*Monday, January 27, 2014*

**Narrow Minded People**

Matthew 7:13-15 Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leads to destruction, and many there be which go in there at: 14 Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leads unto life, and few there be that find it. 15 Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves. (KJV)

Some people are referred to as being narrow minded, which can either be a bad thing or a good thing depending on which realm you are operating in. Some become narrow minded if something is brought before them that is different than what they have heard before, and they consider it out of bounds, or out of their comfort zone, even when it comes to things of the Spirit. They keep God in their carnal boxes when it comes to doctrine. Church, don’t let yourself get boxed in by mans’ doctrines, but move to the path that truly leads to the life which Christ says we should be experiencing in abundance. When you find this path you will find that it is not crowded, rather it is the road less traveled.

Matthew 12:38-40 Then certain of the scribes and of the Pharisees answered, saying, Master, we would see a sign from thee. 39 But he answered and said unto them, an evil and adulterous generation seeks after a sign; and there shall no sign be given to it, but the sign of the prophet Jonas: 40 For as Jonas was three days and three nights in the whale's belly; so shall the Son of man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth. (KJV)

There are false prophets today who advertise their ministries as performing signs and wonders, miracles if you would, but these narrow minded people are actually heading in the wrong direction. The sacrifice of our Lord is pointing people in a different direction; the realm of the Spirit. There are still miracles that take place today, however they happen as the Lord desires and not when man dictates them to happen. The greatest miracle taking place is happening right in front of us, but many miss out on it because it is happening within; the experience of being the born again because of what our Lord did on our behalf.

John 6:28-30 Then said they unto him, what shall we do, that we might work the works of God? 29 Jesus answered and said unto them, this is the work of God that ye believe on him whom he hath sent. 30 They said therefore unto him, what sign shewest thou then, that we may see, and believe thee? What dost thou work? (KJV)

The truth is miracles, signs, and wonders don’t really make a person mature in Christ. Look at what the children of Israel saw, or those that walked with our Lord during His ministry, many of which ended up walking the other way, demanding for him to be crucified. If you are looking and waiting for something to happen in the outward realm first, then you won’t last long with our Lord. Your search needs to change from the narrow minded limited realm of the flesh, to the eternal realm of the Spirit which is located right inside you, the believer.

Hebrews 2:2-4 For if the word spoken by angels was steadfast, and every transgression and disobedience received a just recompense of reward; 3 How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation; which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed unto us by them that heard him? 4 God also bearing them witness, both with signs and wonders, and with divers miracles, and gifts of the Holy Ghost, according to his own will? (KJV)

The fact is that if God chooses to do a miracle or perform a sign or wonder, it is according to His will and not mans’. So today, stop looking outward and focus within; focus on Christ within you.

God bless dearly loved, and have a prosperous day in Christ Jesus our Lord.