

The Road to Life
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Matthew 5
Daniel 5

Narrow gate is how we enter

How we don't enter:

Outer works (trying) are not enough to enter the kingdom of God, because there is an inner well of wickedness

Groaning is because the soul is in rebellion against God

More righteous than scribes and Pharisees

- Tired of trying
- Internal, not external
- Righteousness comes from the heart of Jesus

Barriers that prevent us from investing time and energy in seeking after Jesus for the righteousness:

- Sense of ability
- Gain, desire for own ascendancy

Belshazzar

- We have a need to give, but God doesn't have a need to receive (he burned all the sacrifices)
- Mene: God puts an end us to us being on the throne
- Tekel: Weighing the coin (fraud—shave off the edge of the coin and try to pass it off as a whole coin). Shave off part of your life; instead of giving God everything, you shaved off part of it and gave it to the enemy, darkness, casualness. This weighing happens at the day of judgment
- Parsin: divided; everything of value is removed; I'm cast into the depths of hell

Reality is not determined by what you believe; truth is not based on what you believe. We don't get to determine what truth is.

Whether or not I get my mind wrapped around the fact that I can't make my own righteousness doesn't mean that it isn't true

Are you will to expend all of your time, energy, and heart into seeking after Jesus?

To say, I do not want to be weighed in the balance and found wanting!

We've all shaved our dollar. So how not to be found wanting? We have to buy the gold tried in the fire. Jesus is the gold. Self-denial. NOT try harder. DENY YOURSELF.

The call of the gospel is *not* to try harder, but to *deny yourself*. FAITH, not WORKS.