

STRAIT is the GATE...NARROW is the WAY...to LIFE!

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: because **STRAIT** is the gate, and **NARROW** is the way, which **LEADETH** unto life, and **FEW THERE BE** that **FIND** it" (Matthew 7:13-14).

Since this verse **ENDS** with the words "**FEW THERE BE THAT FIND IT**," then we should pay close attention to the **FULL** meaning of this verse, and, whether or not we **FULLY** comply.

The **ONLY WAY** to **ENTER INTO ETERNAL LIFE** is **THROUGH** the Strait Gate! **NO!** Not the word "straight," but "**STRAIT**!"



"**STRAIT**" means **RESTRICTED** or **CONSTRUCTED**; **TIGHT**; **CONFINED**, as ships traveling through the Strait of Hormuz between Iran and Oman.

The entrance to **ETERNAL LIFE** is so restricted that "...there shall in no wise **ENTER INTO IT ANY THING** that **DEFILETH**, neither whatsoever **WORKETH ABOMINATION**, or **MAKETH A LIE**" (Rev. 21:27).

This includes Atheists, who out rightly show their disrespect and contempt for God to His face; or practicing homosexuals who are an open abomination to God; or members of any religious organization such as Islam who **MAKETH A LIE**, declaring that Jesus Christ is **NOT** the Son of God.



Satan introduced the idea **[THE LIE]** that the Word of God is fallible, meaning capable of error, and that it was written by men, instead of **EVERY**

WORD PROCEEDING "...out of the **MOUTH** of God" (Matthew 4:4).



This **LIE** has allowed an onslaught of blasphemous bibles to be printed and memorized by millions as the **NEW** and **IMPROVED** Word of God, such as the **NIV** and the **NLT** bibles.

Because **FAITH comes** by **HEARING**, Satan is doing all he can to **DIVERT** man from **HEARING** the **TRUE** Word of God through counterfeited paraphrased bibles.

The prophet Amos wrote about these times: "**Behold, the days come, saith the Lord God, that I will send a FAMINE in the land, not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of HEARING THE WORDS of the Lord**" (Amos 8:11).

"There is a **WAY** [A **BROAD** way WITH A **WIDE** GATE] which **SEEMETH RIGHT** [STRAIGHT] unto a man, but the **END THEREOF** are the **WAYS of death**" (Proverbs 14:12), "...and **MANY THERE BE** which **GO IN** there at" (Matt. 7:13).

The reason so many "**GO IN**" the broad way of **DESTRUCTION**, is because of traditions, experiences, logic, reason, emotions, and pleasures. **THERE IS NO ROOM** for religious baggage!

To make **SURE** we are able to **ENTER** the strait gate, and the narrow way, God **WARNS** Christians to "**EXAMINE YOURSELVES, whether YE BE IN THE FAITH; PROVE your OWN selves** [NOT

OTHERS]. **KNOW YE NOT** your own selves, how that Jesus Christ is **IN YOU**, except ye be **REPROBATES** [**UNAPPROVED**; **REJECTED**]" (2 Cor. 13:5)?

Do you **KNOW FOR SURE** that Jesus Christ is **IN YOU**? God wants you and I to **PROVE OURSELVES**, and to "...**GIVE DILIGENCE** [**DONE WITH CAREFUL, STEADY EFFORT**] to **MAKE YOUR CALLING AND ELECTION SURE**" (2 Peter 1:10).

How do you **MAKE SURE OF YOUR CALLING**?

Before you became a Christian, were **YOU** seeking God, or was God seeking **YOU**? If you were seeking God, you would be the **FIRST**, for "...there is **NONE** that seeketh after God" (Romans 3:11).

Remember, **FAITH** comes by **HEARING**, not by a soothing religious melody or a "touching sob-story" sermon that brings tears, but the death, burial and resurrection in the Word of God.

Did **HEARING** words like this: "**They are ALL gone aside, they are ALL together become FILTHY: there is NONE that doeth good, NO, NOT ONE**" (Psalm 14:3; 53:3; Romans 3:10, 12) bring a sense of GUILT and "godly sorrow" to you (2 Cor. 7:10), causing you to **CALL UPON THE NAME OF THE LORD** with words like, "**God be MERCIFUL to me a sinner**" (Luke 18:13)?

God **DOES NOT WANT** you to ask Him to "come into my life, and have a **PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP** with me?" God wants you to **RE-PENT** to be saved!

Jesus said "**I am the WAY, the TRUTH, and the LIFE: NO MAN COMETH unto the Father, but BY ME**" (John 14:6). The Holy Spirit will "**GUIDE YOU into ALL TRUTH**" (John 16:13) and you "...**NEED NOT that ANY MAN TEACH YOU...**" (1 John 2:27), but He, the Spirit, TEACHES YOU!

Our Lord said to "**STRIVE** [**THIS MEANS TO STRUGGLE FOR**] **TO ENTER IN** at the **STRAIT GATE**: for **MANY, I say unto you, will SEEK TO ENTER IN, and SHALL NOT BE ABLE**" (Luke 13:24-27).

Don't let the god of this world **BLIND YOUR MIND** into being **CONTENT** where you are spiritually. **OBEY** the Lord's command: **EXAMINE YOURSELVES, PROVE, MAKE SURE!**