

Context

- 1] Part of a section on Judgement in the Kingdom (11:37 ff)
- 2] A woman, crippled, demonized – healed and restored by Jesus (13:11ff)
- 3] The Kingdom of God – all people included, the whole person involved (13:18f)

MP People who think God ought to include them are excluded from his Kingdom in preference for those who know they are unworthy.

KV Indeed, there are those who are last who will be first and first who will be last. (30)
?Sir / Lord (vs 25)?

The situation (22-24)

- 1] The journey

Nb Jesus making his way to Jerusalem (Luke 9:51; Matthew 16:21)

He knew He was going to die? (9:22; 18:31)

Cf 'Jerusalem, Jerusalem ' (13:34)

- 2] The teaching

Nb about the Kingdom (8:1; 9:2... 13:18)

God wants people to know the truth about His rule

- 3] The question

- a) Lord

nb title by which Jesus was known (12:41; 13:15)

- b) few saved?

cf Who can be saved? (18:26)

harshness of Jesus' reply belies manner of asking

Judging others (6:37)

The warning (24)

- 1] Make every effort

Nb root = 'agony'

*Fatalism is out - *God expects us to 'try'**

- 2] Narrow door - Many try unsuccessfully to enter

Cf broad road to destruction (Matthew 7:13)

The 'parable' (25-27)

- 1] Owner of house

Nb owner = King cf (28, 29)

- 2] Gets up and closes *Nb today is the day of salvation (2 Cor 6:2)*

- 3] 'Lord' (sir), open the door

*Nb Sir = Lord (cf 12:42; 13:15,23)
? Is it 'sir' or 'Lord'?*

4] Don't know you or where you come from
*nb 'the Lord looks at the heart' (1 Sam 16:7)
Many will say 'Lord, Lord' I will tell them plainly, I never knew you. (Matt 7:22)*

5] You ate and drank / you taught in our streets.
Nb signs of fellowship.

6] I don't know rpt of vs 25
*Cf 'this is eternal life; that that they know you' (John 17:3)
*knowing about God and seeing God at work is not the same as knowing Him**

7] Away from me all you evil doers
*cf (Psalm 6:8; Banish the evildoers (Ps125:5)
*Jesus is Lord ('sir') and will be judge**

The Kingdom of God (28-30)

1] Kingdom of God
Nb the unchallenged rule of God as King

2] event
a) see Ab, Is, Jacob + prophets
*cf He looked up and saw Abraham (16:13)
nb God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob (Ex 3:16)
*God's rule and justice will be plain for all to see**
b) take their paces
*cf we have place settings
*Jesus keeps us a place at His feast**
c) weeping gnashing of teeth.
Cf judgement day (Mt:8:12; 13:42,50; 22:13; 25:30)

3] Attenders
a) from E &W, N & S
*nb all nations - gentiles as well (Isaiah 45:6; 49:12; Matthew 8:11)
*All peoples are welcome**
b) last- first
*cf the crippled woman (13:11ff)
children (Mk10:15 ff); not many wise etc (1 Cor 1:26ff)
Jesus was last (Phil 2:7f) so us (Mk 10:43; John 13:12ff)
*Jesus will judge justly**

Conclusion: 1] Examine themselves whether you are in the Kingdom or not?
2] Aim to be 'the last' like Jesus