

**Mt.7.21-23 “Vanity & Deceit”**  
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Jesus said that few enter the narrow gate of salvation because:

1<sup>st</sup> - it must be **F**\_\_\_\_\_ (v.14).

2<sup>nd</sup> - it is narrow & demanding is the **O**\_\_\_\_\_ of the way of the world.

3<sup>rd</sup> - it requires going through **A**\_\_\_\_\_ & without baggage.

4<sup>th</sup> - it requires **P**\_\_\_\_\_ & **B**\_\_\_\_\_ of heart (Lk.13.24).

5<sup>th</sup> - **F**\_\_\_\_\_ prophets deceive people by luring them into the way that leads to destruction (vv.15–20).

6<sup>th</sup> - Jesus gives a final reason why so few enter the narrow gate of salvation: **S**\_\_\_\_\_ -**D**\_\_\_\_\_.

The two categories of self-deception are those:

❖ of mere **V**\_\_\_\_\_ **P**\_\_\_\_\_ &

❖ of mere **I**\_\_\_\_\_ **K**\_\_\_\_\_.

The 1<sup>st</sup> described in vv.21–23, involves those who **S**\_\_\_\_\_ but do not do;

The 2<sup>nd</sup> described in verses 24–27, involves those who **H**\_\_\_\_\_ but do not do.

What lulls people into such deception?

**First**, many professing as well as true Christians—hold a false doctrine of **A**\_\_\_\_\_.

God’s own Holy Spirit will witness His **R**\_\_\_\_\_ to those who truly belong to Him (Ro.8.14–16).

Calling & choosing are made secure by increasing qualities of **F**\_\_\_\_\_.

**Second**, contributor to self-deception is failure of **S**\_\_\_\_\_ -**E**\_\_\_\_\_.

A person who is not concerned about having his present sins **C**\_\_\_\_\_ ...

➤ has good reason to doubt that his past sin has been **F**\_\_\_\_\_.

A person who has no desire to come to the Lord for continued **C**\_\_\_\_\_ ...

➤ has **R**\_\_\_\_\_ to doubt that he ever came to the Lord to receive salvation.

When a person habitually practices any sin without remorse or **R**\_\_\_\_\_,...

**Third** cause of self-deception is inordinate concentration on **R**\_\_\_\_\_ activity.

**Fourth** cause of self-deception is what may be called the fair **E**\_\_\_\_\_ approach.

• apart from God it is **I**\_\_\_\_\_ to do anything that is truly good, (Ro.3.12; Ps.14.1-3; 53.1-3).

• it is the **S**\_\_\_\_\_ itself—that separates us from God & brings death & damnation (Ro.5:12; 6:23).

Good does not cancel the **C**\_\_\_\_\_ of sin.

(1) **One** is the **S**\_\_\_\_\_ person.

(2) The other person is **K**\_\_\_\_\_ about the Bible & the Gospel & is involved in Church.

There are many **W**\_\_\_\_\_ people are deceived.

✚ Those in the first group make a mere **V**\_\_\_\_\_ **P**\_\_\_\_\_ of faith & works.

✚ Those in the second have mere **I**\_\_\_\_\_ **K**\_\_\_\_\_ of the Gospel they hear.

✓ Those in the first group **S**\_\_\_\_\_ but do not do;

✓ those in the second **H**\_\_\_\_\_ but do not do.

**The most important objective is not to identify**  
**all the many deceitful ways**  
**but to: find & follow the one true way.**