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Seeking Glory That Belongs to God



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Matthew 7:13-14

The Narrow Way

¹³ “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.

¹⁴ Because narrow *is* the gate and difficult *is* the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it.

*What is this scripture *really* telling us?

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*How could this translate to someone seeking the glory that belongs to God?

*Why do people choose to seek the way(s) of the world more so than the way(s) of God?

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You Will Know Them by Their Fruits

¹⁵ “Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep’s clothing, but inwardly they are ravenous wolves. ¹⁶ You will know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes from thornbushes or figs from thistles? ¹⁷ Even so, every good tree bears good fruit, but a bad tree bears bad fruit. ¹⁸ A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor *can* a bad tree bear good fruit. ¹⁹ Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. ²⁰ Therefore by their fruits you will know them.

Scripture gives a warning to beware of false prophets.

*When it says, “You will know them by their fruits,” what could this possibly mean?

*How could this translate to someone seeking the glory that belongs to God?

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I Never Knew You

²¹ “Not everyone who says to Me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven. ²² Many will say to Me in that day, ‘Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?’ ²³ And then I will declare to them, ‘I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!’

These verses give us a look at some of the things people do when they try to usurp God’s glory. Many operating in a false spirit will look like the real thing, sound like the real thing, and even act like the real thing but because of the spirit by which they are operating, are not the real thing.

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Build on the Rock

²⁴ “Therefore whoever hears these sayings of Mine, and does them, I will liken him to a wise man who built his house on the rock: ²⁵ and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it did not fall, for it was founded on the rock.

²⁶ “But everyone who hears these sayings of Mine, and does not do them, will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand: ²⁷ and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it fell. And great was its fall.”

*How does this fit in with those seeking glory that belongs to God?

Scripture tells us also, “Except the LORD build the house, they labour in vain that build it: except the LORD keep the city, the watchman waketh but in vain.

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When people set up their own platform, their own stage, it is usually short-lived. They may be in demand for a season, or two, but if the work is not built on the rock, the solid foundation, eventually it will fall.

*Can you give examples from the Bible of those who stepped out on their own accord, built their own stage, so to speak, made their own platform, and were in power for a season but soon was removed?

*Why do you suppose God allowed them to stay in power, become famous or well-known?

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There is a spirit at work causing this. That is a spirit of pride. Scripture gives us the root spirit behind this.

Proverbs 16:18

Pride goeth before destruction, and an haughty spirit before a fall.

*What would be an example of a haughty spirit (the actions of a person)?

Root spirits usually mask other spirits as well. These spirits work in conjunction with each other.

*What would be some other spirits associated with pride?

*Is pride a sin? Give your reason(s).

*What is, if anything, the difference between being proud and having pride?

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Here's what the scriptures have to say about being proud.

Psalm 119:21 Thou hast rebuked the proud that are cursed, which do err from thy command-ments.

Proverbs 6:17-19

¹⁶ These six things doth the LORD hate: yea, seven are an abomination unto him:

¹⁷ A proud look, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood,

¹⁸ An heart that deviseth wicked imaginations, feet that be swift in running to mischief,

¹⁹ A false witness that speaketh lies, and he that soweth discord among brethren.

Proverbs 16:5 Every one that is proud in heart is an abomination to the Lord: though hand join in hand, he shall not be unpunished.

Proverbs 21:4 An high look, and a proud heart, and the plowing of the wicked, is sin.

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As we have seen, an excessive amount of pride leads to sin. You can be proud of accomplishments, etc. but don't let that pride overtake you.

Oftentimes, this is what happens when people seek glory that belongs to God. They have become so enamored with being in the spotlight until they forget that it was God Who *allowed* them to have the success they received.

They got caught up in the praise, the money, the attention, feeling of euphoria, and whatever else until they forgot about God. At this point, *everything* becomes all about them.

Psalm 10:4 The wicked, through the pride of his countenance, will not seek after God: God is not in all his thoughts.

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For some of these people you can't tell them anything. Wise counsel and sound doctrine no longer appeal to them as they erroneously believe they have all the "right" answers.

*What do you do for these type people?

Pray for them, and pray that it is not too late for them because only God will be able to change their hearts.

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CONCLUSION

So we see why and how people who seek God's glory and who set up their own platform will be short-lived. It is not founded on a sure foundation from God and therefore, eventually, it will fail.

Jesus Christ is the only sure foundation and if we attempt to lay anything upon any other foundation, it just won't work. Scripture tells us this in 1 Corinthians 3.

Pride will puff us up only to cause us to fall. Lucifer had too much pride and was banished from heaven because of it. How much more do we think it will affect us?

Wait for God to exalt you. When He does it, nothing and nobody can change or do anything about it.

Give glory to God where it is due, seek first His Kingdom and His righteousness and let Him add unto you.

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