Expansion Of The Narrow Way

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INTRODUCTION

- If six lanes aren't enough, you expand and you make ten or more.
- While some will gladly spend a service commemorating the birth of Christ, so often they know very little else about his life and about his ministry and about his teaching.
- Mere wishing will not get it done. Mere wishing will not put one on the narrow way.

1 Call It What You Want, It's Still the Broad Way

Revelation 3:15; Revelation 3:20

- You can call it whatever you wish. You can declare it good and wonderful. But it is still the broad way that leads to destruction.
- No matter how good we may feel about it, no matter how many people join us in the parade, it is still nonetheless traversing the broad way that leads to destruction.
- Christianity without discipleship is always Christianity without Christ.
- They hold to a form of godliness, but there is no wholehearted submission and humility, which is necessary to truly be on this path.
- There are going to be people on the day of judgment who find out that they have not walked the narrow way.
- The great danger is believing that you're walking the narrow way when in fact you're traversing this one.

2 What Sort of Reaction Should the Righteous Have

Romans 16:17–18; 2 Timothy 2:24–26; Acts 10:34–35

- The first thing I would say about that is that you need to be indignant about it. Righteous indignation. Because whatever is not of truth is a lie.
- Our reaction needs to be that we are indignant and we need to acknowledge the peril. Souls are endangered by these attempts to expand the narrow way.
- I do not mean at all that we need to be obnoxious or mean spirited about it.
- The Lord's bondservant must not be quarrelsome, but be kind to all. Able to teach, patient when wronged. With gentleness, correcting those who are in opposition.
- However, you would have people treat you, so treat them.
- The righteous reaction is we will urge souls to travel the narrow way with its unchanging dimensions.

3 The Dangers of Drifting

Hebrews 2:3; Hebrews 10:26; Isaiah 35:8–10

- Narrow way travelers can unwittingly slip into the broad way.
- He is warning believers of this drifting toward the broad way and not even recognizing.
- The safest road to hell is the gradual one. The gentle slope. Soft underfoot, without sudden turnings, without milestones, without signposts.
- Gratitude decreases. A sense of indebtedness. Feeling like we're debtors. That's lost. Faith diminishes. And love grows cold.
- Walking the narrow way does not begin and will not continue by accident.
- A highway will be there, a roadway, and it will be called the highway of holiness. That's the narrow way.

THE CHALLENGE

To walk the narrow way, to let Jesus truly be the King of our hearts and lives. Listen to Him, depend upon Him, submit to Him and follow Him.

MY NOTES