

I am the DOOR

Entering the Kingdom

Mat 7:13 “Enter through the narrow gate. For the gate is wide and the road is broad that leads to destruction, and there are many who go through it. ¹⁴ How narrow is the gate and difficult the road that leads to life, and few find it.

¹⁵ “Beware of false prophets who come to you in sheep’s clothing but inwardly are ravaging wolves. ¹⁶ You’ll recognize them by their fruit. Are grapes gathered from thornbushes or figs from thistles? ¹⁷ In the same way, every good tree produces good fruit, but a bad tree produces bad fruit. ¹⁸ A good tree can’t produce bad fruit; neither can a bad tree produce good fruit. ¹⁹ Every tree that doesn’t produce good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. ²⁰ So you’ll recognize them by their fruit.

²¹ “Not everyone who says to Me, ‘Lord, Lord!’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of My Father in heaven. ²² On that day many will say to Me, ‘Lord, Lord, didn’t we prophesy in Your name, drive out demons in Your name, and do many miracles in Your name?’ ²³ Then I will announce to them, ‘I never knew you! Depart from Me, you lawbreakers!’^l

Good Shepherd John 10:1-18

10 “I assure you: Anyone who doesn’t enter the sheep pen by the door but climbs in some other way, is a thief and a robber. **2** The one who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. **3** The doorkeeper opens it for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. **4** When he has brought all his own outside, he goes ahead of them. The sheep follow him because **they recognize his voice.** **5** They will never follow a stranger; instead they will run away from him, because **they don’t recognize the voice of strangers.”**

6 Jesus gave them this illustration, but they did not understand what He was telling them.

The Good Shepherd

7 So Jesus said again, “I assure you: **I am the door** of the sheep. **8** All who came before Me^[a] are thieves and robbers, but the sheep didn’t listen to them. **9** I am the door. If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved and will come in and go out and find pasture. **10** A thief comes only to steal and to kill and to destroy. I have come so that they may have life and have it in abundance.

11 “I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. **12** The hired man, since he is not the shepherd and doesn’t own the sheep, leaves them^[b] and runs away when he sees a wolf coming. The wolf then snatches and scatters them. **13** This happens because he is a hired man and doesn’t care about the sheep.

14 “I am the good shepherd. **I know My own sheep, and they know Me, ¹⁵ as the Father knows Me, and I know the Father.** I lay down My life for the sheep. **16** But I have other sheep that are not of this fold; I must bring them also, and they will listen to My voice. Then there will be one flock, one shepherd. **17** This is why the Father loves Me, because I am laying down My life so I may take it up again. **18** No one takes it from Me, but I lay it down on My own. I have the right to lay it down, and I have the right to take it up again. **I have received this command from My Father.”**

Parable of the Sower Mat 13, Mark 4, Luke 8 – notice what He says about **His words**.

- **The Parable of the Sower Explained**

- ¹⁸ “You, then, listen to the parable of the sower: ¹⁹ When anyone hears the **word**^[c] about the kingdom and doesn’t understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what was sown in his heart. This is the one sown along the path. ²⁰ And the one sown on rocky ground—this is one who hears the **word** and immediately receives it with joy. ²¹ Yet he has no root in himself, but is short-lived. When pressure or persecution comes because of the **word**, immediately he stumbles. ²² Now the one sown among the thorns—this is one who hears the **word**, but the worries of this age and the seduction^[d] of wealth choke the **word**, and it becomes unfruitful. ²³ But the one sown on the good ground—this is one who **hears and understands the word**, who does bear fruit and yields: some 100, some 60, some 30 times what was sown.”

Reason for the Holy Spirit (the Comforter)

John 14:16,26,15:26

- ¹⁵ “If you love Me, you will keep^[h] My commands. ¹⁶ And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Counselor to be with you forever. ¹⁷ He is the Spirit of truth. The world is unable to receive Him because it doesn’t see Him or know Him. But you do know Him, because He remains with you and will be^[i] in you. ¹⁸ I will not leave you as orphans; I am coming to you.
- ²⁶ But the Counselor, the Holy Spirit—the Father will send Him in My name—will teach you all things and ***remind you of everything I have told you. [His Words]***
- ²⁶ “When the Counselor comes, the One I will send to you from the Father—the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father—***He will testify about Me.***

Test those who speak John 7:16-18

¹⁶ Jesus answered them, “My teaching isn’t Mine but is from the One who sent Me. ¹⁷ If anyone wants to do His will, he will understand whether the teaching is from God or if I am speaking on My own. ¹⁸ The one who speaks for himself seeks his own glory. But He who seeks the glory of the One who sent Him is true, and there is no unrighteousness in Him.

Build forever foundation of Christ's Words

Mat 7:24-27, Luke 6:46-49

- **The Two Foundations**

²⁴ “Therefore, everyone who *hears these words of Mine* and acts on them will be like a *sensible man* who built his house on the rock. ²⁵ The rain fell, the rivers rose, and the winds blew and pounded that house. Yet it didn't collapse, because its foundation was on the rock.

²⁶ *But everyone who hears these words of Mine and doesn't act on them* will be like a *foolish man* who built his house on the sand. ²⁷ The rain fell, the rivers rose, the winds blew and pounded that house, and it collapsed. And its collapse was great!”

Our Judge in the Last Days John 12:47-48

⁴⁷ If anyone hears *My words* and doesn't keep them, I do not judge him; for I did not come to judge the world but to save the world. ⁴⁸ The one who rejects Me and doesn't accept *My sayings* has this as his judge:^[a] *The word I have spoken* will judge him on the last day.

Recap – His Words Matter, others don't.

- Over 6 decades I've spent too much time chasing after church doctrines and meaningless causes. When I turned away from these troves of doctrinal debates and reams of articles espousing hidden truth, Israelite identity, Hebrew Roots, focus on rituals, and returned to the **RED LETTERS**.

Before its too late, please do not let your debates over doctrines become stumbling blocks that HARM MANY. These arguments too often destroy faith, heap burdens on the backs of others and can cripple His Children. Please, return to your first love and find again the simple and **TRUE DOOR, Christ's WORDS**.

Christ's Warning

18 At that time^[a] the disciples came to Jesus and said, “Who is greatest in the kingdom of heaven?”

2 Then He called a child to Him and had him stand among them. ³ ***“I assure you,” He said, “unless you are converted^[b] and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. ⁴ Therefore, whoever humbles himself like this child—this one is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. ⁵ And whoever welcomes^[c] one child like this in My name welcomes Me.***

⁶ “But whoever causes the downfall of one of these little ones who believe in Me—it would be better for him if a heavy millstone^[d] were hung around his neck and he were drowned in the depths of the sea! ⁷ Woe to the world because of offenses. For offenses must come, but woe to that man by whom the offense comes. ⁸ If your hand or your foot causes your downfall, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life maimed or lame, than to have two hands or two feet and be thrown into the eternal fire. ⁹ And if your eye causes your downfall, gouge it out and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life with one eye, rather than to have two eyes and be thrown into hellfire!