



Sermon
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“Lub Qhovrooj Nqaim”

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Thov txoj koobhmoov txojkev hlub thiab txojkev haumxeeb pub rau nej sawvdaws los ntawm Vajtswv uas yog peb Leejtxiv uas yog peb tus Cawmseej Tswv Yexus Khetos. Asmees.

Luke 13:24 “Make every effort to enter through the narrow door, because many, I tell you, will try to enter and will not be able to – *Nej ua tiag txeem lub qhovrooj nqaim mus rau sab hauv. Kuv qhia rau nej haistias, muaj ntau leej xav mus sab hauv, tiamsis lawv mus tsis tau.*” (ESV) ‘Nov yog Vajtswv Txojlus.’ (Cross reference – Mathais 7:13-14, Yauhas 10:9 – Narrow gate)

Illustration “Beyond the door” (Show dog scratching door)



A.M. Hunter phau ntawv so txog ibtug txivneej uas yuav tuag nug nws tus kws khomob saib tomqab yog nws tuag lawm nws yuav mus rau qhov chaw twg. Tus kws khomob tseem xav thiab nrhiav saib yuav lus teb tus txivneej no li cas ces nws hnov muaj dabtsi khawb khawb ntawm lub qhovrooj. Kws khomob teb haistias, “Do you hear that – *Koj puas hnov ntawd,*” nws nug tus txivneej ntawd. “It’s my dog. I left him downstairs, but he has grown impatient, and has come up and hears my voice. He has no notion what is inside this door, but he knows that I am here. Isn’t it the same with you? You don’t know what lies beyond the door,

but you know that your Master is there - *Nov yog kuv tus aub. Kuv tseg nws rau hauv qab lawj, vim nws nyob tsis kaj, nws thiaj li nce los saum no thaum nws hnov kuv lub suab. Nws yeej tsis paub haistias muaj dabtsi nyob rau hnov li tiamsis nws paub haistias kuv nyob ntawm no. Hnov puas zoo ibyam li ntawd rau koj thiab? Koj yeej tsis paub haistias muaj dabtsi nyob dhau lub qhovrooj no rau sab tod, tiamsis koj paub haistias koj tus Tswv nyob rau qhovchaw ntawd.*” https://ministry127.com/illustration-search?search_api_views_fulltext=door
(Show door to heaven or hell)



Peb tibneeg coob leej ntau tus xav paub saib lub qhovrooj sab tod thaum yus tag simneej lawm, yus yuav mus rau qhovtwg. Mus rau lub qhovrooj uas yog ntuj ceebtsheej tau txojhia mus ibtxhis losyog lub qhovqrooj mus ntuj tawg teb nyob tsaus ntuj nti, quaj tom hniav qawv, dej hluavtaws kub nyob tsaus ntuj nti. Koj yuav xaiv lub qhovrooj twg. Koj yuav mus lub nqaim losyog lub dav?

I. Cov kwvtij hlub thiab movtshua. (Show Luke 13:24)



Vajtswv Txojlus qhia rau peb hnuvno tias, “Make every effort to enter through the narrow door, because many, I tell you, will try to enter and will not be able to. - *Nej ua tiag txeem lub qhovrooj nqaim mus rau sab hauv. Kuv qhia rau nej haistias, muaj ntau leej xav mus sab hauv, tiamsis lawv mus tsis tau.*” (Lukas 13:24). Tiamsis uantej nqe vs. 24 nqe vs. 22-23 sau haistias, “He went on his way through towns and villages, teaching and journeying toward Jerusalem. And

someone said to him, “Lord, will those who are saved be few – *Yexus taug kev mus qhuab qhia rau tej neeg sawvdaws hauv tej nroog thiab tej zos mus txog nram lub nroog Yeluxalees. Muaj ib tug nug Yexus haistias, “Tus Tswv, cov uas yuav dim txim muaj tsawg tsawg leej xwb los?”* (Show narrow door)



Thaum tus txivneej no nug Yexus, nws yeej xav tau lawm haistias tsuas muaj tsawg tus thiaj li yuav tau mus ntuj ceebtsheej xwb. Tamsimno koj nes, koj puas xav haistias, koj puas muaj ib lub chaw nyob rau saum ntuj ceebtsheej thiab los tsis muaj? Koj puas xav haistias, tsuav koj lub ncauj haistias, “Kuv twb tuaj church, tso nyiaj, thiab mloog tej lus qhuabqhia tas xwb ces kuv yog tus tibneeg ncajnrees thiab dawbhuv lawm. Kuv yeej yuav tau txojhia nrog Vajtswv nyob saum ntuj ceebtsheej.”

(Show Barna Research)

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Xyoo 1999 Barna Research qhia txog txojkev uas thaum tus tibneeg tuag lawm, nws tau mus ntuj ceebtsheej los tsis tau mus. 65% ntseeg haistias nws tau mus ntuj ceebtsheej vim nws lees nws tej kev txhaum thiab txais yuav Yexus ua nws tus Cawmseej. 11% ntseeg haistias nws tau mus ntuj ceebtsheej vim nws yog ib tus

tibneeg zoo. 10% tsis paub haistias, thaum nws tuag nws tsis paub tias muaj dabtsi tomqab ntawd. 7% ntseeg haistias, Vajtswv yuav pub txhuatus mus ntuj ceebtsheej vim Vajtswv yuav tsis pub tibneeg raug txojkev puamtsuaj. 5% ntseeg haistias lawv tau mus ntuj ceebtsheej vim lawv sim coj Vajtswv 10 nqe kevcai. 2% ntseeg haistias, thaum lawv tuag lawv yuav tsis tau mus ntuj ceebtsheej. (Show narrow door)



Vajtswv Txojlus samhwm tseg haistias, “Make every effort to enter through the narrow door, because many, I tell you, will try to enter and will not be able to – *Nej ua tiag txeem lub qhovrooj nqaim mus rau sab hauv. Kuv qhia rau nej haistias, muaj ntau leej xav mus sab hauv, tiamsis lawv mus tsis tau.*” (Lukas 13:24). Vajtswv hais li cas tiag rau peb kom peb yuavtsum “*ua tiag txeem.*” Yog peb twb ntseeg Vajtswv lawm es peb tseem pheej yuav ua tiag txeem ua dabtsi thiab? Vajtswv txojlus puas tau qhia rau peb haistias ntuj

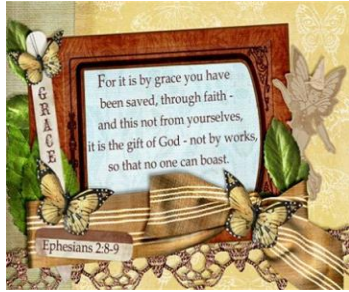
ceebsheej thiab tau txojhia yog pub dawb rau peb? Thaum Yexus haistias, “*ua tiag txeem*” yog Yexus hais kom peb yuavtsum tuav peb txojkev ntseeg kom ruaj khovkho. Nws tsis tau txhais haistias peb yuav mus tau ntuj ceebtsheej yog peb ua haujlwm zoo ces peb twb muaj npe nyob saum ntuj ceebtsheej lawm.

- II. Tus Thwjt看 Mathais sau haistias, “Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it. But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it – *Nej yuavtsum mus lub qhovrooj nqaim rau qhov lub qhovrooj loj thiab txojkev dav coj mus rau ntujtawg thiab muaj coob leej taug txojkev ntawd, tiamsis lub qhovrooj nqaim thiab txojkev me uas mus nyuaj yuav coj mus tau txojhia, cov neeg uas taug xojkev ntawd tsis muaj coob leej.*” (Mathais 7:13-14) (Show picture of narrow gate)



Cov kwvtij, yog nej leejtwg xaiv lub qhovrooj dav – nov yog txojkev yoojyim nws yuav coj nej mus puamtsuaj tiamsis tus uas yuav tau mus rau ntuj ceebtsheej tus ntawd yuavtsum tau “*ua tiag txeem*” rau lub qhovrooj nqaim nws thiaj li tau mus rau Vajtswv lub tebchaws. Lolus “narrow - *nqaim*” (stense) yog los ntawm “Greek – *Kilis*” txhais haistias, “restrictive – *txwv* – *tsis pub hla dhau tus nrim.*” Yog leejtwg yuav cia li xav haistias nws yuav tau mus ntuj ceebtsheej xwb nws yuav tsi tau mus. Lub qhovrooj nqaim yog hais txog Yexus Khetos. Mus ntawm

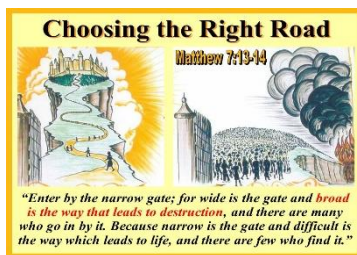
Yexus mus xwb thiaj li yuav mus tau thiab mus txog ntuj ceebtsheej. Lub qhovrooj nqaim txhais tau rau peb haistias, yog nws nqaim lawm, ob peb leeg yuav ua tibke mus yeej mus tsis tau. Yuavtsum yog ib leeg mus tas ib leeg mam li mus. Koj yuav tsis muaj feem mus nkag tau lub qhovrooj yog koj tsua muaj npe zwm ua tswvcuab rau Pawgntseeg losyog xamqham Church (Lutheran, C&MA, Baptist, Methodist, losyog Catholic). Koj yuav coj tsis tau koj tus pojniam, koj tus menyuam, losyog koj niam koj txiv mus tau ntuj ceebtsheej vim txhuatus nyias yuavtsum mus nyias tus kheej. (Show Ephesians 2:8-9)



Tibneeg ntiajteb feem ntau xav haistias nws yuav tau mus ntuj ceebtsheej los ntawm tes dejnum zoo ua nws twb ua lawm. Tibneeg xav haistias nws tsis ua tub sab, tsis ua phem, tsis deev lwmleej lwmtus, nws yog ib leejtxiv zoo, ib leejniam zoo, ib tus tub txhais zoo xwb ces nws tau mus ntuj ceebtsheej. Thov qhia rau nej paub haistias yog koj tsuas yog ib tus tibneeg zoo xwb, koj yuav tsis tau mus ntuj ceebtsheej. Vim koj tsis tau leespaub haistias koj yog tibneeg txhaum, ntseeg thiab cia siab rau TswvYexus Khetos ua koj tus Cawmseej. Los ntawm Yexus tibleeg xwb,

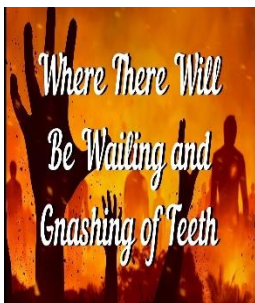
koj thiaj li muaj cai mus tau ntuj ceebtsheej. Paulus thiaj li sau txhawb cov ntseeg ntawm Efexaus tias, “For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast – *Los ntawm txoj koobmoov koj raug cawm los ntawm txojkev ntseeg. Thiab hnov tsis yog yam uas koj ua tau; yog koobmoov ntawm Vajtswv, tsi yog tes haujlwm, vim li ntawd thiaj li tsis muaj leejtwg khav tau.*” (Efexaus 2:8-9)

III. Nqe vs. 24 lolus samhwm kawg sau li no, “*muaj ntau leej xav mus sab hauv, tiamsis lawv mus tsis tau.*” Niajhnuv nimno peb pom haistias tibneeg xav mus ntuj ceebtsheej tiamsis lawv yuav mus tsis tau vim lawv tseem pheej ua xyemxyav tsis tau ntseeg thiab cia siab rau Yexus ua nws tus Cawmseej. Yexus lolus haistias, “*muaj ntau leej*” yog tibneeg tseem pheej tsis tau txiavtxim siab los ntseeg Vajtswv. Peb cov Hmoob pheej haistias, “tos kom kuv niam kuv txiv tuag rau kuv mam li los ntseeg Vajtswv vim lawv tseem coj kevcai dabqhua,” thiab lawv haistias, “Tsuav koj yog tibneeg zoo xwb ces koj yeej tau mus ntuj ceebtsheej lawm.” (Show a few will enter the narrow door)



Cov tibneeg no thaum lawv tseem ua neej nyob, lawv hnov Txojmoozoo tiamsis lawv haistias “Kuv tsis ntseeg los tsis ua li cas. Kuv yeej yuav tau mus ntuj ceebtsheej thiab vim kuv twb tsis mus ua kev txhaum. Kuv los twb mus pab cov ntseeg, kuv twb nrog lawv koom noj koom haus thiab thaum lawv thov Vajtswv los kuv twb nrog lawv qi qhovmuag. Kuv twb mloog lawv tus Xibhwb tej lus qhuabqhia. Kuv twb tsis tau ua phem, kuv yog tibneeg ncaincees, thiab kuv yeej tsis tau qhov phem ib zaug li.

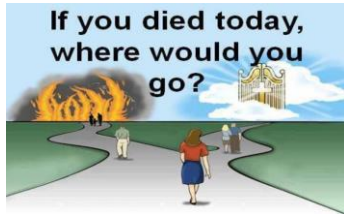
Yog thaum twg nej hnov cov lus li no, cov no puas yuav tau mus ntuj ceebtsheej? (Show weeping)



Vajtswv Txojlus haistias “Once the owner of the house gets up and closes the door, you will stand outside knocking and pleading, 'Sir, open the door for us.' "But he will answer, 'I don't know you or where you come from.' "Then you will say, 'We ate and drank with you, and you taught in our streets.' "But he will reply, 'I don't know you or where you come from. Away from me, all you evildoers!' "There will be weeping there, and gnashing of teeth, ... - *Thaum tus tswv tsev sawv los kaw qhovrooj lawm, nej yuav sawv sab nraud khob qhovrooj thiab hu haistias, 'Tus Tswv, thov qhib qhovrooj rau peb!' Tus tswv tsev yuav teb*

nej haistias, 'Kuv tsis paub xyov nej tuaj qhov twg tuaj!' Thaum ntawd nej yuav teb haistias, 'Peb twb

nrog koj noj koj haus; thiab koj twb tuaj qhia hauv peb lub nroog!’ Tus tswv tsev yuav rov hais rau nej haistias, ‘Kuv tsis paub xyov nej tuaj qhov twg tuaj. Cov tibneeg siab phem, nej cia li khiav mus!’ thaum ntawd nej cov uas tseem nyob sab nraud, nej yuav quaj qw tom hniav qawv!... (Lukas 13:25-28)
(Show if you die today)



Tus uas tsis ua tiag txeem – thiab paub xaiv txojkev mus ntuj ceebtsheej yeej yuav mus tsis tau. Thaum kawg, nws yuav raug poob mus rau ntujtawg teb. Cov kwvtij, peb ua neej nyob, peb yuav mus lub qhovrooj nqaim yog txhais li no. Koj yog tus ntseeg Vajtswv, koj yuav raug thuum, tibneeg yuav saib tsis taug koj, koj yuav raug kev tsimtxom, koj yuav muaj ntau yam los dagntxias koj vim koj ntseeg Vajtswv. Koj yog tibneeg,

koj yuav mus lub qhovrooj nqaim yeej mus tsis tau li, tiamsis Vajtswv twb tso Yexus los ua tus pab kom koj **“ua tiag txeem”** mus tau rau Vajtswv lub tebchaws uas yog ntuj ceebtsheej los ntawm Yexus Khetos lawm. **(Show picture door and cross)**



Xovxwm sau nyob rau xyoo (1991 Gallop poll) qhia haistias, 78% haiv tibneeg Amesliskas ntseeg haistias lawv yuav tau mus ntuj ceebtsheej thaum lawv tuag. Tiamsis cov tibneeg uas lawv nug no, twb tsis nyeem Vajluskub, twb tsis thov Vajtswv, thiab twb tsis tuaj mus hawm Vajtswv ntawm lub tuamtsev li. Lawv haistias lawv ua neej yog ua rau lawv tus kheej heevduas li ua rau Vajtswv. Yog nej ua tibzoo xav thiab yog nej nug lawv haistias “Koj yuav ua li cas koj thiaj li tau txojhia – koj yuav ua li cas mus tau ntuj ceebtsheej?” Lawv yeej teb tsis tau koj li. **(Show I am the gate)**



Yexus hais ntawm Yauhas 10:9 “I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved. He will come in and go out, and find pasture – *Kuv yog lub qhovrooj, tus uas nkag los ntawm kuv mus tus ntawd yuav dim. Nws yuav mus thiab los, thiab nrhiav tau zaub noj.*” Tus xav tau lub qhovrooj dav thaum kawg nws tau ntujtawg teb. Peb ua neej ntseeg Vajtswv yog lub qhovrooj nqaim, tiamsis thaum kawg peb tau txojhia vim peb txojkev ntseeg kev cia siab yog Tswv Yexus Khetos. Asmees.

Thov kom Vajtswv Txojlus pub rau peb sawvdaws totaub thiab tau nyob kajsiab lug rau ntawm Tswv Yexus Khetos lub npe. Peb txhuatus uas yog Vajtswv cov menyuum peb sawvdaws hais: Asmees

Children Message

The Narrow Door



Theme: Jesus is the door to enter heaven.

Object: A knock, knock joke book

Scripture Luke 13:24-25, “Make every effort to enter through the narrow door, because many, I tell you, will try to enter and will not be able to. Once the owner of the house gets up and closes the door, you will stand outside knocking and pleading, ‘Sir, open the door for us.’ “But he will answer, ‘I don’t know you or where you come from.’” (Luke 13:24-25, ESV).

Everyone likes knock, knock jokes. I have a few for you today.

Knock, Knock. (Who's there?) Ben. (Ben who?) Ben knocking for ten minutes. Please let me in.

Knock, knock. (Who's there?) Doris. (Doris who?) Doris locked, that's why I'm knocking.

Knock, knock. (Who's there?) Adore. (A door who?) A door is between us, please open up!

Knock, knock. (Who's there?) Lettuce. (Lettuce who?) Lettuce in, it's cold out here!

In our Bible lesson today, Jesus talks about people who will be knocking at the door, but it will be too late. Where is the door Jesus is talking about? It is the door to heaven. Everyone wants to get into heaven, but there is only one door and Jesus says the door is very narrow. Jesus said, “Make every effort to enter through the narrow door, because many, I tell you, will try to enter and will not be able to. Once the owner of the house gets up and closes the door, you will stand outside knocking and pleading, ‘Sir, open the door for us.’ “But he will answer, ‘I don’t know you or where you come from.’” (Luke 13:24-25, ESV).

Does that sound harsh to you? Where is that narrow door that we must find and how do we enter in? You may remember that Jesus once told a story about the good shepherd. In that parable, Jesus said, "I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved. They will come in and go out, and find pasture." (John 10:9, ESV). There is only one door to enter into heaven and that door is Jesus. Who can enter that door? Anyone! If we put our faith and trust in him, we won't be left standing outside knocking and crying, "Let me in."

Here is one more knock, for you:

Knock, knock. (Who's there?) Jesus. (Jesus who?) Jesus is the Savior of the world and it is the door to heaven?

Prayer:

Heavenly Father, we are thankful that you loved us so much that you sent Jesus, your only Son, to be the door through which we can enter into heaven. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

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