thence, and went toward Sodom: but Abraham stood yet before the LORD.

EZEKIEL 8:

12 Then said he unto me, Son of man, hast thou seen what the ancients of the house of Israel do in the dark, every man in the chambers of his imagery? for they say, The LORD seeth us not; the LORD hath forsaken the earth.

JOHN 8:

16 And yet if I judge, my judgment is true: for I am not alone, but I and the Father that sent me.

17 It is also written in your law, that the testimony of two men is true.

18 I am one that bear witness of myself, and the Father that sent me beareth witness of me.

*Wherever you are at this time God is present beholding and seeing.*

*The angels witness things that are happening.*

MATTHEW 18:

10 Take heed that ye despise not one of these little ones; for I say unto you, That in heaven their angels do always behold the face of my Father which is in heaven.

*All Pentecostal religion is built upon emotion more than the Word of God they accept the feeling from speaking in tongues more than the Word that tells them if there is no interpreter let them be silent.*

I CORINTHIANS 14:

28 But if there be no interpreter, let him keep silence in the church; and let him speak to himself, and to God

I CORINTHIANS 14

15 What is it then? I will pray with the spirit, and I will pray with the understanding also: I will sing with the spirit, and I will sing with the understanding also.

16 Else when thou shalt bless with the spirit, how shall he that occupieth the room of the unlearned say Amen at thy giving of thanks, seeing he understandeth not what thou sayest?

To feel the Spirit or Power or presence of the Lord is not scripture.

To feel emotion is understandable.

JOSHUA 5:

13 And it came to pass, when Joshua was by Jericho, that he lifted up his eyes and looked, and, behold, there stood a man over against him with his sword drawn in his hand: and Joshua went unto him, and said unto him, Art thou for us, or for our adversaries?

*Joshua did not feel or acknowledge any spiritual presence until it was identified.*

14 And he said, Nay; but as captain of the host of the LORD am I now come. And Joshua fell on his face to the earth, and did worship, and said unto him, What saith my lord unto his servant?

EZEKIEL 3:

22 And the hand of the LORD was there upon me; and he said unto me, Arise, go forth into the plain, and I will there talk with thee.

23 Then I arose, and went forth into the plain: and, behold, the glory of the LORD stood there, as the glory which I saw by the river of Chebar: and I fell on my face.

*I do also say they most Pentecostal churches except what is called the independent have wavered to the intellect more than being spiritual led.*

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*God’s source of wisdom has never changed.*

LUKE 21:

15 For I will give you a mouth and wisdom, which all your adversaries shall not be able to gainsay nor resist.

ACTS 6:

9 Then there arose certain of the synagogue, which is called the synagogue of the Libertines, and Cyrenians, and Alexandrians, and of them of Cilicia and of Asia, disputing with Stephen.

10 And they were not able to resist the wisdom and the spirit by which he spake.

I CORINTHIANS 1

17 For Christ sent me not to baptize, but to preach the gospel: not with wisdom of words, lest the cross of Christ should be made of none effect.

18 For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God.

19 For it is written, I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and will bring to nothing the understanding of the **prudent**.

20 Where is the wise? where is the scribe? where is the disputer of this world? hath not God made foolish the wisdom of this world?

21 For after that in the wisdom of God the world by wisdom knew not God, it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe.

22 For the Jews require a sign, and the Greeks seek after wisdom:

**pruden**t 4908 sunetos {soon-et'-os} intelligent, having understanding, wise, learned

ACTS 4:

13 Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were unlearned and **ignorant** men, they marvelled; and they took knowledge of them, that they had been with Jesus.

**ignorant** 2399 idiotes {id-ee-o'-tace} In the NT, an unlearned, illiterate, man as opposed to the learned and educated: one who is unskilled in any art.

I CORINTHIANS 1:

30 But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption:

31 That, according as it is written, He that glorieth, let him glory in the Lord.

I CORINTHIANS 2:

7 But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, even the hidden wisdom, which God ordained before the world unto our glory:

I CORINTHIANS 2:

13 Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual.

EPHESIANS 1:

17 That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him:

*Jesus was never recognized as one with earthly wisdom.*

JOHN 7:

14 Now about the midst of the feast Jesus went up into the temple, and taught.

15 And the Jews marvelled, saying, How knoweth this man letters, having never learned?

16 Jesus answered them, and said, My doctrine is not mine, but his that sent me.

MATTHEW 24

23 Then if any man shall say unto you, Lo, here is Christ, or there; believe it not.

24 For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect.

*The elect look to the Word for vindication never a sign.*

*Paul was very educated but did not use it for the gospel.*

PHILIPPIANS 3:

7 But what things were gain to me, those I counted loss for Christ.

8 Yea doubtless, and I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord: for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them but dung, that I may win Christ,

9 And be found in him, not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith:

MARK 16:

20 And they went forth, and preached every where, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following. Amen.

JOHN 17:

20 Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word;

HEBREWS 2:

3 How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation; which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed unto us by them that heard him;

4 God also bearing them witness, both with signs and wonders, and with divers miracles, and gifts of the Holy Ghost, according to his own will?

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**Saving Faith**

*What do we know about true Saving Faith?*

*1) Without it no man can please God. Heb. 11:6.*

*2) It is the gift of God. Eph. 2:8.*

*3) It comes by hearing the gospel. Rom. 10:17.*

*4) Believers WALK by faith not by sight. 2 Cor. 5:7.*

*5) Saving Faith is the opposite of works. Rom. 3:27.*

*6) Saving Faith is to believe on the person and accomplished work of the Lord Jesus Christ. II Tim. 1:12.*

*7) Saving Faith is not measured by its size or strength. Saving Faith is measured by its OBJECT. Matt. 17:20.*

*8) God honors Saving Faith because Saving Faith honors Christ. Matt. 9:28-29* ***Greg Elmquist***

***Salvation Is Of The Lord***

*“But the salvation of the righteous is of the LORD: he is their strength in the time of trouble” (****Psalm 37:39).***

*What glorious and blessed truth that shines on every page of Holy Scripture. We as needy, great and guilty sinners need a mighty and victorious Saviour, who is almighty to save* ***(Isa. 63:1; Heb. 7:25).*** *The Lord Jesus Christ is the only answer and remedy for our sin. He is the Saviour that saves* ***(Matt. 1:21),*** *the Redeemer that delivers and justifies* ***(Gal. 1:3-5; Rom. 5:6). Author unknown.***

***No Judgment To Those In Christ***

*“There is therefore no condemnation to them which are in Christ, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit”* ***(Rom. 8:1).***

*Believers expect to be judged before God upon the same holiness, truth, and justice as all other men. We expect to be weighed in the scales of justice fairly and squarely, with no respect of persons or partiality. We do not expect to be excused from examination nor judged in secrecy. As David said in Psalm 17:2, "Let the Judge of all the earth hear my case Himself and set my sentence." How can one be so bold? Paul answers, "Who can lay anything to the charge of God's elect? It is God who justifieth! Who is He that condemeth? It is Christ who died." (Rom. 8:33-34).*

*There is no judgment nor condemnation to those who are in Christ.*

***Henry T. Mahan***