HOW MANY WILL BE SAVED?

Luke 13:18-30  Verse 8, Then said he, Unto what is the kingdom of God like? and whereunto shall I resemble it?

Luke 13:23-24  Then said one unto him, Lord, are there few that be saved? And he said unto them, Strive to enter in at the strait gate: for many, I say unto you, will seek to enter in, and shall not be able.

Illustrate the Mustard Seed: Is a picture of the ONE WORLD CHURCH. Vr 19; “It is like a grain of MUSTARD SEED, which a man took, and cast into his garden; and it grew, and waxed a great tree; and the fowls of the air lodged in the branches of it.” (This is a picture of CHRISTENDOM is composed of all who profess allegiance to the Lord, whether or not they have been born again.)

“Lord, are there FEW that be SAVED?” The man that asked this question has long been dead, but the personality OF THAT MAN LIFE LIVES ON,. We HOLD the BIBLE, we think of the very same question he put to the Saviour, yet our questions should be is “LORD WILL I BE SAVED”. Most of our questions are based around things like: “What is likely to be the future condition of a baby that dies in infancy?” Cannot you trust your children in the hands of God? Are you afraid that our Lord will do them injustice? Another question might be “What is the probability of the salvation of the heathen?” And why should we want to know the answer to that question, when we have not SENT THEM THE GOSPEL. Is it not the duty of us all to get the GOSPEL TO EVERYONE?

D.L. Moody once said: “If I can get people to think 5 minutes about their SOUL is ALMOST CERTAIN they will be SAVED.”

I. THE PRIORITY OF SALVATION.

Luke 13:23-24  Then said one unto him, Lord, are THERE FEW that be saved? And he said unto them, STRIVE TO ENTER in at the STRAIT GATE: for many, I say unto you, will seek to enter in, and shall not be able.
Think of the question: In Jesus day all the Jews thought they would be saved, (Today - Many think they will be saved).

(A). MEN WILL STRIVE TO ENTER.

Verse #24 “STRIVE” to enter in at the STRAIT GATE......

**STRIVE** = Persistent, do not delay do it now. “agonizing, straining, persistence, determined”

**STRAIT** = Narrow, compressed, restricted.


God is not going to CHECK US OUT BY THE CREDIT BUREAU but by “THE LAMB’S BOOK OF LIFE” Read Revelation 20:12-15.

(B). MEN WILL SEEK TO ENTER

Luke 13:28 .... for Many, I say unto you WILL SEEK to ENTER IN and shall not be able.”

**Isa 55:6** “seek the Lord while He may be found. Ill Ten Virgins, Pharisees, Matthew 23:25

II. THE POSTPONEMENT OF SALVATION.

Luke 13:25-27 When once the master of the house is risen up, and hath shut to the door, and ye begin to stand without, and to knock at the door, saying, Lord, Lord, open unto us; and he shall answer and say unto
you, I know you not whence ye are: Then shall ye begin to say, We have eaten and drunk in thy presence, and thou hast taught in our streets. But he shall say, I tell you, I know you not whence ye are; depart from me, all ye workers of iniquity.

We see here DELAY, PAUSE, I’LL DO IT AT A LATER DATE.

Hebrews 3:7 “Today if you will HEAR his VOICE, HARDEN not your HEARTS.......”

II Cor. 6:2 .... “behold, now is the ACCEPTED TIME: behold, NOW is the DAY of SALVATION”

(A). GOD WAS IN THEIR PRESENCE.

Luke 13:26 Then shall ye begin to say, We have eaten and drunk in thy presence, and thou hast taught in our streets.

1. Some in this building today have EATEN AROUND THE PRESENCE of our Lord in the services Sunday after Sunday, some have not moved. In 13 years of pastoring this church some have never made an effort to recognize THE POWER OF GOD AND HIS SPIRIT in the service. We get so CAUGHT UP IN SELF, and LEAVE GOD out of the SERVICE ALL TOGETHER.

(B). THEY DID NOT KNOW HIM PERSONALLY

Luke 13:27 But he shall say, I tell you, I know you not whence ye are; depart from me, all ye workers of iniquity.

Matthew 7:21-23 Jesus said, “I NEVER KNEW YOU”

NEVER = (not ever, at no time, not in any way, not at all)

1. When Jesus says “I never knew you” it will cause WEEPING AND GNASHING OF TEETH. The WEEPING indicates REMORSE and the GNASHING OF TEETH speaks of VIOLENT HATRED FOR GOD. (This shows that the sufferings of HELL do not CHANGE the heart of man.)

In Luke 13:20-21 The second parable likened THE KINGDOM OF GOD to LEAVEN WHICH A WOMAN placed IN THREE MEASURES OF MEAL. I believe that LEAVEN in the SCRIPTURE is ALWAYS a SYMBOL OF EVIL. Here the though is that EVIL DOCTRINE has been INTRODUCED into the PURE FOOD of the PEOPLE OF GOD. The EVIL DOCTRINE has it’s INSIDIOUS POWER TO SPREAD.
God was in their presence and they did not KNOW HIM IN A PERSONAL WAY. This is the sad state of the church today. Many will try to get to Heaven by some other way except THE WAY.

2. The NARROW GATE IS THE NEW BIRTH.

John 3:3 Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, EXCEPT A MAN BE BORN AGAIN, he cannot see the kingdom of God.

John 3:7 Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again.

III. THE PEOPLE OF SALVATION.

Luke 13:28-30 There shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth, when ye shall see Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, and all the prophets, in the kingdom of God, and you yourselves thrust out. And they shall come from the east, and from the west, and from the north, and from the south, and shall sit down in the kingdom of God. And, behold, there are last which shall be first, and there are first which shall be last.

They Shall Come ...... Verse 29.

(A). SOME JEWS WILL BE SAVED.

Luke 13:28 ...... ye shall see Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, and all the prophets, in the kingdom of God,

1. The UNBELIEVING ISRAELITES will see ABRAHAM and ISAAC and JACOB and the PROPHETS in the kingdom of God. (They THEMSELVES EXPECTED to be there, SIMPLY BECAUSE they were RELATED TO ABRAHAM, ISAAC, AND JACOB, but they will be THRUST OUT.)

(B). SOME GENTILES WILL BE SAVED.
Luke 13:29 And they shall come from the east, and from the west, and from the north, and from the south, and shall sit down in the kingdom of God.

1. After the Resurrection of Jesus, many of the Gentiles will travel to the corners of the EARTH and ENJOY its wonderful blessings, some of them being saved by THE BLOOD OF JESUS CHRIST. (The Many Jews who were FIRST IN GOD’S PLAN for BLESSINGS WILL BE REJECTED, while the GENTILES who were LOOKED DOWN UPON as DOGS will ENJOY the blessing of OUR LORD’S MILLENNIAL REIGN).

In Salvation Three Things must take place.

(1). You Must Have A Consciousness Of Sin. (Romans 3:23; Isa 53)

(2). You Must Make A Confession Of Your Sins. (“The word Confess means “to say again”)

1 John 1:9-10 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

(3). You Will Be Clean From Sin.

Rom 4:7-8 Saying, Blessed are they whose iniquities are forgiven, and whose sins are covered. Blessed is the man to whom the Lord will not impute sin.

Eph 4:32 And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you.

Col 2:13-14 And you, being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh, hath he quickened together with him, having forgiven you all trespasses; Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross;