



## Parables of Jesus—Salvation Door To Salvation

### **The Narrow Door**

Have you ever wondered if someone is saved? Our hope and desire is like God—that all men might be saved. (*1 Tim 2:4*) Someone asked Jesus this question and His reply was in the form of a parable.

**Introduction:** The parable of the “Mustard Seed” and the “Leaven” are also found in Luke 13 and serve as an introduction to the parable of the “Narrow Door.”

#### **A. The Kingdom Grows Large Luke 13:18-20**

See message 3 “Growth of the Kingdom” in this series at VillageAlive.com

1. The parable of the Mustard Seed and the Leaven teach us that God will continue to grow His kingdom.
2. The kingdom will also have great influence on the world and individuals. **However...**

#### **B. The Way Into the Kingdom is Narrow Matt 13:22-30**

**Who is saved?** But is this the REAL question? Jesus did NOT answer the question. Instead He said to ‘agonize’ [strive] to enter through the narrow gate.

1. **There is only one door** :22-24; *Matt 7:13-14*  
*...and it is a narrow one!*
  - a. I am the gate *John 10:7-9*
  - b. I am the way *John 14:6*
  - c. Jesus—a new and living way *Heb 10:20*
  - d. Through Him...we have access to the Father *Eph 2:8*

"Enter by the narrow gate; for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it. Because narrow is the gate and difficult is the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it. *Matt 7:13-14*

2. **The door is NOW open** :25-29  
*...but one day it will close forever!*
  - a. The Father has opened the door “No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent Me draws him...” *John 6:44*  
Grace...faith...gift of God! *Eph 2:8*
  - b. Lydia The Lord opened her heart *Acts 16:14*
  - c. The Father closes the door Salvation is not by association—going to church and hanging out with believers. :25-26
3. **Have you entered the door?** :30  
*...what are you waiting for? (Marilyn Sharpe)*
  - a. My responsibility: Believe—go through the door!  
“But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name: who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.” *John 1:12-13*

#### Luke 13:22-30

**:22** And He went through the cities and villages, **teaching**, and journeying toward Jerusalem.

**:23** Then one said to Him, “Lord, are there few who are saved?” And He said to them,

**:24** “Strive to enter through the narrow gate, for many, I say to you, will seek to enter and will not be able.

**:25** When once the Master of the house has risen up and shut the door, and you begin to stand outside and knock at the door, saying, ‘Lord, Lord, open for us,’ and He will answer and say to you, ‘**I do not know you**, where you are from,’

**:26** then you will begin to say, ‘We ate and drank in Your presence, and You taught in our streets.’

**:27** But He will say, ‘**I tell you I do not know you**, where you are from. Depart from Me, all you workers of iniquity.’

**:28** 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, and yourselves thrust out.

**:29** They will come from the east and the west, from the north and the south, and sit down in the kingdom of God.

**:30** And indeed there are last who will be first, and there are first who will be last.”