

The Narrow Way/Wolves

Matt 7:13-14, 15-20

Q: Read verses 13-14, do these verses advocate a works based salvation?

No. Asking and seeking correctly. Asking amiss (James 4:3) and seeking amiss (Luke 18:18 - it's not a "do" but a humble cry for salvation followed by "doing" in the Spirit which is truly just following Him as He works in you)

Q: What is the broad way? Describe it.

Buddhism, Hinduism, Islam, Mormonism - earn it, live well, do good. Practical atheism, hedonism, satanism - do what pleases you.

Q: Why is it so easy to find?

These are natural.

Q: What is the narrow way? Describe it.

The way of God. Following His commands in His way.

Q: Why is it so narrow?

Following His commands our way is legalism. Following His commands His way requires a complete denial of self. Few can truly humble themselves to ask for that, to give it all up and be humble enough to receive both salvation and His wisdom for daily living. Salvation is a God-given gift (John 1:12-13, Ephesians 2:8-10). Luke 18:24-27. There is nothing anyone can do. You have to throw yourself on His mercy, give up. You can't do it.

Q: Where is our comfort then? How do I know I'm on the narrow road?

Knowing we can't do it, relying wholly on Him (take up cross). Submitting daily, seeking, striving (Lk 13:24) then we can rest assured we have received.

Q: How can we beware if disguised leaders if we don't judge their fruits?

We can't. We have to judge.

Q: What does it mean to be a wolf? Describe the fruit. (Ezekiel 22:23-31)

To teach that there is no difference between the holy, sought dishonest gain, speaking spiritually in spiritual ways as they tell lies, abusing to poor, the stranger. "There were none to stand in the gap."

Q: What fruit do we look for?

Love for God, love for people. Galatians 5:22-25