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FALSE AND TRUE DISCIPLESHIP

Lesson for February 27, found in Matthew 7: 13-29.

The kingdom of Heaven consists of those persons who have the spirit of Christ, bear good fruit, keep God's commandments, who are free from hypocrisy and who, having built upon the true foundation, Christ Jesus, overcome the world. The lesson today gives us the "Guide Boards to the Kingdom of Heaven" of which the Sermon on the Mount is the law.

I. The Way of Entrance into the Kingdom of God.

The only way of entrance into the kingdom of God is through the narrow way of obedience to its laws. Enter ye in to the kingdom of heaven, eternal life, the Christian life, at or by the strait gate. "Strait" does not mean straight, i. e. not crooked, but it retains the old idea of narrowness—a way of difficulty, one that requires much effort. "For strait is the gate and narrow is the way"—that is, "compressed," "pinched," straitened is the way of heaven on earth. Eternal life—"Few there be that find it," a fact that in a comparative sense only too true, though this does not indicate that it must be so.

The narrowness of the gate of salvation is inherent in the nature of things. Narrowness of entrance is a necessity to the obtaining of every best thing. To be an American citizen one must take the oath of allegiance. To the pilot of a ship the myriads of stars count for nothing; only the North Star can give him his bearing. To become a member of any highly respected lodge one must meet some very particular conditions. To become proficient in any thing one must be very particular about the little things. So also in order to become a member of the kingdom of God one must pass through the "strait and narrow way". Jesus did not make the way narrow but he simply stated the fact and used it as a motive. The gate is as wide as God's love, yet too narrow to permit anything unholy and unrighteous to enter. All classes are urged to enter in but all must first forsake their sin.

II. It Requires Effort to Enter.

Jesus says, "Strive to enter in"—make an earnest, determined effort, agonize to get into the kingdom. "For wide is the gate and broad is the way that leadeth to destruction." There are multitudes of sins each one of which spells ruin. "There is a way that seemeth right unto a man but the ends thereof are the ways of death." Sin destroys life, health, happiness, home, hope, heaven. It begins in this world only to complete in the next. It is always difficult to fight sin and do God's will but it is easy to drift with the tide of evil.

III. A Warning Against False Teachers.

"Beware of False Prophets." "A prophet is one who speaks under divine influence, a revealer and interpreter of God's will." A false prophet is an imitator. He pretends to reveal and interpret God's will but knows nothing about it and hence deceives. His purpose is to "make merchandise" of the followers of God. He preaches or teaches doctrines contrary to Christ, influencing men to be contented in sin, with expectations that they will come out all right in the end whatever they may do now. "Ye shall know them"—that is, the false prophets—"by their fruits." It is impossible to play the hypocrite without telling on yourself. Your face, your very thoughts revealed by your acts, give you away. An old Scotch motto is "Be your ain sel"—be your own self. Whenever hypocrisy is attempted man tries to be some one else. It is never safe. Better by far be ignoble yet frank and unfeigned, your own self, than to appear like a saint yet at heart be untrue and impure. "Be sure your sin will find you out."

IV. Christianity is not Profession of Character, but Deeds.

"Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord," is necessarily a true Christian. "But he that doeth the will of my Father." True some claim to have even prophesied in the name of Jesus and yet, not having done it in love and gratitude but in vanity and pride, they receive Jesus' reproof—"I never knew you." Not the deed alone but the deed prompted by a heart of love is what pleases God.

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VI. In All His Teaching Jesus Manifested His Authority.

So firmly yet so modestly did He declare the truths of the kingdom that of Him it was often said: "He spoke as one having authority and not as the scribes." He spoke with the authority of power, truthfulness, genuine righteousness, His divinity and that of God. Let all men take heed how they hear. Remember the Golden Text: "Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven."

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