


The Narrow Door and the Scope of Messianic Salvation


Luke 13:22-30

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Overview: The scope of salvation

- **Luke 13:23**
A question about the extent of salvation
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A warning that one day it will be too late to enter
- **Luke 13:26-30**
Salvation and judgment in terms of a great end times banquet: some saved & some excluded



Theme: The Journey to Jerusalem to be rejected and killed

- **Luke 13:22**
And He was passing through from one city
and village to another, teaching, and
proceeding on His way to Jerusalem.



1. Jerusalem: Eschatological Events (Lk 9:51-56)
2. Follow Me (9:57-10:12)
3. What shall I do to inherit eternal life? (10:25-41)
4. Prayer (11:1-13)
5. Signs and the present kingdom (11:14-32)
6. Conflict with the Pharisees: Money (11:37-12:43)
7. The kingdom is not yet and is now (12:35-59)
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- 9.' The nature of the kingdom (14:1-11)
- 8.' The call of the kingdom to Israel & outcasts (14:12-15:32)
- 7.' The kingdom is not yet and is now (16:1-8, 16)
- 6.' Conflict with the Pharisees: Money (16:9-31)
- 5.' Signs and the coming kingdom (17:11-37)
- 4.' Prayer (18:1-14)
- 3.' What shall I do to inherit eternal life (18:18-30)
- 2.' Follow Me (18:35-19:9)
- 1.' Jerusalem: Eschatological events (19:10, 28-48)



Luke 13:22-35 Inverted Parallelism

- f) Salvation – “will those who are saved be few . . . enter by the narrow door”
- e) Judgment – “depart from me . . . you . . . thrust out of the kingdom”
- d) Vision (in context of judgment) – “you will see Abraham . . .”
- c) Fulfillment – the ingathering of the messianic banquet
- b) Death – “Herod wants to kill you”
- a) Day – “today, tomorrow, and the third day—I am made perfect”
- A) Day – “today, tomorrow, and the coming day—I go”
- B) Death – “the prophet must not die away from Jerusalem”
- C) Fulfillment – a failure of Messianic ingathering “I would have gathered”
- D) Judgment – “Jerusalem . . . your house forsaken”
- E) Vision (in context of judgment) – “you will not see me until”
- F) Salvation – “until you say ‘blessed is he who comes’”



A question about the extent of Messianic salvation

■ **Luke 13:23a**

And someone said to Him, “Lord, are there just a few who are being saved?”



Jewish concern about the extent of salvation

■ Isaiah 25:6, 7

And the LORD of hosts will prepare a lavish banquet for all peoples on this mountain; A banquet of aged wine, choice pieces with marrow, And refined, aged wine. And on this mountain He will swallow up the covering which is over all peoples, Even the veil which is stretched over all nations.



Final salvation

■ Isaiah 25:8, 9

He will swallow up death for all time, And the LORD God will wipe tears away from all faces, And He will remove the reproach of His people from all the earth; For the LORD has spoken. And it will be said in that day, "Behold, this is our God for whom we have waited that He might save us. This is the LORD for whom we have waited; Let us rejoice and be glad in His salvation."



"Agonize" *ago_nizomai* to enter the door of salvation

■ Luke 13:23b, 24

And He said to them, "Strive to enter through the narrow door; for many, I tell you, will seek to enter and will not be able."



Only God can open the door!

■ **Acts 14:27**

When they had arrived and gathered the church together, they began to report all things that God had done with them and how He had opened a door of faith to the Gentiles.



Agonize to enter now or wait and have agony when it is too late!

■ **Luke 13:25**

“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.’”



They will claim privileged status

■ **Luke 13:26**

Then you will begin to say, “We ate and drank in Your presence, and You taught in our streets”



He calls them 'workers of
unrighteousness'

■ **Luke 13:27**

and He will say, "I tell you, I do not know
where you are from; depart from Me, all
you evildoers."



Some "Sons of Abraham" will not
dine with him

■ **Luke 13:28**

"In that place there will be weeping and
gnashing of teeth when you see Abraham
and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in
the kingdom of God, but yourselves being
thrown out."



In this sense salvation involves more
than they thought

■ **Luke 13:29**

And they will come from east and west and
from north and south, and will recline at the
table in the kingdom of God.



Theme: reversal of status

■ Luke 13:30

And behold, some are last who will be first and some are first who will be last.



Implications and Applications

- 1) Salvation is narrow in one sense and broad in another
- 2) Understand why Jesus tells us to "agonize" to enter
- 3) Do not trust self-perceived status for salvation



- 1) Salvation is narrow in one sense and broad in another

■ Matthew 7:13, 14

Enter by the narrow gate; for the gate is wide, and the way is broad that leads to destruction, and many are those who enter by it. For the gate is small, and the way is narrow that leads to life, and few are those who find it.

1) Salvation is narrow in one sense and broad in another

■ **Matthew 11:28, 29**

Come to Me, all who are weary and heavy-laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you, and learn from Me, for I am gentle and humble in heart; and you shall find rest for your souls.

1) Salvation is narrow in one sense and broad in another

■ **Matthew 28:19, 20**

Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.

2) Understand why Jesus tells us to “agonize” to enter

“Agonize” denotes the value and urgency of salvation; not the means of obtaining it

■ **Matthew 13:45, 46**

Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant seeking fine pearls, and upon finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had, and bought it.

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■ **Mark 8:36**

For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world, and forfeit his soul?

3) Do not trust self-perceived status for salvation

■ **Luke 18:9**

And He also told this parable to some people who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and viewed others with contempt:

3) Do not trust self-perceived status for salvation

■ **Isaiah 65:5**

Who say, ‘Keep to yourself, do not come near me, For I am holier than you!’ These are smoke in My nostrils, A fire that burns all the day.
