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Sermon on the Mount

Lesson Nineteen • Matthew 7:13-14

The Need for Decision

The Inescapable Choice

Jesus calls for a DECISION to all that He has taught in the Sermon on the Mount by concluding with several paired contrasts: two roads, two trees, two claims, and two houses.

"Enter by the narrow gate. For the gate is wide and the way is easy that leads to destruction, and those who enter by it are many. For the gate is narrow and the way is hard that leads to life, and those who find it are few." Matthew 7:13-14

The Need for Decision

1. There Are Only Two ROADS in Life.

- There is the BROAD road (path or way) that is easy now.
- There is the NARROW road (path or way) that is hard now.

2. There Are Only Two DESTINATIONS in Eternity.

- The broad, easy road leads to eternal DESTRUCTION.
- The narrow, hard road leads to eternal LIFE.

Do All Roads Lead to Heaven?

According to Jesus, the answer is no. There's only one road that leads to heaven and that's through JESUS CHRIST.

"I am the door. If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved..." ~Jesus, John 10:9

"I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me." ~Jesus, John 14:6

"And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved." ~Peter, Acts 4:12

For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus. 1Timothy 2:5

3. There Are Only Two GATES to Enter.

- There is the WIDE gate which many people choose to enter.
- There is the NARROW gate which few people choose to enter.

What Is Jesus Saying?

The road you take determines your fate, so ENTER the narrow gate before it's too late!

"You can enter God's Kingdom only through the narrow gate. The highway to hell is broad, and its gate is wide for the many who choose that way. But the gateway to life is very narrow and the road is difficult, and only a few ever find it." Matthew 7:13-14 NLT

If God were to ask, "Why should I let you into My kingdom?" what would your answer be?

The only correct answer is you have entered the narrow gate of salvation by faith in Jesus Christ who died on the cross in your place for the payment of your sins.

If you're ready to enter the narrow gate of salvation through Jesus Christ, here's a prayer to follow as a guide to express the desire of your heart:

"Dear God, I realize that I've been on the wrong road that leads to eternal destruction. I confess that I'm a sinner and I want to get on the road that leads to eternal life. I believe that Jesus died in my place for my sins and I trust Him alone to be my Savior and Lord. Thank You for saving me. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen."